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#### MASS SCHEDULE

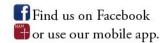
Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday thru Friday 6:40 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 5:00-5:40 p.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Mass until finished 15 minutes before each weekday Mass



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#### A Note from our Pastor...

Hello all!

As I type this on 12/5/2023, there is no word on who our new assistant priest will be. They will most likely be here in January. Please pray that the Holy Spirit may grace us with a good, holy, hardworking priest!



New update! Instead of the 6:40 AM mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, our acolytes will provide what is called a "Communion Service". A Communion Service is a short liturgy that has the Penitential Rite, the readings for the day, and Holy Communion (the hosts were consecrated at a previous Mass). We hope you're able to join!

Lastly, we are going to receive help with covering Advent Confessions, Sunday Masses, and Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses. We'll have a lot of priests you might not know, and some that you do. I know I'm very excited because Fr. Wahlmeier has graciously signed up to cover some Masses on the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day!

Please know of all my prayers for you.

In Christ, ~Fr. Hall

#### PARISH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parish office will be closed each Monday morning, 8 a.m.— Noon, starting Monday, December 11th.
- Parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25th.

#### LAY MINISTRY FOR DECEMBER 16/17

	READERS	ACOLYTES	Servers	SAFE SANCTU- ARY	GREETERS
5:00 PM	Kuta	Novosad Verzal	Hams Becker (2) Ernst	Becker Simpson	Hams Family
7:00 AM	Timmer	Doty Miller	Nguyen, Thomas Hagge (2)	Morrow	
8:00 AM	Lewan- dowski	Hartz Beying	Beying Schidler (2) Oglesby	Krienert	Koenig Family
9:30 AM	Rupp	Hugo Smith	Johnson Hoang Wiechman (2)	Busboom (2)	Volunteer Needed
11:00 AM	Odgaard	Mazour Wordekemper	Kocian Marroquin Nguyen Phoc, N Fernandes	Hannon Seberger	Rupiper Family



Monday December 11

6:40 AM Deceased Members of Pat &

Cletus Neville

8:10 AM †Ryan Ketchmark

Tuesday December 12
6:40 AM All Souls

8:10 AM †Melvin & Joanne Lostroh

Wednesday
6:40 AM
8:10 AM
Thursday

December 13
†Mary Ngu Nguyen
†Daniel Schulte
December 14

6:40 AM Leon & Lenora Kathe

8:10 AM †Pat Rau

Friday
6:40 AM
8:10 AM
Saturday
9:00 AM
December 15
John & Liz Lochner
Clinton Lochner
December 16
†Marilynne Bergman

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday December 16 5:00 PM †Pete Miller Sunday December 17

7:00 AM Makayla Krick and Zach &

Alexa Krings

8:00 AM †Joan B Runyan

9:30 AM Patrick & Jode Weidmann

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBER**

402-540-0398. Please add this number to your contact list. Call in the event of an emergency if a priest is needed.



Received Last Week	12-03-23
Adult Tithe Envelopes	
(192) Families	\$20,258
Adult Electronic Tithe (294) Families	\$12,669
(234) Pallines	\$12,009
Plate	\$1,100
Youth	\$0
Total Tithe Received	\$34,027
Weekly Tithing Goal	\$31,433
Rec'd to date: 07-01-22	\$672,347
Needed for Annual Budget	\$722,959
Annual Budget Overage/Shortage to	
Date	(\$50,612)

#### NAM NEWS

#### SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade science fair is quickly approaching and we are looking for help in judging these creative projects! The science fair will take place Tuesday, January 30th from 9-12. No experience needed! If you are interested, please email Mrs. Beying at amy-beying@cdolinc.net. More information will be sent to those

<u>amy-beying@cdolinc.net</u>. More information will be sent to those interested in January.

#### CALENDAR LOTTERY

Would you like to support our school fundraiser? If so, consider purchasing a calendar lottery. Each \$50 ticket purchased is entered for a chance to win a daily prize based on our "Catholic Calendar". Funds go to support school textbooks, and providing special speakers and events for our students. You can get a form from the school or complete the form online at <a href="https://www.namartyrs.org/school/nam-calendar-lottery-form/">https://www.namartyrs.org/school/nam-calendar-lottery-form/</a>. Thank you for supporting our school!

#### THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

In these times, it can be easy to be discouraged and even fall into despair, but our joy is in the Lord! The Gospel message reaches the hearts of people worldwide through our JOYFUL witness. Join the Men's Group on this incredible journey into the reason for our joy. We will begin this new 7 week series Saturday Dec 9th, at 7:30am in the Kateri Room. As always, donuts and coffee will be ready.

#### BEDMAKING AT GOOD COUNCIL RETREAT HOUSE

Please join us on Monday, December 18th at 4 p.m. The retreat house is located at 7303 N 112th St., Waverly, NE.

#### ADVENT WORD AMONG US

Now Here! The books are located on the information center.

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

You work way too hard to be this broke! Now is the time to take back control of your money, and that starts by taking Financial Peace University. Visit <a href="https://www.fpu.com/A7BB83">https://www.fpu.com/A7BB83</a> to join my class at 1101 Isaac Dr starting on Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for nine weeks — and start making your money work for you. Scholarship and babysitting available. Contact Joe Brandl with questions. 402-477-1895

# CHILI COOK-OFF AND G.I.F.T. TEXAS HOLD'EM CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark your calendars! Please join us on January 20<sup>th</sup> after 5 p.m. Mass for our annual Chili Cook-off! Dust off your favorite chili recipe and join the friendly competition! Or, just come to eat chili, vote for your favorite, and enjoy the fellowship! The famous PCCW cinnamon rolls will be there for sale too. The NFL Playoffs will be on in the Parish Hall and the Gym will be open for the kids.

And, once again, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual GIFT Texas Hold'em Championship will be going on in the Music Room at 6:30 PM. Come cheer on the players! Hope you can join us! \*\*\*PCCW will sell cinnamon rolls after each Mass this weekend, 4 for \$5.00\*\*\*

#### ROSARY VOLUNTEER

A volunteer is needed to help pray the Rosary at 6 p.m. Masses every third week. Please call the parish office for details.

#### MEALS FOR THE PRIESTS

We are so grateful for everything that Fr. Hall does for us and North American Martyrs Parish! He is very busy serving us and bringing us closer to Christ. Help him out by signing up to provide a meal for him during his busy weeks! Sign up here:

https://mealtrain.com/od96o4

#### ST. NICHOLAS VISITS NAM!



Augustine Pfeifer and Hadley Stech, along with their Kindergarten peers at NAM school, dressed as St. Nicholas to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas on Wednesday, December 6th.



#### NAM CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meets in the Kateri room

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:00 p.m. OCIA meets in the Parish hall

6:00 p.m. Seeking the Truth Bible Study meets in the Multi-purpose room

6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society meets in the Kateri room

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30 a.m. Martyrs Men meets in the Kateri room

#### **CCD News**

DECEMBER 13 6:00 p.m. Class

DECEMBER 20 Christmas Party!

#### NAM SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 20 Noon Dismissal

DECEMBER 21-31
No School– Christmas Break

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

All youth are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Caroling Event! Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 p.m. We will meet in the parish hall, then walk around the neighborhood and sing Christmas carols. Afterwards, we will return to the parish hall to have hot cocoa and cookies, and play board games! Dress warm and bring a small flashlight and your singing voice!! Parents are welcome to join us as well.



# PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL BAKERS!
Our Annual PCCW Holiday Bake Sale will be held after all Masses on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The funds will be allocated to purchase new Christmas décor for our church. Please bring your delicious delicacies, (packaged for individual sale) before Mass on Saturday. Don't bake? No problem . . . Stop by our table after Mass and purchase something for your holiday treat!





#### **PCCW POINSETTIA PLANTS**

The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) invites you to purchase a Poinsettia plant to honor or remember a loved one. These beautiful Poinsettias will be gracing our altar throughout the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase a plant, please drop your donation of \$18.00 per plant along with this completed form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. The deadline is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas to all!

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#### **CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

Would you like to sing with a choir for Christmas Mass? We welcome your participation. Youth grades 5 through 12 are encouraged to sing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please come to the practices scheduled:

- Tuesday, Dec 12 6:00 pm
- Thursday, Dec 21 6:00 pm
- Sunday, Dec 24 2:30 pm

Questions, contact Michele Arndt 402-429-4500

Adults and youth grades 5 through 12 are invited to sing at **Midnight Mass.** Practices are scheduled:

- Thursday, Dec 14 6-7 pm
- Monday, 18 6-7 pm
- Sunday, Dec 24 10:30 pm

Questions, contact Carol Ruskamp 402-770-3915.





