

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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December 27, 2020 The Holy Family

“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.”

Colossians 3:15

Dec 28 Mon: Holy Innocents, mts F

1 Jn 1: 5 2: 2/ Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ Mt 2: 13-18

Dec 29 Tue: *1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35*

Dec 30 Wed: *1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40*

Dec 31 Thu: *1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18*

Jan 1 Fri: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD S (Octave of Christmas). Holy Day of Obligation.

Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21

Jan 2 Sat: Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs M

1 Jn 2: 22-28/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 1: 19-28

Jan 3 SUN: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD S

Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

Readers Schedule

Mass Times	Dec 26-27	Jan 2-3	Jan 9-10	Dec 19-20
Sat. 5:00 pm	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Michelle Milke	Diana McCown
Sun. 8:00 am	Diana McCown	Chris Hytrek	Janet Ragland	Joe Vinton
Sun. 10:00 am	Karl Gramann	Shirley Yates	Frank Pytlik	Karl Gramann

LECTORS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

8AM - LARRY ETMUND

10:30AM - FRANK PITLIK CHRISTMAS DAY

ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS will be celebrated on Mon, Dec 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 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm 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.

MATT TALBOT KITCHEN-It is St. James turn to serve supper at Matt Talbot Kitchen on Thursday, December 31st. They are only serving take-out meals. We are also requesting that for desserts we only get cookies and bars without frosting, so we can just put them in a napkin to hand out. You can always send a check to the church for a donation that will be used to purchase the items or use the online one time gift with a note that it is for Matt Talbot Kitchen. This money will also be used the purchase the pulled pork and salads. Items needed to the church by noon on Thurs, Dec. 31st.

Bananas – 4 people to bring 10 pounds ea

Hamburger Buns – 6 people to bring 2 dozen each

Bush's Beans - 6 people to bring 1 gallon

Cookies or Bars (NO FROSTING) – 8 people to bring 2 doz

Please email me at ebbers@windstream.net if you want to donate something from above so I know where I stand. If you have questions please let me know by email or call me at home 402.787.2385 or cell 402.440.0029.

Increased Train Traffic Through Lancaster & Otoe County-Beginning January 1, 2021, BNSF Railway will begin operating trains on the tracks that run along Highway 2 from Lincoln through Bennet, Palmyra, Unadilla, Syracuse and Dunbar to Nebraska City. On average, you can expect to see two trains a day on these tracks. With rail service resuming, it is critical to remember trains can run at any time and in any direction.

Notes from Father Walsh...

Thank you. My grateful heart goes out to all those who helped make the celebration of Christmas a beautiful experience for the parish, including our CCD teachers, program director(s) and videographer, the people who decorated the church, the musicians and other liturgical ministers, those who cleaned the church, polished the vessels, folks who organized the giving tree and found homes for the love which this projected expressed, those who were able to make a good Christmas confession, those who attended our Masses, those who silently prayed for the parish and the spiritual renewal through our celebration of the Lord's birthday. Thank you all.

I enjoyed the Christmas cards and letters you sent me, the goodies, the gift certificates, the greenbacks! Many of you wrote kind notes in your card, telling me how wonderful I am! The Chancery address is.....

Truthfully, you bring me great joy being your pastor and sharing our journey to God together. It's the only road we need to travel, the only end we must achieve. I find this parish a wonderful place to work, live, and love. Thank you. It's fun being here with you.

Retreat. I will be on my annual priest retreat, beginning Sunday afternoon (December 27) and finishing in time to return and offer the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on December 31. We will follow this Mass with a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration, because it is Thursday, because it is the eve of the New Year, in order to entrust the past humbly to God and ask His blessing on the New Year ahead. **There will be no parishes Masses December 28 through December 30.**

The New Year's Mass Schedule is 5:30pm (December 31) and 8am and 10:30am on Friday, January 1.

A short reflection. When I was at Catholic Social Services, we had the habit late in the year of singing the Merle Haggard song, *If we make it through December*. December was the month we balanced the books and often about 30% of the giving we received came in December. We were always praying for a strong finish. I never liked deficit spending! But there was another habit we practiced, and that was symbolically closing the book on the past year, and opening to page one of the New Year. We had some hard times at CSS, especially when the towers went down in New York in 2001. I was glad some years came to an end.

This year, I feel the same. It's time to make the last entries in the book of 2020, and close it. The New Year offers us a fresh beginning, a new opportunity. In our search for God, let us remember that He is an exciting God, a God of wonder and love. Let us confidently enter into the New Year, trusting in Him and knowing that He walks with us as Our Father. I'm encouraging the virtue of hope—which is more than optimism. It is the sure and certain conviction of God's love and protection for us and our complete trust in Him, who alone provides for our every need. He proved it as He carried us through 2020. He will shine even more brightly in 2021. Happy New Year!

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
Dec 27- Jan 2	Liam	O'Shea-Creal	2015	Mount St. Mary Seminary	Theology 3