

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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Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Monday	February 04	7:00 am	+Sylvester Ritter
Tuesday	February 05	7:00 am	+John Sabata
Wednesday	February 06	7:00 am	+Deceased Aunts & Uncles of J&M Safford
Thursday	February 07	7:00 am	LaDonna Seamann
Friday	February 08	6:30 am	Fr. Rand Langhorst
Saturday	February 09	6:00 pm	+Ed & Bess Kalkwarf
Sunday	February 10	8:00 am	For the Parishioners of St. Wenceslaus & St. Joseph
		10:00 am (Tobias)	+Janet Ann Baxa

Liturgical Minister Schedules

ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

	Saturday February 9 6:00 p.m.	Sunday February 10 8:00 a.m.	Saturday February 16 6:00 p.m.	Sunday February 17 8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	G. Chmelir	K. Kiesel	J. Cox	G. Baumann
Reader	M. Keller	R. Vales	A. Brozovsky	R. Pryor
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Thurifer				T. Morrissey
Greeters	D & C Kalkwarf	K & B Kreshel	K & L Muller	B & J Florian
Organist	M Pryor	J. Vrbka	L. Hajek	M. Pryor
Cantor	R. Kozeal	E. Parde	L. Maly	J. Kalkwarf

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

	Sunday February 3 10:00 a.m.	Sunday February 10 10:00 a.m.	Sunday February 17 10:00 a.m.
Reader	P. Nolte	G. Baxa	P. Nolte
Server	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Organist/Cantor	J. Rada	J. Rada	J. Rada
Giftbearers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

	<u>St. Wenceslaus</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Adults:	\$946.00	\$96.00
Plate:	\$67.00	\$3.00
Children:	\$3.00	
TOTALS:	\$1016.00	\$99.00

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration is now open for SKY Camp (Grades 5-7), SKY Teens (Grades 8-9) and Leadership Camp (Grades 6-9). For more information, or to register for these camps, go to www.campkateri.org.

SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Volunteer Counselors Needed: Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for high school volunteer counselors for SKY and Leadership Camp. For more information, or to download an application, please go to www.campkateri.org.

Please be generous to the annual Southern Nebraska Register collection. Each parish is billed per number of registered parishioners. The amount for St. Wenceslaus will be \$2190 and St. Joseph, \$465. Any shortfall from the specific "Register" envelopes must be made up through the parish general account. Thanks!

Please join us in the St Wenceslaus Church basement on Wednesday, February 13, for a bowl of soup and fellowship between 5:00-6:15 pm. No charge but please feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Thank you to all who donated monetary gifts, food, time and talents in January when our parish took its turn for the community evening meals on Mondays at the Methodist church.

A doctor, a judge, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out. The judge then said, "I'm a judge and judges are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped. The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace." The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."

Father Rand will be attending the **Priest's Deanery Day meeting** in Crete on Tuesday February 5 from 11am-5 pm.

The Catholic Coffee House is an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street in Lincoln from 7:00-8:30pm. 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.

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.

Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass and reception for all married couples will be held Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the regular 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more who have registered. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple appreciated! Family guests are welcome. For registration forms call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 10-13 and their mother will be held Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 1 - 4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per mother/daughter or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/mother-daughter-program> Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

