

### General Information

**Baptism:** By appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsors must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively.

**Confession:** Before Mass on Sundays, and other times as indicated in the weekly bulletin.

**Confirmation:** Solemnly administered periodically in the year and may be administered privately by request. Catholics who received confirmation in the post Vatican II rite (1971) should arrange to receive confirmation conditionally in the traditional rite.

**First Holy Communion:** Administered each year on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Adequate knowledge of the catechism is required.

**Matrimony:** If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest before you set a date. At least one of the parties must be a practicing traditional Catholic and member of this parish. Weddings are forbidden during Advent and Lent.

**Communion for the Sick:** Please contact the pastor or coordinator when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

**Extreme Unction:** Do not put off making arrangements until the last moment, but contact the pastor or coordinator promptly if a church member is gravely ill or in danger of death.

**Decorum in Church:** Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater.

**Holy Communion:** Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids.
- Water may be taken at any time.

The communicant kneels at the communion rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The communicant does not say "Amen" after the priest says "*Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.*"

**Singing:** The faithful are invited to join in singing any hymns preceding or following the Mass, but only the choir sings during the course of the Mass.

**Following Sunday Mass:** During High Mass season, there is a potluck brunch downstairs. Everyone is welcome.



## St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

*"Never have so few done so much so well for so long!"*

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Advent III  
Gaudete Sunday  
St. Eusebius

✠ Announcements ✠

**Ember Days!** Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the Church's Ember Days in Advent. All Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusive, are bound by the Church's laws of fast, and all who have attained their seventh year must keep the abstinence (meat only once at the principal meal on Wednesday and Saturday).

**Christmas Mass Remembrance!** Remember your loved ones in our Christmas Day Masses – the perfect gift! Envelopes may be found in the vestibule this morning. Fill them out and put them in the collection basket.

**2019 Calendars Are In!** The 2019 All Saints Roman Catholic Calendar is available now in the vestibule for **\$12.00**.

Set Your Missal: Advent IV. Commemoration of Our Lady in Advent. Trinity Preface.

† **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **(+)Donald Nice**

**Last Week's Totals:**

Collection: \$1,144

Number of Parishioners: 85

**Server Schedule**

**Friday, Dec. 21:** ACs: Bob Poggel, Steve Heckenkamp, (Benediction) Volunteers

**Saturday, Dec. 22:** ACs: Peter & Michael Mueller

**Sunday, Dec. 23:** MCs: Michael Mueller, TH: Peter Mueller, ACs: David Sandberg, Tony Friel, CB: Timothy Sandberg, TBs: Timothy & Andrew Sandberg, Jude & Benedict McGinnis, Usher: Bob Mueller

**This Week's Schedule**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>12/17/18</b>	<b>Ferial Day</b> <b><i>St. Lazarus</i></b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>12/18/18</b>	<b>Ferial Day</b> <b><i>Expectation of Our Lady</i></b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12/19/18</b>	<b>Ember Wednesday</b> <b><u><i>Fast &amp; Partial Abstinence</i></u></b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>12/20/18</b>	<b>Vigil of St. Thomas</b>
	6:30 PM	Holy Hour
<b>Fri</b>	<b>12/21/18</b>	<b>St. Thomas, Apostle</b> <b>Ember Friday</b> <b><u><i>Fast &amp; Complete Abstinence</i></u></b>
	5:20 PM	Confessions, Rosary
	6:00 PM	Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>
	6:40 PM	Holy Face Novena, Benediction
<b>Sat</b>	<b>12/22/18</b>	<b>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</b> <b>Ember Saturday</b> <b><u><i>Fast &amp; Partial Abstinence</i></u></b>
	7:30 AM	Confessions, Rosary
	8:00 AM	Low Mass <i>Our Families (Jeff &amp; Nicole Kimpel &amp; Sam)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/23/18</b>	<b>Advent IV</b>
	8:15 AM	Confessions, Rosary
	9:00 AM	High Mass <i>Courtney Betts (Barbara Morzyk)</i>

