

Sunday, December 1
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
 10:30 a.m. Rev. Caesar Kron
 Monday, December 2
 6:30 a.m. +Sara & Ellen Eickmeier
 Tuesday, December 3
 6:30 a.m. Rev. Nicholas Baker
 Wednesday, December 4
 6:30 a.m. Rev. Norman Van Gruensven
 Thursday, December 5
 6:30 a.m. +Bill & Marcella Eller
 Friday, December 6
 6:30 a.m. Father John Perkinton
 Saturday, December 7
 8:00 a.m. +Terry & Mary Theresa Eller
 Sunday, December 8
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
 10:30 a.m. Henry Gramann

Collection November 24, 2019

Envelopes	\$2245.00
Plate	\$145.06
Youth	\$4.00
Total	\$2394.06

Christmas Program/Potluck will be Sunday, December 15th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendar!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE.

The Lincoln Catholic Social Services is once again collecting gifts for the needy of our diocese. The PCCW will have the Giving Tree by the front door of our church. Please choose an ornament, purchase a new toy for that child (toys without batteries is suggested), put the ornament tag on the gift, and return it unwrapped to the Giving Tree. All gifts will be delivered to Catholic Social Services the week of December 15th. Need volunteer to deliver gifts to Catholic Social Services!

Biblical Meditations for a Blessed Advent Come hear the Emmaus Institute staff discuss how the four Nativity Hymns in Luke can help you enter more richly into the season of Advent. Saturday December 7, 1-3 pm at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in the Guadalupe Center. Free-will donations to benefit Catholic Social Services.

Dates to remember:

- February 2nd: First Confession
- April 19th: First Communion
- April 27th: Confirmation @ 7:00pm

"That Man Is You" a spiritual series for men of all ages is taking place on Saturday mornings at 6:30 AM in the parish hall. We watch a 45-minute inspirational DVD and then spend 30 minutes in discussion. Everyone is invited and rolls and coffee are provided. We will meet every Saturday thru May so attend whenever you are able.

Child and Parent Confirmation Retreat

The goal of this retreat is to help young people and their parents to grow in their familiarity with the Holy Spirit and His gifts and to prepare them to receive the evangelical mission. Confirmed for Mission Retreat is a day-long retreat on February 8 at North American Martyrs Parish in Lincoln. To register: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/05-ore-confirmed-for-mission-2020-spring-retreat>

"Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission" is the theme for the Catholic Coffee House on Sunday evenings at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: December 15, 2019, Lori Weskamp, Unbound Prayer Team member; January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Questions? call 402-473-0615

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT

THIS CHRISTMAS: Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more info, call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105 Or visit WWME.org **Upcoming dates:**

February 7-9: Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE

August 28-30: Quality Inn, Ogallala, NE

October 2-4: Immaculate Monastery, Norfolk, NE

Deadline to register is 1 month prior to the date of the weekend

Holy Hour-Cathedral Parish is sponsoring a family-friendly holy hour on December 8th from 4-5 pm. All ages welcome (seriously, even the loud ones). Adoration, confession, music, and reflection time will be provided. Spend some time with our Lord in the busy Advent season!

PowerSurge (PK - 5th) and PowerUp (6th - 8th) meet to have FUN with their FAITH!!

Meals are provided starting at 5:45pm and fun lasts until 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars: Jan 22, Feb 19, (youth masses Sunday Feb 23), and April 1. Contact Renee with questions reneeandneil@hotmail.com

The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Saturday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

Prayer Request – We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to strengthen the sick in times of trial: Rod TeKolste, Deborah Hestermann, Doug Parde, Bob Rahorst, Wes Springer, Melanie Frohberg, Dan Benes, Evelyn Yates.

Pray for the Dead– Let us remember in our prayers: Wesley Dorn, David L. Peters, Elvira Seeley, Chad Kohout, Father Zitek, Tawny Zach, Sharon Hudson, Lucille Onisk, Vic Hudson.

Prayers for those serving our country in harm's way.

