

Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

501 North Wilson

Wilber, Nebraska

Masses: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 5:30-5:45 p.m. Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m. (Anytime by appointment)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

511 North Elm

Tobias, Nebraska

Mass: Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Confessions: Sunday 9:30-9:45 a.m.

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First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Monday	December 03	7:00 am	+Adolph Kreshel
Tuesday	December 04	7:00 am	+Charles & Mary Safford
Wednesday	December 05	7:00 am	+Mary Lou Hallquist
Thursday	December 06	7:00 am	+Deceased Friends of Jim & Marty Safford
Friday	December 07	5:00 pm 7:00 pm (Tobias)	For the Parishioners of St. Wenceslaus & St Joseph Sr. Theresa Jezl
Saturday	December 08	8:00 a.m. 6:00 pm.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory +Betty Hardy
Sunday	December 09	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. (Tobias)	For the Parishioners of St. Wenceslaus & St Joseph +Janet Ann Baxa

Liturgical Minister Schedules

ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

**denotes Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation*

	*Friday *December 7 *5:00 p.m.	*Saturday *December 8 *8:00 a.m.	Saturday December 8 6:00 p.m.	Sunday December 9 8:00 a.m.	Saturday December 15 6:00 p.m.	Sunday December 16 8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	G. Chmelir	K. Kiesel	G. Chmelir	G. Baumann	J. Cox	K. Kiesel
Reader	M. Keller	E. Parde	A. Brozovsky	L. Baumann	M. Keller	K. Muller
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Ga. Vican Gr. Vican	C. Radcliff E. Orozco	S. Thelen G. Eschiti	J. Zoubek M. Zimmerman
Thurifer						T. Morrissey
Greeters	K & L Muller	S & J Thelen	R & P Kozeal	K & B Kreshel	D & C Kalkwarf	B & J Florian
Organist	L. Hajek	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor	L. Hajek	M. Pryor	J. Vrbka
Cantor	R Kozeal	J. Kalkwarf	L. Maly	E. Parde	S. Thelen	J. Kalkwarf

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

	*Friday *December 7 *7:00 p.m.	Sunday December 9 10:00 a.m.	Sunday December 16 10:00 a.m.
Reader	G. Baxa	P. Nolte	G. Baxa
Server	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Organist/Cantor	J. Rada	J. Rada	J. Rada
Giftbearers	L. Rohr	P. Bartels	D. Jess

Offerings from November 25

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:	\$1005.00	\$141.00
Grain Donation		\$872.10
Plate:	\$27.00	\$17.00
TOTALS:	\$1032.00	\$1030.10
Cloistered Sisters	\$70.00	\$70.00

Immaculate Conception is a Holy day obligation under the pain of mortal sin for purposely missing. Times to fulfill the obligation in our parishes are: Vigil: Friday, December 7 at 5 PM in Wilber; and 7 PM at Tobias – On Day: Saturday, December 8 at 8 AM in Wilber.

“Walking with Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem”--Two Advent Reflections will be offered at St. Wenceslaus Church on Sunday, December 2 and December 9 during a Holy Hour with Exposition beginning at 2 PM and ending with the Divine Mercy chaplet and benediction at approximately 3 PM. The first reflection will host Joseph as our guide, while the second week will host Mary as our guide. Allow “inner peace” a bigger share of your lives through a greater self-awareness and the examples of the Holy Parents of Jesus. Open to anyone to attend.

Thanks to anyone who helped scoop or clear away snow at the parishes or rectory. Your gift of time and ability were appreciated by all.

A reminder: If you took an ornament to provide for a child at the Wilber-Clatonia school, it needs to be turned in by December 10 to the cry room or rectory. The gift may be wrapped and please attach the ornament to it.

The St. Wenceslaus God Teen Junior Class would like to invite all parishioners for breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 9th.

Parish Christmas Program/Dinner: Wednesday, December 19. Dinner starts at 6:00pm, followed by the Christmas Program. PCCW ladies will furnish fried chicken and drinks. Please bring 2 sides (vegetable, salad or dessert). Confessions available after the program.

St. Gianna's Art and Gift Gallery: Are you looking for interesting Christmas gifts? Come support your local artists and a great cause while you get your Christmas shopping done. Artists will display and sell their unique collection of Christian artwork and gifts on Friday, December 7, from 6-9pm, and Saturday, December 8, from 9am - 6pm in the Guadalupe Center by Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O St in Lincoln. 15% of all proceeds will be donated to benefit St. Gianna's Women's Homes in Lincoln.

