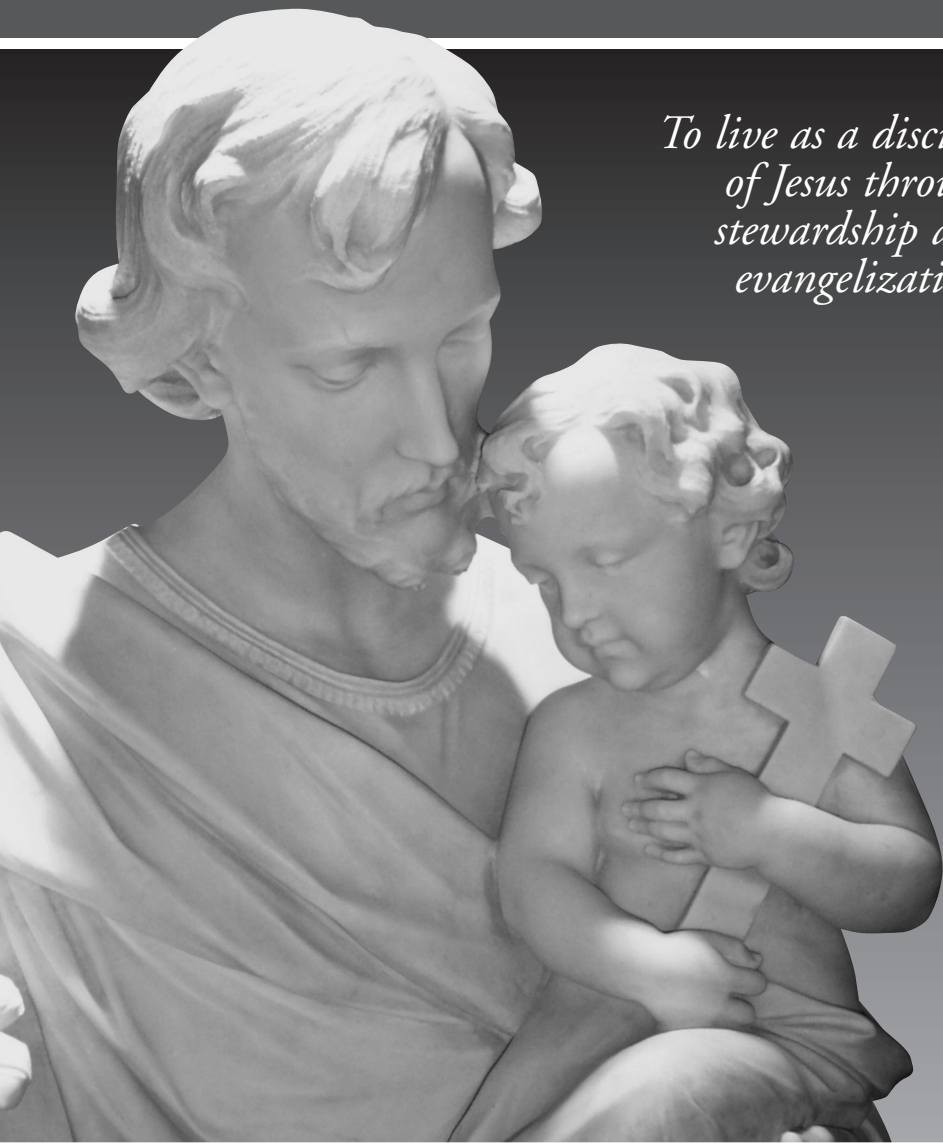


# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

## DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS

Opportunities for giving time and talent • 2010-2011

*To live as a disciple  
of Jesus through  
stewardship and  
evangelization.*



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March 7, 2010

Dear Fellow Disciples,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I introduce our new Directory of Organizations for 2010-2011.

The spirit of discipleship has developed very well in our parish over the last number of years. We continue to express, in our daily commitment to living stewardship as a way of life, our strong dedication to our parish mission. Our vision and our values, which you find on page one of this booklet, describe what we are all about. The message of our Strategic Plan is one of great hope. It is reassuring when we encounter so many wonderful people and opportunities to love each other in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. We are truly a parish grounded in the Eucharist. It is and will always be the most fundamental element of our faith. What you find in this booklet, with the large number of organizations helping build the Kingdom of God in our parish family and beyond, is a testament to our living out the Eucharistic call to be “washers of feet”.

I am a grateful disciple and steward myself as I reflect on the giftedness of so many in our parish family; we are truly blessed. I invite you to peruse this booklet and see where you might be able to serve and to be truly a “washer of feet”, as you model Jesus, and become His true disciple.

I am grateful to be called by the Church, at this time, to be your Shepherd. I strive to do the best I can, but it is only with your prayers and God’s graces that I am capable of serving you—the people of God in the pews.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liam M. Barr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

Rev. Msgr. Liam M. Barr, V.F.

Pastor

## OUR MISSION

To live as disciples of Jesus.

## OUR VISION

Saint Joseph Parish will be a family of disciples centered on the Eucharist with every member committed to stewardship and evangelization.

## OUR VALUES

Living the call through...

## DISCIPLESHIP

Inviting full participation of the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the parish. Discipleship activities include increased attendance at Holy Mass, participation in the sacraments, adoration and reconciliation.

## STEWARDSHIP

Developing a spirit of belonging for all parishioners. Stewardship activities include participation in parish activities, annual Stewardship renewal, contribution of financial resources, efficient parish operations and service to the poor.

## EVANGELIZATION

Welcoming our Catholic and non-Catholic brothers and sisters to our parish family. Evangelization activities include outreach to new parishioners and non-practicing Catholics; support of Catholic education through our schools, RCIA and CCD; and encouragement of young people to consider a religious vocation.

