

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS: Special Knights of Columbus Meeting Presentation-(Wednesday 7:00 PM , Nov 28th ,St. Mary's Church Basement). The Franciscan Sisters and a special representative from Lincoln will be doing a presentation on the Mother house and Spiritual Center. This is open to ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. This will be the first half of the meeting.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Saturday, Dec. 8: A reminder that this year, December 8, 2018, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, falls on a Saturday. Since this is the patronal feast day of our country (and of our diocese) it is always a Holy Day of Obligation. It should be pointed out that people will need to attend two distinct Masses, one for the Immaculate Conception and one for the Second Sunday of Advent. Attending one evening Mass on Saturday evening will not suffice to fulfill the Mass obligation for both the Sunday and the Holy Day. ~ Fr. Rayer

Mass will be offered at St. Benedict on Friday Dec. 7 at 5:30 PM for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass on Saturday at 8 AM will be offered at St. Mary's. Other Mass times options will be in next week's bulletin.

PRISONER REQUEST: This was an anonymous letter received this week at the rectory. I ask that we all pray for our prisoners. Randy and Deb Shippee weekly go to Tecumseh State Correctional Facility where they do Alpha Prison Ministry. They have wonderful stories to share. Ask them sometime ☺ The below is a letter from a friend I have that's an inmate in Florida. He's in for life, no parole. Would you or someone you know consider writing to him?

*Thanks for taking the time to read this. I have been here in prison for almost 20 years. I deserve to be here, and my sins were many, and yet this place I'm at is hard to bear. I have very few people here I can really talk to or trust. My mom lives in Germany and is elderly, visiting only once every few years. I'm 52 years old and was born in Frankfurt Germany. I'm Catholic and try to live out my faith. I don't often get to go to Mass or meet with a priest or deacon. You can't image what a letter from a person from the outside means to someone like me. I would love to talk about life, share our faith, learn about Catholicism more.
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MEMORIAL FLOWERS: If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia this Christmas in memory of a loved one, place the name of your loved one along with \$10 in the offertory basket. Flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas. Your loved one will also be remembered at the Christmas Masses.