With RaiseRight, you can always be fundraising for North American Martyrs, just by doing what you do every day. How it works: Earn by purchasing gift cards at face value from more than 750 top brands. Your earnings come directly from the brands you shop, not your pocket, so your gift cards are worth every penny.

50% of this school year (2023-24) family rebate earnings will be credited toward next school years NAM school tuition (2024-25). This can be used for Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade next school year. It's a brand-new idea, and still in the very early stages of planning, but we wanted to roll this idea out to you before one of the biggest shopping seasons of the year. When logging in, use link: https://www.raiseright.com/

Enrollment code: 3545FDFE4858

# Help Catholic Social Services make it a Hope in the Good life CHRISTMAS!

#### **ADOPT-A-FAMILY:**

Select an ANGEL ornament and follow the instructions. You'll either give the gifts directly to the family or drop off at CSS offices by 12/10.



#### GIFT CARDS FOR CLIENTS:

Select an empty **GIFT CARD SLEEVE**.

Purchase a gift card, place in the sleeve,

& drop in the collection basket **by 12/31**.



# ITEMS FOR CSS WALK-IN CLIENTS:

Select a **STOCKING** ornament. Purchase one of the items & drop off at CSS offices by 12/22.



#### **VOLUNTEER AT CSS:**

Your time & talent is truly a TREASURE! To volunteer, select a **MANGER** ornament and follow the instructions.



DROP OFF INFO: CSS Lincoln Offices are located at 2241 O St. Lincoln, NE 68510 CSS Office Hours are Mon-Thurs 9 AM-Noon, 1 -4 PM & Fri 9 AM-Noon



THANK YOU AND HAVE A
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Questions? Please contact CSS Community
Engagement Coordinator Rachel Tvrdy at
402.327.6245 or rtvrdy@csshope.org

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

#### **BAPTISM**

The sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass. First time parents must attend a preparation class. The next baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, January 14th at 1 p.m. To inquire, contact Tamra Tran in the parish office.

#### **MATRIMONY**

To be married at North American Martyrs, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic. To inquire about celebrating a wedding at NAM, call Fr. Nathan Hall at 402-476-8088.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY

#### COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION

To register for preparation for the sacraments or for more information about catechesis for children for ages 3-18, call Carrie Odgaard at 402-782-1428.

#### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA is modeled after how people were brought into the Church in the first centuries. The process is designed for those seeking baptism or confirmation as well as anyone simply wanting to learn more. Classes are each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Please contact the parish office for more information.

#### **ADORATION NEWS**

**Monday**: 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

**Tuesday**: 8 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

**Wednesday**: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5 p.m.

*Thursday*: 8 a.m. *Friday*: Noon

To sign up for a regular Eucharistic Adoration Hour, please use the signup genius link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-perpetual">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-perpetual</a> There you will be able to sign up for the available hours. In addition to those who have signed up for a Holy Hour, all are welcome to join us in the Chapel to adore Him.

### PRAYER REQUESTS



We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill. Remember our sick: Jordan Barry, Margie Belger, Lilly Boeselager, Greg Bothe, Art Brase, Jennifer Brase, Roberta Cook, Carleen Crowe, Sue Coupe, Bella Cox, Jacob & Jaxson DaCunha, Britt Douglas, Diane Eankirk, Earl Franklin, Tina Frenzel, Sonja Gates, Marlys Goodwater, Tom Goodwater, Fran Green, Tom Green, Diane Herms, Hayden Higgins, JJ Kalita, Diane Kankirk, Glee Komenda, Bill Kroll, Mary Langenberg, Judy Lindholm, Clint Lochner, Banks Nelson, Brian O'Dea, Dean Oswald, William Parish, Julie Roberts, Chris Royal, Derek Ruth, Connie Skoglund, Tamela Skrdlant-Horn, Rose Stehno, Barb Sypal, Nancy Thompson, Raegan Thomspson, Paulette Trouba, and Lisa Trausch.