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH COMMUNITY

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## **Eucharistic Liturgies:**

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Daily – M-F 6:30 a.m. and M-Sat. 8:15 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation –

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

6:00 p.m. (exceptions: Christmas Eve & New Years)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

15 minutes before all weekday Masses

Saturday – 4:00 to 5:20 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday prior to First Friday – 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Anytime By Appointment

## **Parish School**

Principal - Sister Mary Joseph C.K.  
Adm. Assistant - Kathy Klein  
Adm. Coordinator - Gloria Jundt  
School Secretary - Lynn Sloan  
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## **Angel House (St. Joseph's Pre-School)**

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483-0498

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## **ADMINISTRATION**

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### **Building & Grounds**

**Chairman:** Don Killeen - killeenclan@gmail.com - 489-8510

**Mission:**

To serve as a resource to the pastor and the staff, and advise Monsignor and the Parish Council on building and grounds issues.

### **Finance Council**

**Chair:** Jim Essay - jimessay@mutualofomahabank.com

(H) 483-0092 - (W) 434-2842

**Mission:**

To assist the pastor with financial decisions that affect both the church and school.

**Activities:**

Council members assist the pastor with research and detail involved in the decision-making process. Some of the more important responsibilities of the Council include: budget preparation, financial statement preparation and review, capital expenditure planning and fund raising activities and solicitation. Prospective members of the council should possess a strong financial background.

### **Parish Council**

**President:** Rob Barie - robbarie@gmail.com

**Vice President:** Cindy Hanzel - chanzel@windstream.net

**Secretary:** Brian Dawson - brian\_dawson@gallup.com

**Mission:**

To advise the pastor in establishing and evaluating policy; to be the central communicating, coordinating and advisory body in administrative matters for the parish; to encourage and call forth the gifts and talents of the members of our parish community; to set annual goals developed in light of our parish mission; and to show by example how the people of God can proclaim the gospel, serve one another's spiritual and temporal needs and live the St. Joseph mission.

**Activities:**

Council membership shall consist of seven at-large members elected to three year terms. In addition, there shall be one representative each from the Finance, Pastoral, Building and Grounds, and Stewardship Committees, and two trustees from the parish corporation. The pastor and associate pastors shall be ex-officio voting members. Meetings are held monthly except during the summer months.

**Pastoral Council**

**Chair: Sue Erdkamp - 483-2046**

This committee, which meets quarterly, advises the pastor in all matters relating to the pastoral aspect of the parish including adult religious education, retreats, evangelization plans, prayer apostolate, etc. The members are advisory to the pastor. It is their role to be spokespersons for the various parish groups they represent, do some research on how the parish can better serve their groups and come up with practical suggestions for the implementation of that service. To summarize, they are to aid the pastor in more effectively fulfilling his role as pastor.

**Stewardship Committee**

**Chair: Mick Mickle - mckjanice@aol.com - 483-2085**

**Mission:**

To live as disciples of Jesus, centered on the Eucharist, with every member of our parish family committed to stewardship and evangelization.

**Activities:**

- Pray for an increase in stewardship at the parish.
- Coordinate the production of the Directory of Parish Organizations
- Assist with parish ministry fairs.
- Coordinate an annual stewardship renewal for the parish.
- Host educational meetings with parishioners to teach stewardship as a way of life.
- Coordinate stewardship literature mailings and bulletin inserts.
- Encourage attendance by parishioners at regional and national stewardship conferences.

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## LITURGY AND WORSHIP

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### Acolytes

Chair: Aaron May - [irishcorn@windstream.net](mailto:irishcorn@windstream.net) - 486-9579

#### **Mission:**

To serve the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament by assisting our parish priests at the altar, and distributing Holy Communion to the homebound as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

#### **Activities:**

The primary purpose of the acolyte ministry is to assist our priests in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Acolytes assist at the Sunday Masses, during weekday Masses, on Holy Days, at funerals, for the Stations of the Cross, etc. Acolytes also serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Forty-two men of St. Joseph's parish are privileged to be acolytes. The pastor invites new prospects to consider being an acolyte.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Chair: Michele Chambers - [michelebrianc@aol.com](mailto:michelebrianc@aol.com) - 489-3733

#### **Mission:**

To present the Liturgy of the Word to children ages 6-10 in an age-appropriate way so that the word of God can come alive for them in a way easily understood.

#### **Activities:**

The Sunday readings are explained through arts, stories, questions and answers, etc., then petitions are offered by the students before they rejoin their parents in the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## **Environment & Art Committee**

Chair: Sue Erdkamp - 483-2046

Plans and prepares the Church for the seasons working with flowers, banners, plants and various art forms. They strive to create a worship space that speaks of both ministry and hospitality to inspire, worship, and celebrate liturgical seasons.

## **Lectors and Commentators**

Contact: Russ Bayer - russbayer@aol.com - 730-0638

### **Mission:**

To assist the celebrant at Mass by proclaiming the Word of God.

**Activities:** The activities of the Lectors and Commentators focus on assistance at Mass on all Sundays, Holy Days, and each daily Mass. On Sundays and Holy Days two are assigned to each Mass; one as commentator and one as lector. The readers are rotated among the various Masses and duties. Commentators have the responsibility of reading the introduction to Mass, the Prayers of the Faithful, and the announcements. Lectors read the first and second scripture readings, as well as responsorial psalm if it is not sung by the choir. Please consider joining our group and proclaim the Word of God. The pastor invites interested men and women to serve as proclaimers of the Word.

