

**Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Parish, 637 Iver St., Valparaiso, NE 68065**

December 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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\*\*\*For Catholic School information <http://www.bishopneumann.com>

Masses in your area: [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or <https://www.lincolndiocese.org>

**ALL DAILY 7am MASSES & SUNDAY 9:30am STREAMED LIVE ON OUR PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE**



Dec 2 Mon **No Mass**  
 Dec 3 Tue **No Mass**  
 Dec 4 Wed 6:05pm **Rosary for Religious Freedom**  
           Wed 6:30pm +Ken Seemann  
 Dec 5 Thu 7:00am +Barbara Benes  
 Dec 6 Fri 7:00am +Paul Fiala  
 Dec 7 Sat 7:00am +Larry W Rezac  
**Dec 7 Sat 4:00pm +Dolores Benes**  
**Dec 8 Sun 8:00am +Jim Chmelka**  
**Dec 8 Sun 9:30am for the People of the Parish**

St John Damascene, Doctor of the Church  
 Advent Weekday  
**St. Nicholas, Bishop**  
 St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
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**4:00pm Saturday December 7**

S—Carter Chmelka/Eli Benkusky  
 A—Bob Rezac  
 R—Cathryn Mlnarik  
 U—Rob Chmelka/Darryl Potter  
 U— and 2 volunteers  
 O—Rob & Mary Chmelka family

**8:00am Sunday December 8**

Wyatt Siebrandt/Will Siebrandt  
 John Swanson  
 Deanna Swanson  
 Jerome Sercl/Terry Chmelka  
 and 2 volunteers  
 Terry & Terri Chmelka

**9:30am Sunday December 8**

Aiden Masek/Colin Masek  
 Ron Regnier  
 Robin Regnier  
 John Benes/Dominic Benes  
 and 2 volunteers  
 John & Jeanne Benes family

**Confessions: 3:00-3:40pm Saturdays and 7:15-7:40am on Sundays.**

**PCCW NEWS—November Chairman:** Jill Sydik & Becky Petrzilka  
**Next meeting Monday, December 2nd, 7:00pm.** We will be filling Christmas goodies bags. **Dec. 8 Coffee & Rolls** Proceeds to Matt Talbot.

**Knights of Columbus #8625:** Grand Knight: **Ronald Coulter** 402-310-7978, [twinvalrc@yahoo.com](mailto:twinvalrc@yahoo.com). Grand-Knight News Letter in back of church. Next meeting December 5th at 7:00pm.  
**Dec. 8 FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY** 5pm POT-LUCK SUPPER 5:30PM

**K of C Good of the Order:** **Pray for:** Marv Shanahan, Carla Sander, Veronica Gable, Lonnie & Tom Tvrdy, Donna Barry, Mike Kane, Don Kobza, Brooke Fraser, Lynn Benes, Ivan Benes.

**Our Return to the Lord: November 24, 2024**

<b>Stewardship Envelopes</b> /298 or %	<b>So. NE Register:\$0</b>
<b>Plate:</b> 119.00	<b>Czechfest: \$100.00</b>
<b>Adults:</b> 5347.00	<b>Cap Impv: \$25.00</b>
<b>Children:</b> 49.80	<b>Guardian Angel:\$0</b>
\$5480.80	<b>Christmas flowers:\$185.00</b>
	<b>50th Campaign:\$0</b>
	<b>World Mission: \$50.00</b>

\$17,389.69 Total of \$35,000.00 Monthly Stewardship Goal Thank you!

**Women of Grace** will meet twice in December - Thursday, December 12 & 19, beginning at 6:30 pm in the church hall. If you have any questions feel free to contact Judy Nissen (402-440-2472) or Barb Ohnoutka (402)440-0747.

**CCD ( Confraternity of Christine Doctrine) Wednesday, November 27—** First Bell @ 6:25pm with Mass at 6:30pm Parents and guardians are welcomed to sit with their children at Mass.

