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COLLECTION

What is God asking of me? Our response to the Lord last week

Adult: \$6732.00 Plate: \$249.95 Youth: \$55.75
Parish Endow: \$10.00 Other: \$.00

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday thru Saturday 20 minutes before each daily Mass
Saturday: 4:30-5:20 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:30-9:50 a.m.
Sunday: 7:30-7:50 p.m.
Or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 30

7:00 a.m. †Jim Geiger/ Doris Geiger
8:05 a.m. †Ernest & Olga Janak/ Loretta Jelinek

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 a.m. †Marge Spatz/ Dan & Rose Policky
8:05 a.m.: †Alan Hofer/ Peggy Bauer

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Intentions of B.H.
8:05 a.m. †Gert Kober/ Bill & Mary Riha

Thursday, February 2

7:00 a.m. †Rita Kobza/ Gilbert & Flo Kobza
8:05 a.m. †Dec mem of Buren & Behne Family/ Lyon

Friday, February 3

7:00 a.m. Travis Ruel/ George Rejda
8:05 a.m. †Bernard Kobza/ Julie & Gary Schaefer

Saturday, February 4

8:00 a.m. †Barbara Barak/ Tom McHale
5:30 p.m. †Ray Krenk/ Dan Pernicek Family

Sunday, February 5

8:00 a.m. †Dick & Jan Hughes/ Paul Hughes
10:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
8:00 p.m. †Mark Bohnenstyl/ Bert Bohnenstyl

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday

February 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Acolyte Michael Hurt, Roger Grunke
Servers Garrett Erickson, Justin Matulka
Thomas Belleau

Lector Matt George

Greeters Scott Erickson Family

Cantor Karen Coufal

Sunday

February 5 - 8:00 a.m.

Acolyte Tim Fichtner, Jeff Spahr
Servers Luke & Matthew Wegman, Boston Happ
Lector Ken Meyer

Greeters Ben Santo, Gerald Schaben

Cantor TBA

Sunday

February 5 - 10:00 a.m.

Acolyte Tim Masek, Terry Wehrs
Servers Cabe & Zach Schluckebier
Lector Pete Christensen

Greeters Carl Jirovsky Family

Cantor Jake Marshall

UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

January

30 RCIA - 7 p.m. (4th/5th Grade Classroom)

February

- 1 Amigo's GP Fundraiser - 5-8 p.m.
- 2 Connectedness Mtg - 7:30 p.m. (Library)
- 5 Coffee and Rolls after 8 a.m. Mass (Social Hall)
- 6 RCIA - 7 p.m. (4th/5th Grade Classroom)
- 7 Choir practice - 7 p.m. (Music Room)
- 9 Catholic Education & Youth Mtg - 7 p.m. (Library)
- 9 Pre-School & Kindergarten Mtg - 7 p.m. (Social Hall)
- 10 Bunco Party - 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Social Hall)

Sign up now

Preschool Enrollment is now open for the school year of 2017-2018. If you are interested in your child attending, please call the school office. 402-643-9525

Special Thanks

I would like to express a deep word of gratitude for all of the prayers, support and condolences I received on behalf of my father, Jose Luis Rodriguez. Your kind words of condolences, your presence at the Memorial Mass, Masses offered and your prayers for his eternal repose are greatly appreciated by my whole family. I'm very blessed to have the St. Vincent de Paul Parish family to be part of my life.

May God reward you - Fr. Rafael Rodriguez

Musical Notes

Adult choir practice will be February 7th and 14th at 7pm, February 19th at 9am and will then sing at the 10am Mass. Anyone 7th grade or older is welcome to join.

Your Golden Envelope

In your packet of Church envelopes there is a gold envelop for a treasure of Catholic news and information in the *Southern Nebraska Register*. This is our diocesan Catholic newspaper delivered to your home. It contains a wealth of Catholic news worldwide, USA, Diocese of Lincoln, and even our own parish. Our parish pays \$15 for each family in the parish. Your contribution will help cover our costs. February is Catholic Press Month. May God bless our Catholic newspaper and all who read it.

Defund Planned Parenthood Rally in Lincoln February 11

On February 11, pro-lifers across the country will hold rallies at Planned Parenthood facilities, calling for an immediate end to that organization's federal funding. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion chain and receives over \$500 million from all of us taxpayers every year. But pro-life leaders in Washington are now moving to end that government subsidy and they need to know there is grassroots support. Come out on, for our one hour silent prayer in union with tens of thousands of pro-lifers across the country that our government defund Planned Parenthood! Signs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. **Saturday, February 11, from 10-11 a.m. at Planned Parenthood, 5631 South 48th Street, Lincoln.**

Strategic Plan Update Meeting

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School started the process to create a Strategic Plan, which is almost complete. There will be an Open Forum meeting on **February 13th at 7:00pm in the Social Hall**. We will review the Strategic Plan and get your input before it is printed. The Strategic Plan includes information about academics, faith formation, finances and resources for the future of the school. Please join us to help with the final version of the Strategic Plan and to build a strong vision for Catholic education in our community! Everyone in the school, parish and community is invited to attend. *For more information, please contact our Strategic Planning Coordinator Eva Fujan at eva-fujan@stvincentsvp.org*

Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 1st Pitch Tourney and made it a huge success. We will be having another one in the near future, watch bulletin for more details. About 50 people were in attendance including 8 seminarians. Special thanks to Tom & Cheryl Vajgrt along with a group of their helpers (Marshall's, Kuss', Miner's and many more) for organizing this event.