## **Music Ministry**

Director: Mike Zeleny - mzeleny1@unl.edu - 488-1845

### **Mission:**

Our mission in the music ministry is to serve the people of God through the gift of music and thus further the mission of the parish.

### **About the Music Ministry:**

The Christian faithful who gather together as one to await the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (Acts 2:46). Thus, St. Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves." There is also the ancient proverb: "one who sings well, prays twice." At St. Joseph, music is a high priority in liturgy. Music in Catholic

Worship (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) states that “among the many signs and symbols used by the Church to celebrate its faith, music is of preeminent importance.” We invite you to join one of our choirs—as a singer or an instrumentalist. For more information, see the church bulletin.

*Contemporary Choir* (Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
Mike Zeleny, Director (mzeleny1@unl.edu or 488-1845)

*Youth Choir* (Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass)  
Rhonda Horner-Bohaty, Director (rhonda\_bohaty@hotmail.com or 310-4671)

*Family Choir* (Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass)  
Gretchen Foley, Director (gfoley2@unl.edu or 484-0434)

*Guitar Choir* (Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass; 1st & 3rd Sundays)  
Audrey Bakula, Director (jandabakula@neb.rr.com or 489-3275)

### **Nursery for Sunday Mass**

Chair: Michele Chambers - michelebrianc@aol.com - 489-3733

#### **Mission:**

To provide a safe environment for children 6 mos. to 3 years to play during the 9 and 11:00 a.m. Masses so their parents can worship at Mass.

#### **Activities:**

Children are nurtured by adults and 5-8 grade helpers in playing games, watching age appropriate videos, coloring, etc.

## **Perpetual Adoration**

**Chair:** Sheryl Rybnick - 327-8536

### **Mission:**

To give praise and glory to Our Lord by continuous and uninterrupted adoration in His presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to discover the full manifestation of His boundless love.

### **Activities:**

We commit ourselves to spending a holy hour sitting quietly, praying to Jesus who is present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our goal is to have two people present in adoration 24 hours a day, every day of each week. We are always looking for new adorers and substitute adorers.

## **Sunday School Program**

**Contact:** Michele Chambers - [michelebrianc@aol.com](mailto:michelebrianc@aol.com) - 489-3733

Sunday school is held for children ages 3, 4, 5/6 during the 11:00 Mass. Classes are held on Sundays from September to May.

### **Mission:**

To share the love of our Catholic faith with small children through age appropriate materials. Lessons follow the weekly gospel.

### **Activities:**

Music, art, bible stories, and various activities are utilized to supplement the weekly gospel. The children also perform several vocal programs throughout the year to share what they have learned and spread the love of our Catholic faith. An annual family Advent Festival is also held for the entire family. The program is supported by generous volunteers and is always looking for new people to share their time, talent, and their love of our Catholic faith.

## **Ushers**

Co-Chairs: Dave and Sharon Fusco - df10959@windstream.net -  
489-3466

### **Mission:**

To serve God and His people by assisting priests offering Mass.

### **Activities:**

Ushering is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. At St. Joseph Church, ushers are assigned to teams. One usher on each team is appointed head usher who is responsible for assigning and coordinating the duties of the ushers on the team. Ushers report at least 20 minutes before Mass to prepare. They welcome parishioners arriving at Mass and help them find seating as necessary. During Mass ushers are responsible for taking up the collection and for directing Communion. After Mass ushers distribute the bulletins and check the sanctuary in preparation for the next Mass. At St. Joseph Church each usher team is assigned to serve Masses for a month on four alternate months during the year. Ushers are expected to volunteer to help at Masses on Holy Days of Obligation, Confirmation, and other services as needed. Women and men are welcome to serve as ushers.

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## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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### **St. Joseph Preschool**

**Principal:** Sr. Mary Joseph, C.K. - 489-0341

#### **Mission:**

We, the Family of St. Joseph School, build up the Kingdom of God as we work together in faith, knowledge and loving service.

#### **Instruction:**

Preschool is a time for children to explore, experiment and experience the joy of learning. Our program gives children time to discover new skills in a Christian atmosphere. In our preschool program, we develop the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth of each child by teaching skills in a variety of classroom settings.

These settings, which include religious instruction time, snack, story, music, outside activities, and free play in centers, which include a kitchen area, building area, art area, manipulative area and reading area. The skills our preschoolers will learn help to prepare them for kindergarten.

We offer morning and afternoon sessions three days a week (Mon-Wed-Fri) for 4-5 year olds and morning sessions twice a week (Tues-Thurs) for 3-4 year olds.

## **St. Joseph School**

**Principal:** Sr. Mary Joseph, C.K. - 489-0341

### **Mission:**

We, the Family of St. Joseph School, build up the Kingdom of God as we work together in faith, knowledge and loving service.

### **Religious Instruction:**

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade receive instruction in the Catholic faith each day. Instruction on Catholic belief, worship and morality, as well as formation in prayer and the life of virtue are an important part of the religion program. A religious atmosphere is fostered throughout the school, and the faith is integrated into every subject area.

**The Liturgical Program** includes daily Mass, monthly opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross during Lent, the Living Rosary in October and May Crowning in May, and other prayer services. The Church calendar and lives of the saints are also a part of students' spiritual life at school.

**The Sacramental Program** includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist in 2nd grade and the Sacrament of Confirmation in 5th grade.

