

## 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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### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 30, 2018

#### **This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:**

Monday	<b>December 31</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	For the Parishioners of St. Wenceslaus & St. Joseph
		<b>6:00 pm (Tobias)</b>	+Pat Hergott
Tuesday	<b>January 01</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	+Lillian Zadina
Wednesday	January 02	7:00 am	+Deceased Members of K of C
Thursday	January 03	7:00 am	Special Intention of <i>E. Parde</i>
Friday	January 04	7:00 am	Fr. Rand Langhorst
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 05</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	+Minnie Horky
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 06</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Joseph & Rosella Chmelir
		<b>10:00 am (Tobias)</b>	For the Parishioners of St. Wenceslaus & St. Joseph

#### **Liturgical Minister Schedules**

##### **ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH**

*\*denotes the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation*

	*Monday *December 31 *4:00 p.m.	*Tuesday *January 1 *9:00 a.m.	Saturday January 5 6:00 p.m.	Sunday January 6 8:00 a.m.	Saturday January 12 6:00 p.m.	Sunday January 13 8:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	K. Kiesel	G. Chmelir	J. Cox	G. Baumann	G. Chmelir	K. Kiesel
<b>Reader</b>	R. Vlcan	R. Vales	R. Kozeal	L. Baumann	M. Keller	R. Pryor
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Thurifer</b>				T. Morrissey		
<b>Greeters</b>			K & L Muller	T & B Watson	D & C Kalkwarf	S & J Thelen
<b>Organist</b>	J. Vrbka	L. Hajek	M. Pryor	L. Hajek	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor
<b>Cantor</b>			J. Kalkwarf	L. Maly	R. Kozeal	E. Parde

##### **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

	*Monday *December 31 *6:00 p.m.	Sunday January 6 10:00 a.m.	Sunday January 13 10:00 a.m.
<b>Reader</b>	G. Baxa	P. Nolte	G. Baxa
<b>Server</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Organist/Cantor</b>	J. Rada	J. Rada	
<b>Giftbearers</b>	S&D Woitalewicz	P. Bartels	L. Rohr

##### **Offerings for Dec 23 & Dec 25**

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:	\$3230.00	\$2091.00
Plate:	\$353.00	\$100.69
Children:		
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$3583.00</b>	<b>\$2191.69</b>
Xmas Flowers	\$365.00	\$20.00

**The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Winter Symposium (Retreat)** is planned for January 11 and 12, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Join us on Friday and/or Saturday for prayer, confessions and Mass with Bishop Bruskevitz along with information about: the Villa Marie Ladies Auxiliary; anticipated legislation of concern to the Nebraska Catholic Conference; the Catholic Social Services Homeless Project; the new WeThinkTeach project and a panel discussion on Human Trafficking. Go to [goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule](http://goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule) to access the Agenda and Registration.

**Divorced?** Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings.

The twelve-week video series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on February 4, 2019, 7-9pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net)

**The Catholic Coffee House** is an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The theme for this year is "Navigating the Church Now." The February presentation (February 17) is entitled "How to Live Prayerfully in Difficulty" by Matt Simmons. This series is oriented towards being in the church in the current climate of scandal. Each session includes prayer, a presentation, and Q&A. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0619 with questions.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** at Lied Center in Nebraska City on Feb. 15-17. Advance registration needed. Call or text Janelle at 308-940-105 or email [pbjbben@yahoo.com](mailto:pbjbben@yahoo.com)

**Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat** will be Friday, Feb 1-Sunday, Feb 3 at Marycrest Motherhouse (6765 N 112<sup>th</sup> St, Waverly). RSVP needed by January 30. Contact [marian-vocations@cdolinc.net](mailto:marian-vocations@cdolinc.net) for more information.

**St. Joseph Parish Potluck:** January 13 is the date for the Parish Christmas Party at the Firehall after the 10 am Mass.

**St. Joseph PCCW** will meet January 16 at 1 pm at the home of Doris Henkel.

**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.

**Laugh for the Week:** Three men died in the Christmas octave and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates. "In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven." The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said. The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates." The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses. St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?" The man replied, "They're Carol's."

**Flowing from the Feast of the Epiphany,** the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance +20 C M B 19+ The letters C, M, B have two meanings: They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar and also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year. If anyone wishes to receive this blessing upon their home or business please contact Fr. Rand to set up a time. Included in this blessing of each room within is protection against the influence of evil. The chalked blessing on the doorway of the home or business is a witness to faith and can be a starting point of bringing the faith to others.