## Our Lady, Cause of Our Joy

*Our Lady's Litany*

Where suffering and abandonment loom on the horizon, where the future looks dark without a silver lining, there can be no joy. Such a condition is impossible for the believing Christian. The glorious prospects which faith holds out to him are strong enough not only to make suffering bearable, but to fill the soul with joy in the midst of tribulations, for with the Apostle we also “reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us” (Rom. 8:18). Holy Church speaks of heaven as refreshment, light, and peace. The saints shall not hunger and thirst anymore, for they shall drink from fountains of life; light brighter than the sun shall illumine their heavenly abode and banish night forever, for the Lamb shall be that lamp of the heavenly city; peace profound because without any fear of being ever disturbed, shall inundate their hearts. And who will describe the joy derived from the company of the saints, now free from human shortcomings, serenely reflecting the perfection and amiability of God!

Yet these glorious prospects would not be ours without Mary the Cause of our joy. As Co-redemptrix she merited for us congruously what Jesus merited condignly. And she is ever active in behalf of our salvation by her intercession, by the heavenly desires which she arouses in the soul, by the hope which she enkindles, by the help with which she lightens our burdens. Let us add, that she is also the Mother of our Judge; could her divine Son condemn to hell one for whom His holy Mother intercedes? St. Alphonsus and numberless doctors of the Church insist that he who loves and venerates Mary shall never be lost.

The prospect of seeing our heavenly Mother face to face and of spending our eternity with her is one of the brightest lights in our joy. Indeed, heaven would not be heaven without her. Until we are with her in heaven, safe in our Father's home and drawing the waters of joy from the eternal fountains of the Savior, Mary is the Cause of our hope and joy. “And after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.”

### My Joy and My Peace

*By St. Therese of Lisieux*

My joy I find in pain and loss,  
I love the thorns that guard the rose,  
With joy I kiss each heavy cross,  
And smile with every tear that flows.  
When clouds the sunny skies o'ercast

And weary grows my heart the while,  
My joy it is that joy is past,  
And gone my Lord's consoling smile.

My peace is hid in Jesus' breast:  
May His sweet will alone be done!  
What fear can mar my perfect rest,  
Who loves the shadow as the sun?

Whene'er He stealeth from my side,  
With many a fond and sweet caress,  
I then to Him my love confide  
With double warmth and tenderness.

'Tis all for Thee, dear Jesus mine,  
Yea, suffering is my gladsome choice;  
My joy on earth – my bliss divine –  
Ah, 'tis to make Thy Heart rejoice!

Since love's divine, celestial breath  
Is all I need my heart to bless,  
What matters life, what matters death?  
Love is my peace, my happiness!

### Rejoice in the Lord

*How to Converse Continually and Familiarly With God, By St. Alphonsus*

When you receive some pleasant news, do not act as certain unfaithful and ungrateful persons are wont to do: They pray to God in adversity but forget and abandon Him in prosperity. Be as faithful to Him as you are to a friend who loves you and desires your welfare. Go at once to God and tell Him of your joy, praise and thank Him for it, and thus acknowledge that it is entirely a gift from His bounty. And rejoice in this happiness, because it has been bestowed upon you by His good pleasure. In Him alone, therefore, seek joy and consolation: “*I will rejoice in the Lord, and I will joy in God, my Jesus.*” Say to Him: My Jesus, I bless You and will always bless You for the many graces bestowed on me when I deserve not graces but chastisements because of my many offenses against You. Say to Him with the Sacred Spouse: “*Both fresh and mellowed fruits, my lover, I have kept in store for you.*” I thank You, O Lord, I wish to be mindful of Your benefits, both past and present in order to render You honor and glory for them forever.

But if you love God, you should rejoice more in His happiness than in your own. One who has a very dear friend sometimes feels happier over his friend's good than over his own personal welfare. Then take

comfort in the thought that your God is infinitely blessed. Say to him often: My beloved Lord, I rejoice more in Your happiness than in any good thing I have; indeed I do, because I love You more than I love myself.