**The Instructional Program** includes:

- Core Curriculum: Language Arts (Reading/Literature, English, Phonics, Spelling, Vocabulary), Math, Science and Social Studies
- Specialty Classes: Art (K-6), Band – individual and group lessons (5-8), Computer (K-8), Library (K-8), Physical Education (K-8), Vocal Music (K-6)
- Elective Classes offered to Junior High students

### **Activities:**

Activities at Saint Joseph School provide a variety of experiences for students:

- Competitions: Books and Beyond, Brain Brawl, the Lincoln Diocesan Pro-Life Poster and Essay Contest, MathCounts, Page One.
- Groups: Student Council, Mission Club
- Events: Catholic Schools Week, Mission Awareness Week, Red Ribbon Week and an annual Academic Fair.

## **St. Joseph School Family Association**

**Chairs:** Kyle and Jen Steffen - kyle.jen.steffen@gmail.com - 466-2294

**Vice-President:** Curt and Lisa Staab

**Secretary:** Michael and Monica Henkenius

**Treasurer:** Matt and Stacy Gutschenritter - 484-0220

### **Mission:**

To foster the spiritual and temporal education of children in keeping with the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, the highest educational standards, the human and financial resources of the Church, the school, and the home.

### **Membership:**

Any person interested in the education of children at St. Joseph School is eligible for membership in the Association. Membership of parents of children in St. Joseph School is automatic.

### **Activities:**

The School Family Association holds three general meetings during the school year. The Association conducts various activities in order to:

- a. Promote understanding, cooperation, and mutual support between children, teachers, parents or guardians, and the religious leadership of the school and diocese
- b. Encourage parents or guardians to participate in the development and operation of supportive educational programs and functions
- c. When needed, provide support mechanisms for the extraordinary fiscal demands of the school
- d. Offer well-planned programs of particular interest to parents or guardians which are related to Catholic education
- e. Monitor and, where necessary, respond to community, state, and federal influences on Catholic education in the context of St. Joseph School
- f. Create greater appreciation of Catholic education and, through this process, strengthen the family as the basic unit of Catholic education

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### **Baptismal Preparation/Welcome your Child**

Chair: Cam and Julie Hinds - [chinds@neb.rr.com](mailto:chinds@neb.rr.com) - 484-7080

This class helps parents prepare for the Baptism of their baby. Parents are required to attend instruction prior to their child's Baptism. These classes will give couples an understanding of the theology of Baptism and its rituals. They will learn about their responsibilities and receive practical information regarding Baptism at St. Joseph Parish.

### **CCD**

Chair: Michele Chambers - [michelebrianc@aol.com](mailto:michelebrianc@aol.com) - 489-3733

#### **Mission:**

To assist parents of public school students in grades 1-8 in the religious formation of their children.

#### **Activities:**

Instruction in the tenets of the Catholic faith, monthly Mass, confessions twice yearly, annual Christmas program, May Crowning. Individual classes have a variety of age appropriate activities and crafts.

### **Godparent Program**

Youth Director: Caitlin Riordan - [caitlin-riordan@cdolinc.net](mailto:caitlin-riordan@cdolinc.net) -  
489-0341 ext. 28

#### **Mission:**

To foster relationships with high school students in a family-like setting with the purpose of helping them grow closer to Christ in order to become true witnesses of His Church. This will be achieved through education, formation, example, challenge, encouragement, and compassion. This program serves as the High School CCD program.

**Activities:**

Teens meet in married couple's homes weekly throughout the school year. Each individual group has various activities they plan on their own. All groups are invited to participate in a yearly home Mass and youth Holy Hours; to hear volunteer speakers from the Catholic community; to provide a meal at Matt Talbot Kitchen; and to participate in annual trips that alternate between a ski retreat and a summer mission trip.

**Good Counsel Retreats**

Rectory: 483-2288

Good Counsel Retreat House: 402-786-2705

St. Joseph's Parish encourages the men and women of the parish to make an annual retreat at the retreat house in Waverly. The retreat house assigns dates for the retreats, which are usually held in the late winter or early spring. Watch the bulletin for details regarding the specific dates and how to sign up for a retreat.

**Parish Retreat Programs**

Rectory: 483-2288

**Activities:**

The parish schedules parish retreats, missions, and presentations on an ongoing basis in order to give parishioners an opportunity, as adults, to grow in their faith and explore a closer, more personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Parish has conducted Light of the World (LOTW) (formerly SINE) retreats in the past and several small faith sharing communities still exist. If you are new to the parish and were previously involved in a LOTW community and would like to join an existing St. Joseph community, contact the phone number above. These communities gather to explore the faith, to share the faith with each other, and to build up the Body of Christ.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Contact: Gayle Morin - 483-1438

### **Definition:**

RCIA is an ancient process, established by the Catholic Church, for individuals to inquire, learn, and grow in the Catholic Faith. It is intended to prepare these individuals for full communion in the Catholic Church. The process can be divided into four steps. 1) An inquiry period for potential catechumens to investigate the faith and ask questions; 2) a catechetical (teaching) period during which elements of the faith are presented and shared; 3) a purification period, coinciding with Lent, to prepare for reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil; 4) and finally a period after Easter to reflect on the mysteries that have been received. The process involves more than attending a few classes. There are several specific liturgical events and social times designed to focus on the mystery of the Church and what it means to be Catholic.

### **Mission of the RCIA Team:**

The mission of the RCIA team is to facilitate the process, as established by the Catholic Church, so that those inquiring and learning about their faith may experience Christ through His Church and in those that serve Him. The goal is to provide a welcoming environment for all inquirers to learn about the Catholic Church so that they develop the desire within their heart to become a part of God's family through His Church.

### **Activities:**

RCIA is the work of the entire parish. Many opportunities exist for members of the parish to assist in the process. For instance, all of us come in contact with individuals throughout the day who are asking religious or philosophical questions about life. When these opportunities arise, we are called by God to befriend these individuals, show them the love of Christ, and eventually invite them to an RCIA inquiry session.

