

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.



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

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Advent IV

✦ Announcements ✦

The Vigil of Christmas is a day of fast and complete abstinence. The beautiful Vigil Mass will be sung at 9:00 a.m. Christmas Confessions will be heard from 8:20-8:50 a.m.

The Christmas schedule is as follows:

11:20 p.m. Christmas Carols

Midnight High Mass

Christmas Morning: 9:30 Christmas Carols, 10:00 a.m. Low Mass

Thursday is the feast of St. John. The Blessing of Wine and Beverages will be done after Mass. Then join us downstairs for some food and blessed beverages. There is no evening Holy Hour.

Friday is the feast of the Holy Innocents. A special morning has been planned for the children. High Mass will be sung at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch and a story read by Father Lehtoranta! Please note that there are no evening ceremonies this Friday.

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

📖Set Your Missal: Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. Commemorations of the Octave of the Nativity and the Octave of St. John. Preface and proper Communicantes of the Nativity.

🕯The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the following intention: **(+)Robert Toerpe**

Last Week's Totals:

Collection: \$964

Number of Parishioners: 83

Server Schedule

Monday, Dec. 24: ACs: Michael & Peter Mueller

Tuesday, Dec. 25: Midnight Mass: MC: Andrew Kimpel, TH: Brian Kimpel, ACs: David Sandberg, Tony Friel, CB: Jude McGinnis, TBs: Timothy & Andrew Sandberg, Jude & Benedict McGinnis, Usher: Bob Mueller, **10 a.m.:** Steve Heckenkamp, Bob Poggel, Usher: Dale Sandberg

Wednesday, Dec. 26: ACs: Steve Heckenkamp, Bob Poggel

Thursday, Dec. 27: ACs: Michael & Peter Mueller

Friday, Dec. 28: MC: David Sandberg, TH: Tony Friel, ACs: Peter Mueller, Andrew Sandberg, CB: Timothy Sandberg, TBs: Jude & Benedict McGinnis

Saturday, Dec. 29: ACs: Brian Kimpel, Bob Poggel

Sunday, Dec. 30: MCs: Peter Mueller, TH: David Sandberg, ACs: Tony Friel, Timothy Sandberg, CB: Andrew Sandberg, TBs: Jude & Benedict McGinnis, Usher: Bob Mueller

This Week's Schedule

Mon	12/24/18 9:00 AM 11:20 PM	Vigil of the Nativity High Mass (+)Donald Neis & (+)Robert Toerpe Christmas Carols
Tue	12/25/18 Midnight 9:30 AM 10:00 AM <i>Private Mass</i>	Nativity of Our Lord High Mass <i>The Clergy Who Serve St. Hugh of Lincoln</i> Christmas Carols Low Mass <i>All Whose Names Are on the Altar</i> Low Mass <i>Our Family (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)</i>
Wed	12/26/18 10:00 AM	St. Stephen, Protomartyr Low Mass (+)David Heckenkamp & the Poor Souls in Purgatory (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)
Thu	12/27/18 9:00 AM	St. John, Ap. & Evangelist Low Mass <i>Wilkie Family (Gary & Karen Dempsey)</i> Blessing of Wine & Beverages, Reception
Fri	12/28/18 10:20 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Innocents Confessions, Rosary, Holy Face Novena High Mass <i>For the People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i> Children's Party with Lunch
Sat	12/29/18 7:30 AM 8:00 AM	St. Thomas Confessions, Rosary Low Mass <i>My Deceased Relatives in Purgatory (Mark Cash)</i>
Sun	12/30/18 8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Sunday within the Octave Confessions, Rosary High Mass <i>My Grandchildren (Loretta Golimowski)</i>

Christmas Thoughts

“Let us come close to the crib. If you love riches, you will find the gold that the kings brought; if you are looking for the smoke of honors, you will find that in the incense; and if you take delight in the delicacies of the senses, you will find the delicate perfume of myrrh that pervades the stable. Be rich in love for this adorable Savior, respectful in the familiarity with which you relate to Him, and delight in the joy of experiencing in your soul so many inspirations and affections because you belong exclusively to Him.”

-*St. Francis de Sales*

Christmas Eve

By St. Alphonsus

God had decreed that His Son should be born not in the house of Joseph, but in a cavern and stable of beasts, in the poorest and most painful way that a child can be born; and therefore He caused Caesar to publish an edict, by which people were commanded to go and enroll themselves, every one in his own city whence he drew his origin.

When Joseph heard this order, he was much agitated as to whether he should take with him or leave behind the Virgin Mother, as she was now so near childbirth. My spouse and my lady, said he to her, on the one hand, I do not wish to leave you alone; on the other, if I take you with me, I am much afflicted at the thought of all that you will have to suffer during this long journey, and in such severe weather. My poverty will not permit me to conduct you with that comfort which you require. But Mary answers him, and tries to give him courage with these words: My Joseph, do not fear. I will go with you; the Lord will assist us. She knew, both by divine inspiration, and also because she was well versed in the prophecy of Micheas, that the divine Infant was to be born in Bethlehem. She therefore takes the swaddling clothes, and the other miserable garments already prepared, and departs with Joseph. And Joseph also went up...to be enrolled with Mary.

