

Mass Schedule

Monday, 6:30am
 Tuesday, 6:30am
 Wednesday, 6:30pm
 Thursday, 6:30am
 Friday, 8:00am
 Saturday, 8:00am
Saturday, 5pm
Sunday, 8am
Sunday, 10:30am

Confessions

30 min. before Sunday and Holy Days Masses
 20 minutes before Daily Masses and by appt.

Exposed Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 7pm to 8pm.
Benediction at 7:50pm

CCD PK-12 Classes are from 9:00am to 10:20am on scheduled days



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November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

“Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
 and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?”

Isaiah 63:17

- Nov 30 Mon:** **Andrew, ap F**
Rom 10: 9-18/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11/ Mt 4: 18-22
- Dec 1 Tue:** *Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10: 21-24*
- Dec 2 Wed:** *Is 25:6-10a/ Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37*
- Dec 3 Thu:** **Francis Xavier, p, ms M**
Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7: 21, 24-27
- Dec 4 Fri:** *Is 29: 17-24/ Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14/ Mt 9: 27-31*
- Dec 5 Sat:** *Is 30: 19-21, 23-26/ Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9: 35 - 10: 1, 5a, 6-8*
- Dec 6 SUN:** **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/ Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/ 2 Pt 3: 8-14/ Mk 1: 1-8

Readers Schedule

| Mass Times | Nov 28-29 | Dec 5-6 | Dec 12-13 | Nov. 21-22 |
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| Sat. 5:00 pm | Michelle Milke | Diana McCown | Jerry Lentfer | Michelle Milke |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Larry Etmund | Joe Vinton | Chris Hytrek | Larry Etmund |
| Sun. 10:00 am | Frank Pytlik | Karl Gramann | Shirley Yates | Frank Pytlik |

THE EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES -Register now for the following in-person or online winter classes with The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies, running November 30-February 18: Studying Ecclesiastes: A Journey Toward a Meaningful Life, The Historical Books (Joshua-Maccabees), Heaven Help the Home: Recapturing a Biblical Vision of Marriage and Family, and Encountering Jesus in The Gospel of Luke. Learn more and register now at www.emmausinstitute.net

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS On December 3rd at 7 pm please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores Grief and the Holidays from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one or is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. More information and registration is at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief>. This event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse and livestreamed, and is free.

ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS will be celebrated on Monday, 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. This year, the Mass will take place at Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. The Cathedral is located at 3500 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 Fri. Dec. 18th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

Notes from Father Walsh...

Happy Advent! I wish everyone a blessed Advent as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas and the gift of the Father to us on this holy night. We need something to lift our spirits and our hopes. Focusing on Christmas, and God's love for us in His Son will restore our hearts. I hope this is a great season of grace for everyone. Try, to the best of your ability, to include a Christmas confession in your spiritual plans for the celebration. I will make extra times available for you during the week before Christmas.

Planning for Christmas Mass, 2020. I don't know what restrictions or recommendations will be made to us from the Governor's office and the chancery relating to our celebration of Christmas. I want to make Mass available to as many as possible, and so propose the following: Two Christmas Eve Masses, either 3pm, 5pm or 8 or 9pm (option for either hour, not both). Midnight Mass. Christmas day Mass at 9am. There will be no December 24 morning Mass. What I'm most interested in is what parents with small kids want. 5pm seems to be just the right time. Would an additional Mass before that or after that help? And if so, which one? I invite any of you to let me know your preference, and we will lock down our schedule in a few weeks.

Immaculate Conception Celebration. Bishop Conley has continued the practice we started back in March (or April) of dispensing us from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days during the pandemic. I will offer three Masses on December 8: at 6:30am, 8:00am and 6:30pm. There will not be a Vigil Mass on December 7. I have an obligation in McCook on that day and cannot get back in time. I hope the Mass schedule on the 8th will give everyone a chance to attend who desires and is able to celebrate this day with Our Blessed Mother.

Special Gifts to the Parish. Several members of the parish approached me about the memorial gift suggestions I provided in the bulletin earlier this month. We have received donations for a monstrance, a tabor, a candelabra set and an Advent wreath. Thank you! Thank you! The purchases have been made and we should have everything on site and in use by the end of this week (December 5).

Please pray for the Seminarians every week throughout the year. Listed below is the Seminarian for this week. Thank you from the Seminarians and their Families!

| 20-21 | First Name | Last Name | Year Entered | Seminary of Study | Year of Study |
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| Nov 29- Dec 5 | Augustine | Reimers | 2016 | St. Charles Borromeo Seminary | Theology 1 |