If an inquirer decides to make a commitment to learn more about the faith, then a Catholic sponsor will be needed. This is a key role for a member of our parish. Catholic sponsors are critical to the process. They serve as the representative of the Church with the specific duty to become a close companion and shepherd for the candidate. They must encourage, share, and assist as necessary along the journey. They accompany the candidate to all of the teaching sessions, participate in the

liturgical celebrations, and offer prayers and sacrifices. In addition, there are many other opportunities for assistance. The RCIA team coordinates all of the events throughout the process: recruitment of potential candidates, facilitation of inquiry sessions, teaching sessions, liturgical events, special retreat days, and various outings. The teaching sessions are each conducted like a small retreat. Each session requires registration, setup, and catechetical instruction.

### **Schoenstatt**

**Contact:** Michele Chambers - [michelebrianc@aol.com](mailto:michelebrianc@aol.com) -  
489-3733

#### **Mission:**

To help mothers, couples, and youth develop a Marian spirituality of openness to the Lord in their everyday lives.

#### **Activities:**

Schoenstatt is a Marian spirituality that helps mothers of young children, couples, and youth come closer to Christ by living as a child of Jesus and Mary. A mothers group meets on Wednesday morning once a month, directed by a Schoenstatt Sister who helps them to develop an everyday striving for holiness in the home. A rosary group of young mothers meets once a month in the parish as well. Members can choose to develop a home shrine and complete a consecration to Mary. Couples, groups, and youth groups are available as well.

### **Splendor of Love**

**Contact:** Ann Barnett - 484-6611

#### **Mission:**

A new couple program developed to study and discuss the teachings of the Church on the Theology of the Body.

#### **Activities:**

The Splendor of Love programs meet every other week throughout the school year at a time that works best for the members of the group. The studies include gospel reflection and materials on the Theology of the Body.

## **Youth Ministry**

**Chair:** Caitlin Riordan - [caitlin-riordan@cdolinc.net](mailto:caitlin-riordan@cdolinc.net)  
office 489-0341 ext. 28 - cell 450-5290

### **JUNIOR HIGH:**

#### **Youth Rock:**

**Mission:** Events held during the school year which allows junior high students from both Catholic and public schools to interact in a fun, safe, and social setting while at the same time interacting with positive role models from Pius and East.

**Activities:** Activities include miniature golfing, bowling, ice-skating, Olympics in St. Joseph gym, dodge ball tournaments, and other such events.

#### **8th Grade St. Joseph Lunch Groups:**

**Mission:** To build Christ centered relationships with St. Joseph junior high students in order to help them grow in their Catholic faith.

**Activities:** These three groups meet every other week during the lunch/recess hour and include Bible Studies and discussion on Church teaching and living out the faith.

#### **Youth Group at Lux:**

**Mission:** To bring the mission of the Catholic Church to Lux students by forming relationships, cultivating discussions, and teaching about the truth of the Catholic Church and its meaning in their lives.

**Activities:** This group meets every Thursday morning at 7:15 at Lux middle school and is lead by the youth minister as well as young adult volunteers. Breakfast, games, and discussions are the main elements of this group which also sponsors a few outings during the year.

### **HIGH SCHOOL:**

#### **Teen Council:**

**Mission:** To form high school students to become strong disciples of Jesus Christ in order to encourage and lead the souls of fellow youth from St. Joseph parish to a true love of God through prayer, the fostering of faith-centered relationships, and increased knowledge of the faith. Their role is

to lead by being living examples of the Christian life and helping to coordinate activities and opportunities where these goals can be met.

**Activities:** Teen Council helps to run, plan, and promote all youth events mentioned. The group meets monthly and holds social gatherings at least twice a semester. The central component is a teen council retreat held in early August.

#### **Youth Holy Hour:**

**Mission:** To help the youth of the parish grow closer to Christ by encountering him face to face. This is held once a month on a Sunday or Wednesday evening to encourage participation by the Godparent program. Holy Hour includes confessions, music, and meditations.

#### **Witness:**

**Mission:** An opportunity to help East students grow in Catholic fellowship and knowledge of the faith through discussion, games and catechesis.

**Activities:** This group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month after early dismissal at East from 2:15 - 3:15.

#### **Summer Coffee House:**

**Mission:** Open to all high school students in order to cultivate new and old relationships and provide opportunities for discussion about living one's faith during the summer months. Meets on Wednesday evenings from 8:30 - 10 at Scooters from June-August.

#### **Young Adult Ministry**

**Chair:** Caitlin Riordan - [caitlin-riordan@cdolinc.net](mailto:caitlin-riordan@cdolinc.net)  
office 489-0341 ext. 28 - cell 450-5290

**Mission:** To form Christian community among young members of the parish who are not easily connected through the school and other organizations.

**Activities:** Social gatherings which often feature speakers on issues pertinent to this age group.

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## MENS' ORGANIZATIONS

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### **Knights of Columbus**

Contact: Jim Spitsen - [jspitsen@aol.com](mailto:jspitsen@aol.com) - 488-9557

The goal of the Knights of Columbus is to provide support through resources, both financially and spiritually for the priests and community of St. Joseph Parish. Knights are Catholic Men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. For men in every walk of life, the name of the Knight of Columbus engenders the image of a united organization, efficiently going about its tasks of charity, fraternity, unity, patriotism and defense of priesthood.