**Servers:** Beckett Zurcher/Isaac Jano   **Reader:** Saige Potter   **Usher:** 5th grade  
**Gifts:** ushers   **Confessions:** 5th grade   **Fr. Zimmer visit:** 3rd & 4th grades



Billie Kollars @ 402-310-5967 or email [kbkollars@yahoo.com](mailto:kbkollars@yahoo.com)

**HIGH-SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — Sundays 11:30am—12:30pm** All 9-12th grade Students invited to attend meet in Rectory basement with your peers to grow in your Catholic Faith! Join in activities through the year!

**Readings for December 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading—** Baruch 5:1-9

**Responsorial Psalm –** Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**Second Reading—** Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

**Gospel Acclamation—** Luke 3:4,6

**Gospel –** Luke 3:1-6



**Saunders Catholic Schools:** [Bishop Neumann Jr/Sr High](#) [St. John Nepomucene Elementary](#) [St. Wenceslaus Elementary](#)

**St. John's 2024-2025 PTA Officers:** President: Chad & McKenzie Swanson

Vice President: Allen and Sheila Stanek Secretary: Zach & Carla Kastl Treasurer: Nick & Mary Bartek

**We have Scrip cards for sale!** Scrip cards are **GIFT CARDS**, like you would buy in the stores, for sale in the school office! If you are going to Hy-Vee, Walmart, Super Saver, etc....stop in and buy a gift card that you can use in the store to pay for your purchases! The card is worth the amount that is on it! St. John's School gets a percent back from the purchase of scrip cards. We have different increments of cards! And we have a lot of stores to pick from!! If you have any questions or need more info on what Scrip cards are, please ask!!! **Phone: 402-642-5234.**



Our Children's **Christmas program, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1pm** in St. John School Gym. **All Parishioners are Welcome!**

**Please pray for our Seminarians in their Faith Formation Isaac VanSkiver, 2024,** St Gregory the Great Seminary, Propaedeutic Stage, Greg & Roxanne VanSkiver, October 24th Birthday, St. Michael, Hastings.

**Wine-ding Down—** You are invited to an afternoon of growing in our Catholic Faith while enjoying friends and fellowship in a home atmosphere. Please join in on any Sunday that works for you! We will meet **Sunday, December 1, 2024 1:30pm** at the home of Luke and Alice Benes, with Father Mathew Zimmer leading discussion on the **Gospel of John**. Please bring your Bible. Refreshments available. Our group meets every other Sunday throughout the School Year. You may park in the SSMJ church parking lot and walk across the street 485 South St.

**HOLY DAY** -no matter when the day falls, every Catholic is bound by the obligation to attend Mass on a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This year **The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary** is moved to **Monday, December 9th**.

The point of making it obligatory to attend Mass on certain days is because celebrating these days by gathering as a community and worshiping God and being fed by His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity is the best thing we could do on any given day, Sunday or otherwise. Like a parent with a child, the Church is telling us we have to do this because this is what is best for us....We need to trust the Church when She says this is what is best for us, that Mass is more important than whatever else we could be doing, because, well, it is. (S NE Register for more)



### Pope Francis' Apostleship of Prayer for **December 2024**: For pilgrims of hope.

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Food Bank**—\*\*\*first Wednesday of the month—**WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2024**. 10am-11am  
**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR MONTHLY WORKERS** - Rain, shine, sleet or snow!



**Marquette Model of Natural Family Planning** brings 21st century technology to NFP for added objectivity and confidence. Group sessions and private sessions available. A self-paced online course option lets you learn on your own schedule. Check out [FeminineGeniusMinistries.com](http://FeminineGeniusMinistries.com) for more details.



**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House:** **Fall/ Winter 2024 Retreat Schedule:** Dec. 6-8: "There's Always More with God" Women's Retreat with the Marian Sisters Dec. 12-15: "Men's Spiritual Exercises" with Regnum Christi.

