

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

Sunday Obligation Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

CCD PK-12 Classes 9:00am to 10:15am



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December 12, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Your kindness should be known to all.”

Phil 4:5

Dec 13 Mon: Lucy, v, mt M

Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27

Dec 14 Tue: John of the Cross, p, dr M

Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23/ Mt 21: 28-32

Dec 15 Wed: *Is 45: 6c-8. 18. 21c-25/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 7: 18b-23*

Dec 16 Thu: *Is 54: 1-10/ Ps 30: 2 and 4. 5-6. 11-12a and 13b/ Lk 7: 24-30*

Dec 17 Fri: *Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17*

Dec 18 Sat: *Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25*

Dec 19 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Radix Jesse)

Mi 5: 1-4a/ Ps 80: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/ Heb 10: 5-10/ Lk 1: 39-45

Date		Dec 11-12	Dec 18-19	Dec 25-26	Jan 1-2
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Janet Ragland	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins		Randy Eickmeier
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Joe Vinton	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek
	Server	Carson Eickmeier	Reid Hochstein	Andrew Oelke	Sam Robinson
	Server	Bryson Clements	Rylan Hochstein	Austin Oelke	Carter Stieb
	Greeter	Taylor Eickmeier	Alexa Petsche	Claire Oelke	
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Karl Gramann	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	Server	Ty Troxel	Max Jacobson	Ty Troxel	Carson Louch
	Server	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn	Sam Troxel	Hayden Huenink
	Greeter	Lydia Dominy	Madison Henn	Erica Troxel	Harper Huenink
Collection Counters		Julie Pfungsten / Lauren Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie E. / Susan Van Brocklin

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ITEMS ARE DUE TODAY! Please make sure items are brought by TODAY, Sunday, December 12th. Wrapping paper and tape is also an item the program needs...in case you have extra!!!!

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 13	12:15 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, December 14	7:00 am	Joe and Rose Vrbka +
Wednesday, December 15	7:00 am	Mary Flynn Tinkham+
Thursday, December 16	7:00 am	Living & Deceased members - Vinton family
Friday, December 17	7:00 am	Nick Kadavy
Saturday, December 18	8:00 am	Intention of Celebrant
	5:00 pm	Fr. Rudy Oborny
Sunday, December 19	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Deceased members-Joe & Mary Sullivan family

Note that this Wednesday's Mass, which would normally be at 6:30pm in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus meeting, will be in the morning instead, in order to allow time for set up for the children's Christmas program.

POWERSURGE AND POWERUP are fun, faith-filled nights once a month for pre-K to 5th and 6-8th graders. High schoolers: please help serve food, mentor, run a station, etc!!! Meal starts at 5:45, fun until 7:00. Mark your calendars: Jan 19, March 9, April 20. Contact Renee Dominy w/ questions: reneeandneil@hotmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-COMING SOON Lincoln Feb. 4--6 Bringing our couple communication to level of the heart. Call well in advance Pat & Janelle Benson Pat 308-940-0670 Janelle 308-940-1105 pjbjben@yahoo.com

THE ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS will be celebrated on Tuesday, 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. 17th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program. February 11-13, 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or www.helpourmarriage.com, www.retrouvaille.org last day to sign up January 30th 2022

Catholic Coffee House - returns this year with a series of four talks on ways we can continue to grow in our Catholic formation. The fall and winter line up will be: Catechetical Formation (Dec 19); Cultural Formation (Jan 16); Evangelical Formation (Feb 20); and Biblical Formation (Mar 20). Each event consists of panel conversations, Q and A, and some time to socialize and will be hosted at the St. Thomas Aquinas-Newman Center, Lincoln in Rooms 18/19 (downstairs) from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. There is no fee and no registration. For more information visit: www.newmaninstitute.com/coffeehouse

Extra Confession Times Before Christmas:

Sunday, Dec 19 2:30-3:30PM (Two priests will be available-we encourage as many people as can to go to confession then)

Monday, Dec 20 1:00-1:30PM

Tuesday, Dec 21 6:00-6:30PM

Wednesday, Dec 22 6:00-6:30PM

Thursday, Dec 23 6:00-6:30PM

Friday, Dec 24 1:00-1:30PM

Saturday, Dec 25 No Scheduled Confession times

Christmas Mass Times

Friday, Dec 24 5:00PM

Saturday, Dec 25 Midnight & 9:30AM

St. James Parish Council and Finance Council Joint Meeting - December 1, 2021

St. James Parish Council met on December 1, 2021 in the parish hall. Those in attendance were Father Dietrich, Pat Milke, Karl Gramman, Melissa Wallman, Denise Clements and Rosie VerMaas.

The meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Financial reports were presented by Denise and Melissa. The financial report was approved by the committee.

Concern on the shortage of classroom space was discussed with several ideas presented. The committee will invite Brad Wilken to the next meeting to discuss options to present to the congregation for future plans of how we can address the issue. Future goal is for an addition to the parish hall to include more classroom space, however there were temporary ideas that could be used for a short term solution.

Vici Osterhaus is stepping down from her position and Deanne Stieb will fill that position. Father Dietrich has some suggestions to incorporate in Deanne's role.

Father Dietrich will contact Father Walsh to set a date for the blessing of the St. Joseph statue. March 16th is a tentative date set but will confirm with Father Walsh if that date works with his schedule.

Father Dietrich has contacted a company that will install a keyless touch pad on the outside door on the south side of church. This could be installed possibly by Christmas and will parishioners to enter the church for prayer if the main doors are already locked for the night. A code will be given to those who need it for entry.

Pat Milke presented updates on Building and Grounds. A cleanup date on October 9th was held. A few parishioners showed up to help remove trees and work on the parish grounds. Pat has met with contractors to move forward on the handicap accessibility to church. He has gotten bids for the installation of handrails, culvert and dirt. Pat has also received a bid on the repairing of the steeple and siding from ABC Seamless. Their quote was \$9,000.00 to do the repair work, which was much cheaper than other companies he contacted. This quote was given a couple of months ago – Pat will check to see if the price remains current for the repair project. Pat has replaced several of the ballasts in the lights in the hall. He will contact Doug Amen to check on the outside lights as they do not always work properly.

Father Dietrich suggested the purchase of a Votive Candle stand. Several options are available to order. Father will address this as a possible item parishioners might want to make a donation towards or see if PCCW and the Knights would like to share the cost. Rosie VerMaas mentioned the parish hall could use extra white chairs that match the banquet tables. She will check with some stores for prices. The stoves in the kitchen are in need of replacement. Prices will be checked out at area appliance stores and discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed in prayer. The next meeting will be January 26, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Rosie VerMaas, in absence of Grace Benes