Below you will find some of the activities that are sponsored and organized by the Knights of Columbus:

- Winter Coat Drive
- Football Concession Stands
- Free Throw Contest
- Keep Christ In Christmas Program
- One Rose One Life
- Pancake Breakfast
- Rose for Motherhood
- Tootsie Roll Sunday
- Vocations Support
- Mary Garden Project
- Pro-Life Projects

## **Men's Fellowship Group**

Chair: Matt Hecker - 486-0192

### **Mission:**

To involve men in a variety of functions, activities and programs to create bonds of friendship which serve to evangelize. We desire to create in men a deeper heart for God, which in turn will make them better husbands, fathers and community citizens.

### **Activities:**

The Men's Fellowship hosts Saturday morning prayer breakfasts on various occasions throughout the year; hosts an annual Men's Spiritual Conference; offers a men's bible study; facilitates a "Christian Fatherhood" program, supports other spiritual formation programs for men such as the parish retreat and men's evenings of recollection; and organizes both a summer golf league and a winter basketball league for men.

Participation is open to all adult males of St. Joseph Parish. There are no dues to pay, no mandatory meetings to attend, no requirements to join anything. You need only do the things you choose. Certain activities do however require a cost for participation.

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## WOMENS' ORGANIZATIONS

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### **Altar Society**

**President:** Mary Pat Waite - 730-7494

#### **Mission:**

The Altar Society is the main women's group in the parish. Every woman is automatically a member of this wonderful group. The mission is to care for the needs of the Sanctuary of the church. This means that this ministry supplies altar breads, wines, candles, banners and other supplies that are used at Mass. We have representatives that serve on the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women under the direction of the Bishop. Our projects are for Church, Community, Family, International and Legislative concerns.

#### **Activities:**

We are funded by dues contributed by our members and fundraising activities such as card parties and Lenten Soup Suppers. We give scholarships to Freshmen students at Pius X High School. The Funeral Committee and our members provide a valuable service by planning and donating food items and serving funeral meals.

The following activities are sponsored and organized by the Altar Society:

- Advent Celebration
- Corpus Christi Reception
- Card Parties
- New Parishioner Welcoming Gatherings (Coffee Shop following Masses)
- Receptions
- Food Pantry
- Funeral Dinners
- Lenten Soup Suppers
- Altar Society Circle Meetings

## **Elizabeth Ministry**

Chair: Jennifer Gutierrez - 484-5687

### **Mission:**

Elizabeth Ministry is our Parish's outreach ministry that responds to the joys and sorrows of a woman's life. This ministry is based on the scripture story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth and offers like-to-like experiences through prayer and personal visits.

### **Activities/Goals:**

- Minister to women during pregnancy, birth, adoption, fertility, infertility, miscarriage, infant or child crisis, death, etc.
- Encourage women to share stories, experiences and faith in an open, trusting, and life-giving manner.
- To join with parents in celebrating the wonders of pregnancy and birth and the mystery of new life.
- To foster respect and gratitude for the awesome gift of human life.
- Offer support and healing at moments of complications, crisis, miscarriage or death.
- To share the excitement and joy, as well as the frustration and pain of the adoptive process.
- To provide support for couples experiencing infertility and to treasure the gift of fertility.

## **St. Monica's Ministry**

Current Chair: Stephanie Bailey - 326-9721

Past Chair: Aimee Nebel - anebel@gmail.com - 484-5670

### **Mission:**

To share in our vocation of being wives and mothers. To develop friendships with other families from our parish, and to pray for each other.

### **Activities:**

We are an informal group that meets weekly to pray the rosary for our intentions as our young children play at our feet. We also get together for some social outings which may include going to lunch or to the park.

## **Women's Bible Study & Faith Sharing Groups**

**Contacts:** Trish Obrist - [tntand6@juno.com](mailto:tntand6@juno.com) - 489-5585

Teresa Raun - [CTANBS@windstream.net](mailto:CTANBS@windstream.net) - 489-0627

### **Mission:**

Structured womens' groups striving to deepen our relationship with Jesus through a variety of studies including Sacred Scripture, Catholic Catechism, writings of the Saints and Christian authors.

### **Activities:**

The groups hold meetings from Sept. - April. Babysitting is available.

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## **FAMILY MINISTRY**

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### **St. Joseph Family Ministry**

**Core Group Coordinators:** Gayle Morin - 483-1438

Mary Klein - [nayureboy@aol.com](mailto:nayureboy@aol.com) - 488-2410

Ron and Cinda Hicks - 261-4179

Family Ministry is founded on the belief that the family is called to be the “domestic church.” You are all part of Family Ministry because our parish is one big family. Our parish community recognizes the needs of all, including the youth, single, married, divorced, elderly and disabled. If you want to do something positive to strengthen and affirm family life in your parish, please call one of the Core Group Coordinators or the coordinator of the ministry of your interest. Family Ministry consists of parishioners who cooperate with parish staff and organizations to:

- Establish like-to-like networks of support among families
- Advocate a family perspective in all parish activities
- Raise awareness of the critical importance of family life
- Provide family enrichment and educational materials

### **Divorced & Separated Adults Ministry**

**Contacts:** Nancy Caudill- [nancycaudill@hotmail.com](mailto:nancycaudill@hotmail.com) - 489-0463

Phil Swaroff - [pswaroff@gmail.com](mailto:pswaroff@gmail.com) - 483-0243

Provides information and support to address the needs of the divorced or separated members of our parish. Divorced and separated parishioners are encouraged to remain active in our parish, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion as long as they are not remarried outside the Church.

### **Giving Tree Ministry**

**Contact:** Linda Kamble - 483-6691

To collect and deliver Christmas gifts to be distributed by Catholic Social Services and several local parishes.