The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Friday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. Reading of the names will begin at 6:30 pm with Mass at 7:00 pm at John XXII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and placed on the banner for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620 before 5:00 pm on December 19. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect--Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS (Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999). **Reporting Misconduct**--Notify the Diocese of Lincoln of any misconduct involving diocesan personnel by calling the misconduct hotline: 1-844-527-0596 (English and Spanish). If any person has any questions, information, or allegations regarding boundary violations or abuse committed by any Diocesan personnel, you may also contact our Victim's assistant Coordinator at 402-613-2488.

Are you in a 12-Step Recovery Program? Would you like to relate the 11th Step to our Catholic Faith? You are invited to join the Calix Society at Madonna, 5401 South St, in Ryan Memorial Chapel in Lincoln for a 5:15 pm Mass followed by refreshments and discussion. Questions? Contact Larry at 402-419-9058.

Marriage Encounter Weekend will be at Lied Center in Nebraska City on Feb 15-17, 2019. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson at 308-940-1105 or pbjbben@yahoo.com for more information. Reservations are needed in advance

Our local Knights of Columbus has adopted to support Ranil Weerrackoon, a first year pre-Theologian at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. He grew up in Cypress, California where his parents live with two younger sisters. He came to UNL three years ago and received a Master's in Statistics during which time he discerned through the Newman Center to study and become a priest for our diocese. He hopes after the New Year to arrange a visit to us. Please pray for his studies and continued discernment.

Mass for Healing—December 9 at John XXIII, 37th & Sheridan. Confessions 1:15 pm; Chaplet of Divine Mercy 1:30 pm; Praise and Worship 1:40 pm; Mass at 2:00 pm. Blessing salt/water/religious articles before Mass; anointing of the sick after the homily. Eucharistic Exposition and healing prayer after Mass.

Living out Christ's instructions to "love one another as I have loved you" is true Stewardship.

FROM SOMEONE WHO HAD AN ABORTION... "[The abortion] gave me grief and sorrow beyond expression. I was petrified to tell anyone. I have committed the most heinous of all crimes. Yet, the Lord forgave me, just as he forgave Paul. Yet I will always regret what I did and will probably always feel grief. But I pray that my experience can somehow prevent other women from making the same fatal mistake. I'm a nurse now, so I wear my uniform to all the pro-life things I do! It helps." Forgiveness and healing are available. Visit www.RachelsVineyard.org.

Please note: First Communion will be held at St Wenceslaus on Sunday, March 31, and Confirmation for both parishes is scheduled for Friday, May 3. Please note that in both cases, not attending Mass on a regular basis on Sundays and Holy Days or receiving instruction will mean a postponement of any child/youth to receive the sacrament involved until the integrity of faith and practice is observed. Sadly, there are some in the danger zone for lack of attendance. Sacraments are not to be understood or seen as a social rite of passage but are in reality the building of a relationship with Christ and his Church.

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" A nurse then yells to the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" A nurse goes up to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

Thank you to all who helped change out the missalettes in our parishes. May each of you be blessed for your gift of time for the communal good.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday December 5 from 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Wenceslaus. Please consider the opportunity to gain special graces or clean your house spiritually!

From Father's desk

Patience can only grow by being tested and stretching the ability. It is a hard truth but valid one. The way we grow more tolerant, more accepting, more patience is to be challenged not to be. The confession of being impatient is probably one of the most common sins confessed or one of the most observable to the general public and more so to family, friends and coworkers. Our society breeds the desire to want what we want NOW. It doesn't much matter what the object of our need for patience is, we want quick resolution, quick change, quick answers whether from our neighbor, family member, friend or God himself. It is however a beautiful virtue in which to grow and one which can keep us from not overreacting, save future regrets, give more opportunities to see things differently or maintain a better sense of calm and personal peace. Advent is a time of preparation—a time to seriously consider if we are in right relationship with God—do we truly understand our need to be grateful for the coming of Christ into our world and just how much we are loved that God desired to save us from our sinfulness by allowing Jesus to die for us. Our patient God yearns for us—allowing us to get our acts together and return the love He gives to us. He will keep calling us to repentance and what we call the practice of faith, which is nothing more than returning in a visible way the love we have been receiving to both Himself and our neighbor. Through the gift of our freedom to choose He leaves the decision to us whether to be united to Him in that love or separate ourselves from it and the choice we have made when we take our last breath will be our own and permanent. Advent reminds us to take our spiritual lives seriously as well as those found in our responsibilities, obligations and concerns. He is speaking to our hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit—are we pondering what He has to say?

God bless

Fr. Rand