From Father's desk,

What beautiful Christmas Masses each with its own personality and character. Surely the prayers lifted up during them entered the court of our heavenly Father through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Blessed St. Joseph. The exchange of what we have to offer will never be outdone by the generosity of God's return for our goodness and growth in sanctity, so I hope many of those prayers will find blessings in the New Year. Personally I wish to thank all who remembered me in those prayers with cards, kindnesses and gifts. One of my own customs is to put all my cards into a basket and then draw one out daily for special prayers and intercessions—the spirit of Christmas that continues on throughout my year. Continue to enjoy the Christmas season which lasts until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

God bless,

Fr. Rand

**Please pray for the conversion of hearts** awakened to faith this Christmas and that they continue building their relationship with Christ and the Church. Lift up in thoughts and prayers the names of those you hold close as well as all humanity that what begins with a moment can be flamed into a steady burning light of faithful love returned to the one whose love is never extinguished for us.

**The Diocese of Lincoln** requires that its employees and volunteers report allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any parish Pastor, school administrator, teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (404) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

**The Dime-** Bobby was getting cold sitting out in his back yard in the snow. Bobby didn't wear boots; he didn't like them and anyway he didn't own any. The thin sneakers he wore had a few holes in them and they did a poor job of keeping out the cold. Bobby had been in his backyard for about an hour already. And, try as he might, he could not come up with an idea for his mother's Christmas gift. He shook his head as he thought, "This is useless, even if I do come up with an idea, I don't have any money to spend." Ever since his father had passed away three years ago, the family of five had struggled. It wasn't because his mother didn't care, or try, there just never seemed to be enough. She worked nights at the hospital, but the small wage that she was earning could only be stretched so far. What the family lacked in money and material things, they more than made up for in love and family unity. Bobby had two older and one younger sister, who ran the household in their mother's absence. All three of his sisters had already made beautiful gifts for their mother. Somehow it just wasn't fair. Here it was Christmas Eve already, and he had nothing. Wiping a tear from his eye, Bobby kicked the snow and started to walk down to the street where the shops and stores were. It wasn't easy being six without a father, especially when he needed a man to talk to. Bobby walked from shop to shop, looking into each decorated window. Everything seemed so beautiful and so out of reach. It was starting to get dark and Bobby reluctantly turned to walk home when suddenly his eyes caught the glimmer of the setting sun's rays reflecting off of something along the curb. He reached down and discovered a shiny dime. Never before has anyone felt so wealthy as Bobby felt at that moment. As he held his new-found treasure, a warmth spread throughout his entire body and he walked into the first store he saw. His excitement quickly turned cold when the salesperson told him that he couldn't buy anything with only a dime. He saw a flower shop and went inside to wait in line. When the shop owner asked if he could help him, Bobby presented the dime and asked if he could buy one flower for his mother's Christmas gift. The shop owner looked at Bobby and his ten cent offering. Then he put his hand on Bobby's shoulder and said to him, "You just wait here and I'll see what I can do for you." As Bobby waited he looked at the beautiful flowers and even though he was a boy, he could see why mothers and girls liked flowers. The sound of the door closing as the last customer left jolted Bobby back to reality. All alone in the shop, Bobby began to feel alone and afraid. Suddenly the shop owner came out and moved to the counter. There, before Bobby's eyes, lay twelve long stem, red roses, with leaves of green and tiny white flowers all tied together with a big silver bow. Bobby's heart sank as the owner picked them up and placed them gently into a long white box. "That will be ten cents young man," the shop owner said reaching out his hand for the dime. Slowly, Bobby moved his hand to give the man his dime. Could this be true? No one else would give him a thing for his dime! Sensing the boy's reluctance, the shop owner added, "I just happened to have some roses on sale for ten cents a dozen. Would you like them?" This time Bobby did not hesitate, and when the man placed the long box into his hands, he knew it was true. Walking out the door that the owner was holding for Bobby, he heard the shop keeper say, "Merry Christmas son." As he returned inside, the shop keeper's wife walked out. "Who were you talking to back there and where are the roses you were fixing?" Staring out the window, and blinking the tears from his own eyes, he replied, "A strange thing happened to me this morning. While I was setting up things to open the shop, I thought I heard a voice telling me to set aside a dozen of my best roses for a special gift. I wasn't sure at the time whether I had lost my mind or what, but I set them aside anyway. Then just a few minutes ago, a little boy came into the shop and wanted to buy a flower for his mother with one small dime. "When I looked at him, I saw myself, many years ago. I too, was a poor boy with nothing to buy my mother a Christmas gift. A bearded man, whom I never knew, stopped me on the street and told me that he wanted to give me ten dollars. "When I saw that little boy tonight, I knew who that voice was, and I put together a dozen of my very best roses." The shop owner and his wife hugged each other tightly, and as they stepped out into the bitter cold air, they somehow didn't feel cold at all. May this story instill the spirit of CHRISTmas in you enough to pass this act along.  
—author unknown