## **Grief Ministry**

Chair: John and Joann Grosserode - jgrosserode@aol.com - 489-7018

### **Mission:**

To support St. Joseph Church members following the death of their loved ones.

### **Activities:**

Writing notes of bereavement, making phone calls and home visits, and organizing yearly support group gatherings.

## **Meals Ministry**

Contact: Sharon Jacobson - 489-2518

This ministry provides meals for our families going through unexpected, stressful, and challenging situations.

## **Parish Health Ministry**

Contact: Searching for coordinator

The parish nurse is a health counselor and educator. The nurse is a liaison to community resources and helps in assisting others in understanding the connection between Faith and Health.

## **Prayer Line**

Contacts: Sharon Kubert - 483-4698

Susan Ogden - 489-2605

Prayer Line is a spiritual ministry in which we pray for the needs of fellow parishioners, their families and friends. Members can be elderly, homebound, retirees, stay at home moms, the working class, every one can take part. Strict confidentiality is maintained. Prayer requests are received and passed on by phone and by email.

Prayer Line members are encouraged to say a short prayer when they receive the prayer requests. We pray for each request for one week unless long-term prayers are needed. The benefits to the parish are tremendous, bringing God's blessings, healing and strength to members of the parish, their families and friends.

### **Prime Timers**

Contact: Ernie Arrigo - 488-7426

Alternate Contact: Gayle Morin - 483-1438

#### **Mission:**

Provide the senior parishioners an opportunity to meet and mingle with other senior parishioners with similar interests, while experiencing uplifting, interesting and fun activities.

#### **Activities:**

A committee plans and arranges monthly social gatherings on the 2nd Friday of the month following the 8:15 a.m. Mass. These gatherings include interesting and entertaining guest speakers, seasonal music programs, tours of local museums, convents, seminaries, monasteries, businesses, etc. The monthly social gatherings, from September through May, always include coffee and donuts. In May everyone is invited to plan the following year's events.

### **Supportive Literature**

Contact: Ron and Cinda Hicks - 261-4179

Providing Care Notes and literature in the narthex that addresses the many stresses and traumas that cause pain, stress and concern in families.

## **Welcome Ministry**

**Chair:** Monica Richert - monicarichert@aol.com - 488-6160

**Mission:** To welcome new members to St. Joseph Parish and provide opportunities for fellowship among all parishioners.

### **St. Joseph's Coffee Shop:**

**Chair:** David and Sharon Fusco - df10959@windstream.net - 489-3466

As part of the Welcome Ministry, the Coffee Shop's mission is to foster fellowship and friendship among all parishioners. The Coffee Shop is held in Resurrection Hall on selected Sunday mornings during the school year.

The Coffee Shop is set up and hosted by volunteer members, families, and various ministry groups and organizations of the parish.

Volunteering to help with The Coffee Shop is a wonderful opportunity to gather after Mass and visit with other parishioners. New volunteers are always welcome.

### **Welcome Sunday:**

**Chair:** Sue Carraher - sbcarraher@neb.rr.com - 489-5682

Welcome Sundays feature outreach to new parishioners on at least a quarterly basis. The Welcome Committee ensures that new members to the parish receive introductory materials such as the Parish Organizations Directory and the Parish Pictorial Directory (when available). Phone calls are made to see if there are any questions or needs our new parishioners may have.

## **Media Awareness**

**Contact:** Donna Reichenback - 488-3284

**Activities:** Provides opportunities and ideas that are published in the bulletin for furthering family spiritual life that follows the liturgical year.

## **Welcome Your Child**

**Chair:** Cam and Julia Hinds - 484-7080

**Activities:** A program combining baptism preparation with parenting enrichment and spousal support led by trained facilitators.

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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### **Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life**

Chair: Gerry Trout - [gerry@windstream.net](mailto:gerry@windstream.net) - 560-7529

Vice Chair: Kathy Kohel - [kohel123@windstream.net](mailto:kohel123@windstream.net) - 489-1118

#### **Mission:**

To develop activities designed to keep the parishioners informed about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and other life issues.

#### **Activities:**

Spiritual adoption of unborn babies; the pro-life walk in January; weekly rosary at Planned Parenthood; the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Life state convention; the Life Chain; Baby Shower for Catholic Social Services, Birthright and Crisis Pregnancy; Holy Hour for Life. The above efforts would not be possible without prayer and sacrifice.

### **F.I.A.T. - The Faith In Action Team**

Contacts: Don and Laurie Killeen - [faithinactionteam@gmail.com](mailto:faithinactionteam@gmail.com) - 489-8510

#### **Mission:**

To become the hands of Christ by helping the less fortunate, wherever they may be.

#### **Activities:**

Painting, construction, and landscaping at the Winnebago Mission School; dental missions to the Kobonal Mission in Haiti; collection of peanut butter, shoes, crayons, tools, etc. for the Haiti Mission.

## **Holiday Fair**

Co-Chairs: Patty and Steve Henrichsen - pattystevelincoln@yahoo.com  
483-4532

### **Mission:**

1. To foster and build a sense of community at St. Joseph's
2. To raise funds for designated parish and school needs
3. To provide an opportunity for fun and fellowship for all parishioners

### **Activities:**

The Holiday Fair is held each November in the school gymnasium. Activities include: brunch, children's games, raffle, lucky chance, silent auction, bingo, cookie corner, and country kitchen. Parishioners are invited to work at designated times throughout the day.

## **Legion of Mary**

President: Mary Riley - mdriley@mycidco.com - 489-2521

### **Mission:**

To offer our services to our pastor aiding him in performing spiritual works in the parish under the banner of Mary. This is a world-wide organization of Catholic men and women who seek union with Mary and imitate her humility and faithfulness in serving Christ and His Church.