Help Our School Win!

Our school, **St. Vincent's**, is in the running to win the 2017 Superstar Catholic School Contest, sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio. Voting is during Catholic Schools week: Mon., Jan. 30 through Sat., Feb. 4. Voting is quick and easy: go to spiritcatholicradio.com and click on the Superstar banner to vote. Each person may vote once and the top three Catholic elementary and top three Catholic high schools win prayer cards for each student, school trophy, a live interview on Spirit Mornings, coffee for the school lounge, and \$1,000 worth of on-air promotions for the school! Please be sure to vote and spread the word to others. Everyone voting will also be eligible to win prizes. Winners will be announced Mon., Feb. 6.

Legion Auxiliary Soup Dinner in Utica

The Utica American Legion Auxiliary will hold its annual Soup Dinner on Sunday, February 5th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Utica Senior Center. Come join us for Chili or Chicken Noodle soup and homemade pies. Free-will donation.

Affordable Housing



If you know of anyone in need of affordable housing, there are several openings at the Manor Apartments in Seward. The Manor offers independent living for those over 62 or the disabled. Pay no more than 30% of your adjusted income for rent. Utilities are included! Current income cap is \$42,750 for one and \$48,850 for a couple. Located just across the street from the Lied Senior Center, it's a great place to live! Call Mary Miner at (402) 643-3472 for more information.

February Family Night

Tips & Tricks for Study Time will be the topic for the Feb 7 Seward Family Night. Brittany Hayek, district instructional specialist will focus on providing parents and providers with information and strategies for supporting young children during "study time." This Family Night will be hosted at the United Methodist Church in Seward on Tues, Feb 7. Free meal for the family starts at 5:45 with presentation starting at 6:30. Childcare is provided. Please register in advance by calling the UN-L Extension Office in Seward County at 402-643-2981.

40 Days after Christmas

We have had the Infant Jesus statues in the Church and Narthex for 40 days after Christmas to spend a lot of time to reflect on the miracle of the Incarnation (God become Man). The 40th day is February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord when Mary and Joseph presented the baby Jesus to God. Simeon referred to Jesus as the Light to the Nations at that event.

Amigos Fundraiser Wednesday: Please support the Godteens this week, February 1! The Lindau Godteens will work a fundraiser at Seward Amigos from 5-8 p.m. Treat yourself to a meal either at the restaurant, drive-through, or carry out!

Devotion & Donuts this Friday, February 3!

All 5-12th graders are invited to attend Mass at 7 a.m. and enjoy donuts afterwards! If rides are needed to school, they will be provided.

First Penance is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, at 9 a.m., for students making their First Communion this year.

First Communion is Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m.

Confirmation is Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

Baccalaureate Mass is Sunday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

Catholic Schools Week

God has blessed us with a great Catholic school in our parish. The Church responds to Jesus' command on Ascension Thursday to go out and teach all that He has taught. The family of God cares for the children by forming them in the knowledge and friendship of Jesus. The Church also cares for the children by offering a superior education of children in all the regular school subjects within an atmosphere of Christian love and prayer. This week we thank God for the gift of our Catholic school. We thank all our parishioners for making our school such a great place for children to be educated. We thank our parents for having their children attend our school. And we ask the Father's blessings upon our parish and school to enable us to continue providing this treasure long into the future. Our alumni are making the world a holier place as they spread their Christian love and service to others. --Fr. Barak

FREE Diabetes Wellness Class

Who: people with Medicare who have diabetes, pre-diabetes, their family members and caregivers

What: FREE 6-session workshop

Where: Milford Senior Center 105 B Street Milford

When: Tuesdays 10:00-noon beginning January 31st

Questions or to register? Call Dee Kaser at 402-476-2886

God's Creation is for Us and Those to Come After Us Please, I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be "protectors" of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.

(Pope Francis, Homily at Mass for Inauguration, 3/19/13)

Raise your Spirit—
Vegas Style!

2017 Spirit Dinner & Auction News April 1, 2017

Donations

Just over two weeks remain to donate money and items to the Spirit auction. Check out the Giving Wall in the narthex for donation ideas. Donor forms are available in the narthex. All donations need to be turned into the church office by Wednesday, February 15.

Table Dinner Reservations

Table reservation forms for tables of 12 are now available in the narthex. Table reservations are due March 12. Spirit Dinner & Auction tickets will be available beginning Feb. 25 and will continue through March 12. Tickets are \$50. Dinner will be catered by Kerry's of McCool Junction and will include your choice of prime rib, chicken marsala, or a vegetarian option.

Bunco Night

Brush up on your dice game in time for Spirit 2017: Raise Your Spirit - Vegas Style! Mark your calendars for Friday, February 10 for Bunco Night. Cost is \$20 per person or \$30 if you bring a partner. All proceeds will be used to purchase items for the Spirit auction. The fun begins at 7 pm in the Social Hall. Come enjoy a fun dice game, good company and snacks and drinks. A sign-up form is available in the narthex.