From Father's Desk,

Those in the clerical state and most religious orders are obligated to pray all or portions of the official prayers of the Church (the Divine Office) daily. The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (Opus Dei), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. At times the dialogue is between the Church or individual soul and God; at times it is a dialogue among the members of the Church; and at times it is even between the Church and the world. The Divine Office "is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father." The dialogue is always held, however, in the presence of God and using the words and wisdom of God. Each of the five canonical Hours includes selections from the Psalms that culminate in a scriptural proclamation. The two most important or hinge Hours are Morning and Evening Prayer. These each include a Gospel canticle: the Canticle of Zechariah from Luke 1:68-79 for Morning Prayer (known as the Benedictus), and the Canticle of Mary from Luke 1:46-55 for Evening Prayer (known as the Magnificat). The Gospel canticle acts as a kind of meditative extension of the scriptural proclamation in light of the Christ event. Morning and Evening Prayer also include intercessions that flow from the scriptural proclamation just as the Psalms prepare for it. In the Hours, the royal priesthood of the baptized is exercised, and this sacrifice of praise is thus connected to the sacrifice of the Eucharist, both preparing for and flowing from the Mass. "The hymns and litanies of the Liturgy of the Hours integrate the prayer of the psalms into the age of the Church, expressing the symbolism of the time of day, the liturgical season, or the feast being celebrated. Moreover, the reading from the Word of God at each Hour (with the subsequent responses or troparia) and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters at certain Hours, reveal more deeply the meaning of the mystery being celebrated, assist in understanding the psalms, and prepare for silent prayer." (CCC 1177) The five Hours of the Divine Office are: Office of Readings "The office of readings seeks to provide God's people, and in particular those consecrated to God in a special way, with a wider selection of passages from sacred Scripture for meditation, together with the finest excerpts from spiritual writers. Even though the cycle of scriptural readings at daily Mass is now richer, the treasures of revelation and tradition to be found in the office of readings will also contribute greatly to the spiritual life" (General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours). Morning Prayer "As is clear from many of the elements that make it up, morning prayer is intended and arranged to sanctify the morning. St. Basil the Great gives an excellent description of this character in these words: "It is said in the morning in order that the first stirrings of our mind and will may be consecrated to God and that we may take nothing in hand until we have been gladdened by the thought of God, as it is written: 'I was mindful of God and was glad' (Ps 77:4 [Jerome's translation from Hebrew]), or set our bodies to any task before we do what has been said: 'I will pray to you, Lord, you will hear my voice in the morning; I will stand before you in the morning and gaze on you' (Ps 5:4-5)." "Celebrated as it is as the light of a new day is dawning, this hour also recalls the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the true light enlightening all people (see Jn 1:9) and "the sun of justice" (Mal 4:2), "rising from on high" (Lk 1:78). Hence, we can well understand the advice of St. Cyprian: "There should be prayer in the morning so that the resurrection of the Lord may thus be celebrated". Daytime Prayer (can be prayed at Midmorning, Midday, or Midafternoon) "Following a very ancient tradition Christians have made a practice of praying out of private devotion at various times of the day, even in the course of their work, in imitation of the Church in apostolic times. In different ways with the passage of time this tradition has taken the form of a liturgical celebration. "Liturgical custom in both East and West has retained midmorning, midday, and midafternoon prayer, mainly because these hours were linked to a commemoration of the events of the Lord's passion and of the first preaching of the Gospel". Evening Prayer "When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that 'we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.' We also recall the redemption through the prayer we send up 'like incense in the Lord's sight,' and in which 'the raising up of our hands' becomes 'an evening sacrifice' (see Ps 141:2). This sacrifice 'may also be interpreted more spiritually as the true evening sacrifice that our Savior the Lord entrusted to the apostles at supper on the evening when he instituted the sacred mysteries of the Church or of the evening sacrifice of the next day, the sacrifice, that is, which, raising his hands, he offered to the Father at the end of the ages for the salvation of the whole world.' Again, in order to fix our hope on the light that knows no setting, 'we pray and make petition for the light to come down on us anew; we implore the coming of Christ who will bring the grace of eternal light.' Finally, at this hour we join with the Churches of the East in calling upon the 'joy-giving light of that holy glory, born of the immortal, heavenly Father, the holy and blessed Jesus Christ; now that we have come to the setting of the sun and have seen the evening star, we sing in praise of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit..." Night Prayer "Night prayer is the last prayer of the day, said before retiring, even if that is after midnight". The Psalms that are chosen for Night Prayer are full of confidence in the Lord. (excerpt taken from the USCCB) In addition to these obligated daily prayers, priests are strongly encouraged to offer a daily rosary, do Scriptural readings and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, and often have personal devotions to various saints, the Divine Mercy, novenas and litanies. The lay faithful are invited to join in praying all or part of the Liturgy of the Hours and include various devotions, time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary as part of their own daily prayer life. May God bless you as you lift up your mind and hearts to Him!

God Bless,

Fr. Rand

To celebrate World Marriage Day on February 10th, married couples (including widows and widowers) are invited to bring their wedding pictures to St. Wenceslaus church basement for display during coffee and rolls.