

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

January 5, 2025 Epiphany of the Lord

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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



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| Jan 6 | Mon | 6:30pm | +John Barry | Christmas Weekday |
| Jan 7 | Tue | 7:00am | +Larry Woita | Christmas Weekday |
| Jan 8 | Wed | 6:05pm | Rosary for Religious Freedom | |
| | | 6:30pm | +Barbara Benes | Christmas Weekday |
| Jan 9 | Thu | 7:00am | +Richard Virgil | Christmas Weekday |
| Jan 10 | Fri | 7:00am | +Rose Cadek | Christmas Weekday |
| Jan 11 | Sat | 7:00am | +Ron Kliment | Christmas Weekday |
| Jan 11 | Sat | 4:00pm | +Deloras Benes | The Baptism of the Lord |
| Jan 12 | Sun | 8:00am | For the People of the Parish | The Baptism of the Lord |
| Jan 12 | Sun | 9:30am | +CB Moudry | The Baptism of the Lord |

4:00pm Saturday January 11

S– Ray Dickey/Thomas Dickey
 A– Mark Sander
 R–Linda Ward
 U–Chris Dickey/Tom Ward
 U– and 2 Volunteers
 O–Barry & Julie Mack

8:00am Sunday January 12

Thomas Potter/Maclin Matulka
 John Swanson
 Jerome Sercl
 Terry Chmelka/Randy Benes
 and 2 Volunteers
 Terry & Terri Chmelka

9:30am Sunday January 12

Colin Masek/Kael Virgil
 Doug Benes
 Mary Benes
 Gary Masek/Ron Regnier
 and 2 Volunteers
 Gary & Carol Masek

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 in the Parish Hall.

Next meeting **February 3, 2025.**

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

February 6th: 7pm lunch 7:30pm

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

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.

| Our Return to the Lord: December 29, & Dec. EFT 2024 | |
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| Stewardship Envelopes 92/298 or 31% | So. NE Register:\$0 |
| Plate: 695.00 | To Date:Czechfest: \$14,205.00 |
| Adults: 3352.00 | Cap Impv: \$40.00 |
| Children: 45.00 | Guardian Angel:\$20.00 |
| Dec EFT: 4240.00 | To Date:50th Fund: |
| \$8332.00 | Pledged \$240,000.00 |
| | Paid \$140,000.00 |
| \$49,422.79 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.

Servers: Wyatt Siebrandt/Thomas Dickey **Reader:** Jase Sousek

Usher: Volunteers

Gifts: 2nd grade

Confessions: 3rd grade

Fr. Zimmer visit: 7th & 8th grades



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 12, 2025 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading— Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Second Reading— Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

Gospel Acclamation— Luke 3:16 **Gospel –** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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 Rev. Mr. David Tines, 2018, Mount Saint Mary Seminary, Theology IV, Patrick & Mary Tines, November 26th Birthday, St Joseph, Lincoln.



Thank you to Oak Valley Lumber & Supplies, Svoboda Advertising Specialties, Tvrdy's One Stop and U-Stop for the donation of our 2025 Liturgical calendars. Your gift is very appreciated!

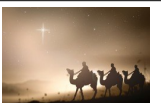
Join us on a Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City led by St. Wenceslaus Parishioner Scott Watts of Guadalupe Missions & St. Wenceslaus Pastor Fr. Jeff Eickhoff ~ May 18-23rd, 2025. Journey to one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. Encounter Christ in the poor and walk in the very footsteps of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego, at the heart of where the conversion of the Americas began.. For more information, contact: Scott Watts of Guadalupe Missions at:

Phone: 402-312-5808 Email: scottwatts@guadalupemissions.org

Website: GuadalupeMissions.org



We saw his star at it's rising and have come to do Him homage. ~Matthew 2:2





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

St. Michael School (Lincoln) has an **IMMEDIATE opening for a part-time School Nurse** Monday and Tuesday afternoons. If interested, please reach out to Principal Ashley Rockey at ashley-rockey@cdolinc.



St. Teresa Parish is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary (20-30 hours/week). Responsibilities include: sacramental record-keeping, parish registration, maintenance of parish database, scheduling, composing the weekly bulletin, updating the parish website, & parish communications. The candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Office software, a willingness to learn church management software, & have a general ability to adapt to new technology. For more details on the position, contact Theresa (Theresa-Kottwitz@cdoli). To apply, contact Fr. Kipper at Fr.Nicholas-Kipper@lin.

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 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

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 Breakfast burritos, biscuits n gravy, French toast stix, a good cup of coffee 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 dwightgba@gmail.com

St. Wenceslaus School Breakfast Burrito Drive - Annual winter fundraiser! School families will be preparing and packaging breakfast burritos ready for your freezer. They will be sold in packs of 5 for \$25. We are taking pre-orders that will be ready for pickup at St. Wenceslaus School on Friday January 17th from 3-7pm or will be delivered by your designated student. To pre-order please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/stwencburritodrive> or contact a committee member: Jill Divis at 402-304-6093 / Sarah Divis 402-443-8249 / Jen Sabatka 402-297-3522 / Krista Cullen 308-379-7541. We are blessed and grateful for all the support from our Saunders County Parishes!

The Women of Grace will meet twice in January 2025 - Thursday, January 9th & 23rd, beginning at 6:30 PM in the church hall. If you have any questions feel free to contract Judy Nissen (402-440-2472) or Barb Ohnoutka (402-440-0747).

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, January 12th, 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.

