

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

December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Pastor: Fr. Matthew Zimmer 402-784-2511
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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday 5:00pm— send to E-MAIL: STMJValparaiso@LincolnDiocese.org

Website: www.stsmaryandjosephval.com HAS LINK TO FACEBOOK PAGE

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

Masses in your area: www.Masstimes.org or <https://www.lincolndiocese.org>

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



Dec 30	Mon	6:30pm	+Ray Eller	Sixth Day of Christmas
Dec 31	Tue	4:00pm	+Sylvia Ratkovec	SOLEMNITY OF MARY- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Jan 1	Wed	9:00am	For the People of the Parish	SOLEMNITY OF MARY- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Jan 2	Thu	7:00am	+Jack McKenzie	Christmas Weekday
Jan 3	Fri	7:00am	+Dolores Benes	Christmas Weekday—Holy Name of Jesus
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration				
Jan 4	Sat	7:00am	+Pearl Montgomery	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Jan 4	Sat	4:00pm	+Shane Adkisson	Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 5	Sun	8:00am	For the People of the Parish	Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 5	Sun	9:30am	+Raymond & Dorothy Whitmore	Epiphany of the Lord

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

4:00pm, December 31

S-Cooper Pierce/Bennet Johnson
 A-Mike Masek
 R-Paula Masek
 U- Shane Sisel/Aaron Pierce
 U- and 2 Volunteers
 O-Aaron & Katie Pierce family

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

9:00am, January 1, 2025

Quentin Jano/Owen Jano
 Jeremy Jordan
 Jennifer Benes
 Roger Benes/Effrin Jano
 and 2 Volunteers
 Effrin & Jeni Jano family

4:00pm Saturday January 4

S- Kendol Benes/Hunter Benes
 A- Lupe Lopez
 R-JoAnn Lopez
 U- Roger Benes/Jerry Potter
 U- and 2 Volunteers
 O-Jerry & Judy Potter

8:00am Sunday January 5

Colton Dubas/Isaac Jano
 Adam Benes
 Greg Bouc
 Casey Potter/Randy Blazek
 and 2 Volunteers
 Casey & Jennifer Potter family

9:30am Sunday January 5

Aiden Masek/Ethan Masek
 Gary Rezac
 Chere Kane
 Curtis Masek/Alex Rezac
 and 2 Volunteers
 Curtis & Michelle Masek family

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

PCCW NEWS—CHRISTMAS PARTY January 6, 2025

Please pick up your 2025 Booklet

Knights of Columbus #8625: Grand Knight: Ronald Coulter 402-310-7978, twinvalrc@yahoo.com. Grand-Knight News Letter in back of church.

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, Andre Herman, Eldon Kratochvil, Fr. Zimmer.

January 2nd: 7pm lunch 7:30pm MEETING

Knights; Please work and support our fundraiser PULLED PORK MEAL 10:15am-1:00pm Sunday, January 5, in Parish Hall!

Our Return to the Lord: December 22 & Christmas 2024

Stewardship Envelopes 92/298 or 31%	So. NE Register:\$0
Plate: 467.00	Czechfest: \$200.00
Adults: 3239.00	Cap Impv: \$0
Children: 283.75	Guardian Angel:\$0
Holy Day: 168.00	50th Fund: \$0
IRA: 1706.29	
Jones Bank: 500.00	
Christmas: 6822.00	
\$13,186.04	

\$41,090.79 Total of \$35,000.00 Monthly Stewardship Goal Thank you!

CCD (Confraternity of Christine Doctrine) Wednesday, January 8, 2025— First Bell @ 6:25pm with Mass at 6:30pm Parents and guardians are welcomed to sit with their children at Mass.



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 January 5, 2025 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading— Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 67: 2-3, 5,6,8

Second Reading— Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation— Hebrews 1:1-2

Gospel — Luke 2:16-21



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.**

Please pray for our Seminarians in their Faith Formation Trent Moudry, 2024, St Gregory the Great Seminary, Propaedeutic Stage, CB & Kris Moudry, Birthday May 24, Sts Mary & Joseph, Valparaiso

THANK YOU to all who helped decorate the church so beautifully for our Lord and church yard ready for Christmas, to all who do the “jobs”; spiritual and corporal works of mercy throughout the year that go unseen or unacknowledged, you are very much appreciated. Thank you to all for your time, talent and treasure. May you have a blessed Christmas and joyous, healthy, and spiritual year in 2025.

WELCOME to the Family of God through the Waters of Baptism to **Lucas Patrick Tvrdy** infant son of Ryan Patrick & Haley Sue (Curry) Patrick.

He was Baptized Sunday, December 22, 2025. **CONGRATULATIONS !**



The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.
 Luke 2:16





Pope Francis' Apostleship of Prayer for January 2025: For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Food Bank—***first Wednesday of the month— Due to Holiday -**MONDAY, January 6.** 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 for more details.

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 Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter



Grants for Parish Students: FCCLA 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 or by calling Clarice Sabata 402-784-3154. Requests MUST be submitted PRIOR to the event.



WELCOME 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



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>

Knights of Columbus—please come support this great organization by enjoying a delicious PULLED PORK MEAL 10:15am-1:00pm Sunday, January 5, in Parish Hall! Invite your friends — open to the public!

PCCW Breakfast Sunday, January 12 after the 8am Mass. Come enjoy a hot breakfast, good cup of coffee **HOT BREAKFAST** and a morning visit with good neighbors, AND our **HONORED GUESTS ; ALL NEW PARISHIONERS of 2024!**



Knights of Columbus #8625 FREE-THROW Contest Sunday, January 12, 2025

Ages 8-14 , shooting hoops 10am—Noon at the Valparaiso Elementary Gym. Any questions contact Kurt Ohnoutka 402-432-2556.



Assumption Parish Dwight - 20th annual "God Bless America" Dinner and Auction on Sunday, Jan 26, 2025. Prime Rib or Chicken Breast dinner - \$30 per person. Reservations only.



Reserve **HALF** table for 6 = \$50 or **FULL** table for 12 = \$100. Names must be provided. Social hour begins at 5:00 pm, with dinner at 6:00, and a live auction to follow.

For more info, to RSVP, or to donate go to dwrightqba@gmail.com

The 3rd Annual Walk for Life Gala, a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life, will be held the night before the annual Walk for Life. Come join your fellow pro-lifers for either or both. Speaking at the Gala will be Jim Caveziel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "Passion of the Christ" and most recently starred in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Tickets for the Gala, which will be at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, LaVista on Friday, January 31, 2025, are \$75, and can be purchased online at nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025, or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410.

Registration deadline is January 17 (no ticket sales after this date). The Nebraska Walk for Life is on February 1 and begins on the North steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. A new route this year will be taking us to the Cornhusker Hotel where you can browse informational booths and hear speaker Elizabeth Gillette's keynote speech at 11:30 a.m. For questions, contact Nebraska Right to Life, 402-438-4802, nebraskartl@gmail.com.

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, after the new year TBD, 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.