**World Marriage Encounter:** "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap."  
Start your Advent Season right by signing up today to stay alert in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are: Feb. 14-16, 2025, Lincoln, NE; Aug. 8-10, 2025, Littleton, CO; Sept. 19-21, 2025, Grand Island, NE. For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

### **Grants for Parish Students:**

FCSLA LIFE W187 is again offering grants to ANY Parish Student attending a Spiritual Mission, Camp, Retreat or Religious Event January thru August 2025. Requests may be made at [ksabatane2035@gmail.com](mailto:ksabatane2035@gmail.com) or by calling Clarice Sabata 402-784-3154. Requests MUST be submitted PRIOR to the event.



to all visitors!  
If you have recently moved to our Sts Mary & Joseph parish area\* and have not registered, please call 402-784-2511 EXT 3 Paula, or EXT 4 Fr. Zimmer and we can help you accomplish that.

*\*our Parish boundaries cover Valparaiso, Ceresco, Raymond, parts of Malcolm and Branched Oak Lake addresses and parts West and some North of Val. If you are unsure Father Zimmer can help you with that.*

*~Please keep in mind; regardless of use—if you do not have an ENVELOPE NUMBER you are not officially registered within our parish. This includes College Graduates and Adults 25 and over (even if life long parishioner) please register separately from your parents for more accurate church records and "parish household count" Our census is turned in yearly to our Bishop, he then turns in the Diocesan count to the Pope. Just like the census Joseph, Mary & Jesus followed :) Thank you and God bless.*

### **Parish Fundraisers & Bazaars**

**10 Point Pitch Tournament: Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** at St. John School Gym. **First Games start at 1pm.** Admission is \$30 per team of 2 players. Winner receives 25% of registration fees! Money back for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place! Snacks provided! BYOB! To register call or text Amber at 402-604-0357. A great time will be had by all.



**St John Nepomucene PTA Presents Winter Wreaths & Wine!** Make a wreath and it is yours to keep! \$60 per person. Friday, **Dec 6** from 6-8pm; **Dec 7** from 5-7pm and 7-9pm. **At Vintage Cork in Valparaiso,** Come have a great time! Call 402-642-5234.



**PCCW Coffee & Rolls Sunday, December 8** after the 8am Mass. Come enjoy a good cup of coffee some fresh bakery and a morning visit with good neighbors. *Proceeds donated to Matt Talbot Kitchen.*



**St. John PTA New Year's Eve Celebration: Bringing Nashville to Nebraska,** Presenting the Benny La Mar Band, **December 31, 2024.** \$50 Meal (CK Catering) and Music, 5-6:30 Social Hour; 6:30pm Dinner; 8pm Benny La Mar Band \$25 Music Only Starlite Event Center <https://stjohnspta.ticketspice.com/st-johns-new-years-eve-2025>



**Blest Art Inc. from Jerusalem** will be at Sts Mary & Joseph, Valparaiso in the Parish Hall after the mass times on the weekend of **Saturday, December 7, 4:00pm—Sunday, December 8, 2024, 8:00 and 9:30am.**



They will have many hand crafted olivewood pieces from the Holy Land for you to purchase in a variety of sizes: Jesus, Mary, crucifix, Nativity, The Last Supper, Holy Family, angels, Madonna & Child, Saints etc. Please keep this in mind as you are choosing Christmas gifts, Wedding gifts etc. Proceeds go to support the church in the Holy Land.



### **Knights of Columbus Winter Coat Drive**

Thank you to all who donated to our Coat Drive! You will help keep someone a littler warmer this winter!



Our **Parish Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE** was very successful! Thank you for your generosity in helping to fill our Saunders County Food Pantry.

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Saints Mary & Joseph will no longer be using our current email address ([saintsmaryandjosephvalparaiso@yahoo.com](mailto:saintsmaryandjosephvalparaiso@yahoo.com)). We are moving onto the Diocesan system. Our new email address is : **STMJValparaiso@LincolnDiocese.org.** The new email address is effective immediately