		12/1/2019	12/8/2019	12/15/2019
		First Sunday of Advent	Second Sunday of Advent	Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Reader	Larry Etmund	Janet Ragland	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	Michael Bean	Dawson Burenheide	Eli Van Brocklin
	Server 2	Austin Oelke	Hayden Huenink	Zach Van Brocklin
	Greeters	Ray & JoAnn Vrbka	Cam & Jenny Oelke	Cam & Jenny Oelke
	Usher 1	Cam Oelke	Cam Oelke	Blain Johnson
	Usher 2	Robert Braden	Robert Braden	John Vrbka
	Offertory	Rick & Linda Bouc Family	Robert & Amy Braden Family	Mike & Pat Egger
10:30 AM	Reader	Diana McCown	Shirley Yates	Frank Pytlik
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Scott Osterhaus	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Trey Yates	Marcus Osterhaus	Brady Troxel
	Server 2	Grant Ehmen	Connor Price	Wyatt Fortner
	Greeters	Denise & Scott Clements	Denise & Scott Clements	Myron & Jeanette Heusinkvelt
	Usher 1	Roger Miller	Don Hinds	Don Hinds
	Usher 2	Ron Boden	Karl Gramann	Karl Gramann
	Offertory	Ed Zach Family	Ron & Mary Boden Family	Jennifer & Robert Brenner Family
Collection	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy & Colleen E / Amy Argo	

Notes from Fr. Walsh

Thank you all for your kind Thanksgiving greetings. My hope is that your time together with family and friends during this holiday renewed and blessed you. These are such precious moments for us. We must take full advantage of them.

As I mentioned last weekend in my homily, I desire to share with you the gift of exposed Eucharistic Adoration and will offer a holy hour on Thursday during the season of Advent to introduce this devotion in the parish. Likely, Exposition and Benediction have been part of the parish's past, so it isn't really an introduction.

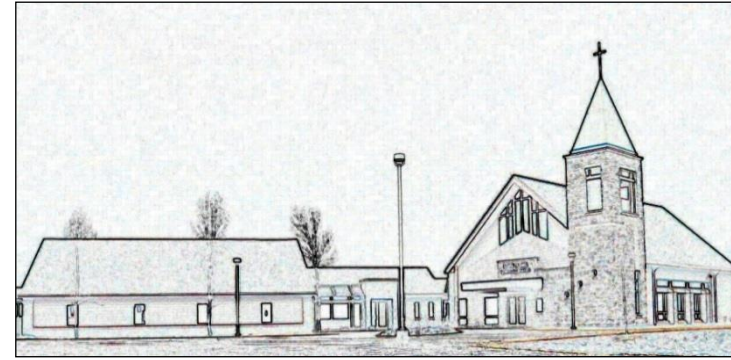
A little background. *The* accomplishment of my pastorate at St. Cecilia in Hastings was the introduction of perpetual exposed Eucharistic adoration. In this form of adoration, the Lord is placed in a monstrance on an altar and is exposed always in this fashion, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You cannot leave Him without someone in attendance. We called ourselves the Guardians of the Eucharist. We weren't the first parish in the diocese to do it (I know St. Mary's in David City has been doing it for years), but we were one of the early efforts in the diocese that is now expanding into other parishes.

Like nearly every good effort I am part of, the impetus came from two women of the parish who approached me in early 2014, requesting that we begin perpetual exposed Eucharistic adoration. For some reason, this is the way of the Lord...others suggest an idea and I help achieve it. My suggestions don't have that good a track record! Anyhow, we worked with a ministry that does this for parishes and launched the effort on November 22, 2014.

But there were years of preparation for this gift to St. Cecilia's parish. And it began shortly after my arrival in 2008, a Thursday night holy hour at 7pm. I think this practice cultivated the hearts of people in the parish and prepared them to say Yes when we asked them for one hour a week with the Lord in the fall of 2014. I know the Lord loves this devotion and wants to give Himself to us. We can cultivate our hearts through this Thursday night holy hour. Then, we wait and see, we wait and see where the Lord takes us and what He accomplishes in us through our adoration of Him in the Eucharist. See you Thursday night at 7pm. God bless you!

Confirmation Parent Meeting:

There will be an informative meeting for all 5th and 6th grade parents to discuss confirmation on Sunday, December 8th between masses. Please plan to attend.



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December 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

Matthew 24:42

Dec 2 Mon: *Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11*

Dec 3 Tue: **Francis Xavier, p, ms M**
Isaiah 11: 1-10; Luke 10: 21-24

Dec 4 Wed: *Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Matthew 15: 29-37*

Dec 5 Thu: *Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27*

Dec 6 Fri: *Isaiah 29: 17-24; Matthew 9: 27-31*

Dec 7 Sat: **Memorial of St. Ambrose, bp, dr**
Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Dec 8 SUN: **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 6:30 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

30 minutes before Sunday Masses

And Holy Days Masses

20 minutes before daily Masses

And by appointment

CCD

Sundays 9:05-10:20 a.m.

See calendar for dates