### **Advent Watchfulness**

When shall freedom be fully given to me to see how sweet Thou art, O Lord, my God?... many evils befall me in this vale of miseries, often disturbing me, making me sad and overshadowing me, often hindering and distracting me, alluring and entangling me...

O Jesus, Splendor of eternal glory...to Thee my silence speaks. How long will my Lord delay His coming? Let Him come to His poor servant and make him happy....Come, O come, for without Thee there will be no happy day or hour, because Thou art my happiness and without Thee my table is empty. I am wretched... until Thou fillest me with the light of Thy presence, restorest me to liberty, and showest me a friendly countenance. Let others seek whatever they will, but nothing pleases me or will please me but Thee, my God, my hope, my everlasting salvation. I will not be silent, I will not cease praying until Thy grace returns to me, and Thou speakest inwardly to me, saying: *“Behold, I am here. Lo, I have come to you because you have called Me. Your tears and the desire of your soul, your humility and contrition of heart have inclined Me and brought Me to you.”*

*-Thomas a Kempis*

### **Ember Days**

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday will be the fast of the Ember Days, instituted in order to consecrate by penance, each of the four seasons of the year: and also that every individual amongst us may, from time to time, remember that he should pass his life in the practice of penance.

The Church has established the fast of the Ember Days, - 1<sup>st</sup> to beg pardon of God for the sins committed during the past season; - 2<sup>nd</sup> to thank Him for the graces received during that time; - 3<sup>rd</sup> to ask His blessing on the fruits of the earth, and the assistance necessary to enable us to make a holy use of the season which is about to begin.

This is also the time when the Church ordains her ministers. In union with her, beg of Jesus Christ to give her holy priests, endued with grace and knowledge, who will edify the faithful by the purity of their conduct, and by the efficacy of their exhortations.

### **Note from Father**

Dear Faithful,

The Octave of Our Lady’s Immaculate Conception is now complete and Holy Mother Church tells us in her liturgical texts of today: “Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice!” And why? “For the Lord is nigh.” A good reason, indeed, to be joyful. I’m sure that many of you are feeling the pressure of playing Santa’s Elf...I mean, doing all the Christmas shopping and cleaning and cooking and planning and.... But we are warned against that by our caring Mother, as well. “Be nothing solicitous: but in everything by prayer let your petitions be made known to God.” Don’t worry, just pray! Do what you must, but do it, as Our Lady would have in her 9 months of expectancy, peacefully, prayerfully, looking with joy to the coming of the Infant Savior!

Saint Nicholas said that he had a nice visit with all the children last week. I think it was his first time at St. Hugh’s. The kids seemed to enjoy the visit, too. The kind-hearted saint was extremely busy, for the next day he stopped by to visit the children at St. Gertrude’s. A saint’s work is never done, at least until the last soul has reached its heavenly home. Until then, he intercedes for each one of these souls, so precious in the sight of God.

Yesterday was Fr. German Fliess’ anniversary of ordination. Father is from Argentina, originally. Now, he works as a seminary professor at Most Holy Trinity Seminary. He teaches Latin and Greek as well as many other subjects. Do pray for this priest in his duty of training our future priests.

Fr. McKenna is off to St. Joseph of Arimathea Mission this afternoon, where he says Mass for a few faithful souls. Since the coordinator is a funeral director, Mass is offered in the parlor of a funeral home. Actually, it is quite the nice arrangement! Fr. Lehtoranta finishes up his last week of school before Christmas break begins. Then he will be coming to visit you. He is, after all, called the “Christmas priest” by some of the children for a reason. Don’t forget the Christmas Eve (Monday) morning High Mass!

I wish you all a very joyful preparation for Christmas and will keep you all in my prayers that your finishing spiritual touches be accomplished and that you have a peaceful Christmas season.

In Our Lady,  
Fr. McGuire