Names will be removed from list after three months unless otherwise notified. Please call the parish office to have a name added or taken off of the prayer list.

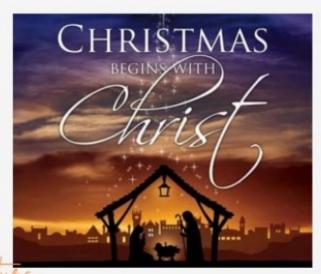
# Christmas Mass Schedule

# CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, Midnight

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM



# ADVENT 2023

## SUNDAY, DEC. 3

First Sunday of Advent Confessions 4:00-4:50 PM

## FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 7 Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Dec. 8 Mass 6:40 AM, 8:10 AM

& 7:00 PM

## SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Second Sunday of Advent Confessions 4:00-4:50 PM

## SUNDAY, DEC. 17

Third Sunday of Advent Confessions 4:00-4:50 PM

# Confessions

Saturday, December 16

4:00-4:45 PM

Wednesday, December 20

7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, December 21

7:00-8:00 PM

Friday, December 22

7:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, December 23

6:00-7:00 PM



#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

#### SISTER OF THE WEEK

Our Sister of the week is Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen, from Vietnam. She is a Jr. Professed Sister from Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy. Please pray for Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen as she continues her vocation to the Sisterhood.

#### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Our Seminarian of the week is Trent Mines, son of William and Mary Mines, from Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln, NE. Trent is studying College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Please pray for for Trent as he continues his seminary formation.

#### ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RAND

With the unrest in the Holy Land Fr. Rand now invites all to consider a spiritual pilgrimage to Italy for April 9, 2024 for 11 days with roundtrip flights from Omaha. Visit the sites of Eucharistic miracles, Rome and the Vatican, Assisi (St Francis and St Clare), Orvieto, Cascia (St Rita), Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotunda (Padre Pio), Grotto of St Michael the Archangel, Holy Veil of Manoppello and so much more. Check out the website: <a href="https://www.tektonministries.org/">https://www.tektonministries.org/</a>

#### MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Join us for a Mass with Prayers for Healing on December 10, 2023, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church, our Nation and for peace in our world.

Salt and water will be blessed before Mass begins and will be offered to all as you leave. You may bring your own and other items to be blessed at that time. Sacrament of Reconciliation, beginning 1:15 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 pm. Praise and Worship 1:40 pm. Blessing of salt/water/religious articles immediately before Mass begins at 2:00 pm. Anointing of the Sick after the homily. Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass.

# ADVENT WITH SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO

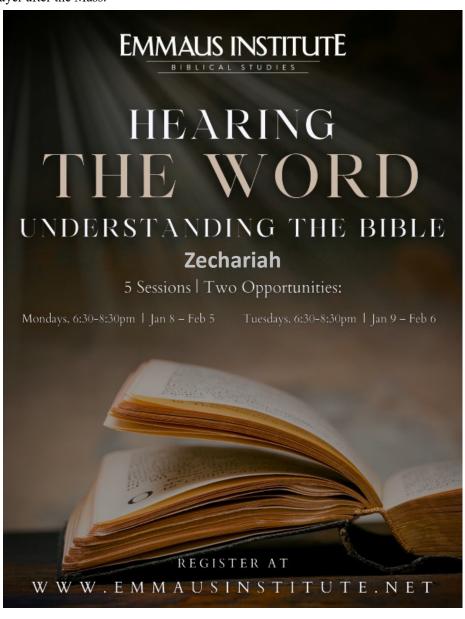
How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter. The Halo, and visit https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/ as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9 a.m., during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at https://spiritcatholicradio.com/

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP AT CSS!

Our Lincoln neighbors need your help! The CSS warehouse and many Family Support Services/Refugee Resettlement Services requests are pending. So, it's time for a CSS FURNITURE DRIVE! Here are the items we need the most:

- -BEDS (single-queen, frames, mattresses, box springs)
- -COUCHES, LOVESEATS & END TABLES (no reclining sofas or loveseats)
- -KITCHEN TABLES & CHAIRS (small sets for small spaces preferred)

To donate, first fill out our screening form: <a href="mailto:csshope.org/furnituredonation">csshope.org/furnituredonation</a> Thanks for sharing and supporting #HopeintheGoodLife!





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