### **Activities:**

Members work in the parish area doing census work as well as calling on newcomers, inactive Catholics, and auxiliary members. They also visit nursing homes and retirement centers joining residents in praying the rosary and assisting them to attend Masses and receive Holy Communion on First Fridays. Other areas of work include facilitation of the home visitation of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, R.C.I.A., and promotion of the family devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## **Matt Talbot**

Contact: Mary Love - 489-6656

### **Mission:**

Serving Lincoln's working poor, homeless and hungry since 1992.

## **Parish Library**

Contact: Ernie and Mary Arrigo - 488-7426

Alternate Contacts: Mary Hannon - 489-1661

Pat Hart - 489-4097

### **Mission:**

Through parishioner donations, provide the parish with a central collection of religious books, audio and video cassettes, and DVDs that they may check out for reference or home use.

### **Activities:**

Sort donated items, catalog those which are appropriate for our collection, enter them into the central Parish Library Data Base. Label each item, place them on the shelf in Dewey Decimal number order, and check in and reshel returned items.

## **Scouting**

Contact: Steve Gawrick - [sgawrick@gmail.com](mailto:sgawrick@gmail.com) - 486-4497

Scouting is a program for boys and girls ages first grade through high school and their families. This program attempts to build character, good citizenship, strengthen mind and body, show how to do one's best, and be helpful while promoting duty to God. A full program of scouting sponsored by the parish is available:

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|----------------------|------------------|----------|
| • Boy Scout Troop 45 | Steve Gawrick    | 486-4497 |
| • Brownie Troops     | Michele Chambers | 489-3733 |
| • Cub Scout Pack 45  | Steve Gawrick    | 486-4497 |

## **Girl Scouts**

Chair: Michele Chambers - michelebrianc@aol.com - 489-3733

### **Mission:**

To develop girls from kindergarten through seniors in high school as potential leaders in their community, to provide service, to develop a strong moral code, and to give them opportunities to experience new things and places along with their adult leaders.

### **Activities:**

By completing a wide variety of interest badges, girls are provided many opportunities to gain new experience and master new talents not otherwise offered to girls. Girls can face new challenges, and take control of their experiences. Girls learn respect for the environment, solid decision making skills, respect for themselves and others, and leadership skills that will serve them the rest of their lives.

## **Cub Scouts (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)**

Cub Master: Steve Gawrick - 486-4497

### **Mission:**

- Positively influence character development and encourage spiritual growth
- Help boys develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
- Improve understanding within the family
- Strengthen boys' ability to get along with other boys and respect other people
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by helping boys develop new interests and skills
- Show how to be helpful and do one's best
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do
- Prepare boys to become Boy Scouts

### **Activities:**

In Cub Scouts, boys in grades 1 through 5 are organized into small groups called Dens composed of approximately 7 boys. In these dens boys work

on achievements that pertain to their current age and rank that meet the nine goals of Cub Scouts. At St. Joseph's Pack we incorporate our Catholic Faith by prayers, St. Vincent DePaul Society contributions, Catholic Faith Award (Parvuli Dei), and Scout Sunday participation. We also have our annual Pinewood Derby competition where boys get a chance to build and race a car. Camping, Archery, Rockets, and Swimming are some of the other activities which help provide an exciting program.

### **SCRIP Program**

**Coordinator:** Barb Bernard - 489-2013

**School Coordinator:** Lynn Sloan - 489-0341

#### **Mission:**

To provide ongoing financial support for St. Joseph Parish.

Scrip is a year round program that benefits both St. Joseph Church and School. Scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers, which help us raise money by selling gift certificates to us at a discount. When members of St. Joseph purchase the gift certificates they pay full face value and redeem them for full face value. St. Joseph keeps the difference as revenue. It means that participants in the program put their regular household shopping dollars to work for the parish and school without spending a single additional penny.

Scrip is available for purchase after all weekend Masses. It is also available in the school office when school is in session.

St. Joseph Scrip provides financial support for a variety of financial needs of the parish. We support the school through teacher supplements, purchase special equipment or supplies for the parish and school, sponsor the Lighthouse Catholic Media CD program, donate to Pius X High School scholarships, and contribute to other needs as they arise.

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

**President:** Audrey Bakula - [jandabakula@neb.rr.com](mailto:jandabakula@neb.rr.com) - 489-3275

### **Mission:**

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, an international Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering tangible and spiritual support through prayer and person-to-person services to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

### **Activities:**

“Need, not creed” determines who is helped, and how. The Society offers tangible assistance to those in need. Specifically, the St. Joseph Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference serves the poor and individuals in need in the following ways....by providing emergency financial aid to individuals for food and goods, utilities, housing, medication, household items, etc. The conference raises money and collects goods to help the poor, and makes home and hospital visits to the poor, sick, elderly and the physically and mentally challenged. The Conference also assists in maintaining the SVDP warehouse store located at 1911 R Street in Lincoln, NE. Our conference welcomes new members at any time. Anyone interested please contact the president regarding meeting dates and times.

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## **“Who is a Christian disciple?”**

One who responds to Christ’s call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ’s.

## **Who is a Christian steward?**

One who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.”

*U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship  
“Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response”*

## **STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Father in Heaven, you alone are the source of our life, our gifts, and everything we have and are. In your love, you have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ. He has sent us your Holy Spirit to bond us together into a community of devoted, loving people. In your Name, we commit ourselves to be faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, including our time, talents and resources, as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

AMEN.

*\*Updates and/or changes to this directory will be made on an annual basis.*

Please submit changes to:

St. Joseph Rectory

Attention: Stewardship Committee