Let us now consider all the devout and holy discourses which these two holy spouses must have held during this journey concerning the mercy, goodness and love of the divine Word, who was shortly to be born, and to appear on the earth for the salvation of men. Let us also consider the praises, the benedictions, the thanksgivings, the acts of humility and love, which these two illustrious pilgrims uttered on the way. This holy Virgin, so soon to become a mother, certainly suffered much in so long a journey, made in the middle of winter, and over rough roads; but she suffered with peace and with love. She offered to God all these her trials uniting them to those of Jesus, whom she carried in her womb.

Oh, let us unite ourselves also, and let us accompany Mary and Joseph in the journey of our life; and with them, let us accompany the King of

Heaven, Who is born in a cave and makes His first appearance in the world as an infant, but as the poorest and most forsaken infant that ever was born amongst men. And let us beseech Jesus, Mary, and Joseph that, through the merits of the pains which they suffered in this journey, they would accompany us in the journey that we are making to eternity. Oh, blessed shall we be if, in life and in death, we keep company with these three great personages, and are always accompanied by them!

The Angels at the Nativity

Let us this day venerate the Angels who adored Jesus at the moment of His Incarnation, and when He appeared in the flesh. No sooner did He assume our nature at Mary's fiat, than her room is filled with innumerable troops of these blessed Spirits, all vying with one another in adoring the Son, and in greeting the Mother; and on that ever blessed night, when He appeared wrapped in swaddling clothes, and was laid in a manger, they again descend and rend the air with “Glory be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will!”

Glory be to God on high. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee. We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us. Who takest away the sins of the world: Receive our prayer. Who sittest at the right hand of the Father: Have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art Our Lord. Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art most high, together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Polish Christmas Custom

Poland offers the world as beautiful a festival in the spiritual values of the occasion as can be found in the whole realm of Religious tradition in its “Festival of the Star.”

December 24th is a Fast Day until the first star appears in the evening sky. This star is eagerly watched for by the children who strive with one another to be the first to announce it. The “Wilia,” or Christmas Supper, then begins. Straw is placed under the table, the dishes and tablecloth; a chair is left vacant for the Holy Child.

The head of the family takes a thin wafer bearing Christmas characters and blessed by the Priest and with a simple prayer for God's Grace and the welfare of the present, and absent, member of his family, breaks the wafer and distributes it, a piece to each, at the table.

The traditional Supper of certain fish then commences, followed by the choicest and most varied of the regional foods the house can offer. After the Supper the streets are traversed by boys and girls singing carols,

and carrying “Zopkas” with marionettes performing upon its miniature stage the traditional Nativity Play. Also thronging the streets will be other boys garbed as strange beasts, the devil, and other characters, led by a Star Boy; echoes of some long-forgotten Miracle Play. The “Festival of the Star” is brought to a close with the celebration at midnight of the “Shepherd’s Mass.”

On the feast of the Epiphany, the priest and the organist visit the homes, bless them and write over their doors the initials of the three wise men...in the belief that this will spare the homes from misfortune.

The two polish carols: Gdy Sie, Chrystus Rodzi (When Christ is Born) and Medrcy Swiata (Three Wise Men) are a beautiful tribute to Christmas and the Epiphany.

You Come Down from the Stars

Music and Verse by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

You come down from the stars

Oh King of Heavens,

And you come in a cave

In the cold, in the frost.

Oh my Divine Baby

I see you trembling here,

Oh Blessed God,

Ah, how much it cost you,

Your loving me.

Ah, how much it cost you,

Your loving me.

For you, who are of all the world

The creator,

No robes and fire,

Oh my Lord.

No robes and fire,

Oh my Lord.

Dear chosen one, little infant

This dire poverty,

Makes me love you more

Since Love made you

Poor now.

Since Love made you

Poor now.

Note from Father

Dear Faithful,

Today is the last Sunday of Advent and it is only a short couple of days until we rejoice at the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Word is made flesh and dwells amongst us!! It is so important that while the world celebrates materialism by mountains of gifts, we remember that the most important gift was given to us on the very first Christmas...The Only Begotten Son of the Father.

Both at St. Gertrude’s and at St. Hugh’s volunteers have been busy preparing and decorating the Church for this great feast. Often times Frs. McGuire and Lehtoranta enjoy joking that I am a scrooge or a Grinch. It is, of course, light-hearted banter based in the reality that 1) I am very devoted to the separation of the Advent and Christmas seasons (I hate seeing Advent being forgotten) and 2) That I don’t really care for modern Christmas songs and decorations. {Inflatable Santa’s need not apply!} However, this Grinch’s heart grows three times its size every Christmas midnight Mass when I see the beautiful Christmas manger and decorations at our churches and hear the beautiful liturgical Christmas music and traditional hymns bringing in this high feast. Many thanks to all the servers, choir members, organist, and volunteers who have made our Christmas seasons so wonderful. I can’t wait to get up to St. Hugh and take in all its beauty.

My visit last weekend was very enjoyable. The weather could not have been better for early winter. It was sunny and dry. I enjoyed going down by the lake after checking some books out of the Salzman library, as well as the beautiful sunset I enjoyed enroute to the St. Joseph of Arimathea mission in Park Falls. Some rose colored skies for Gaudete Sunday and its wonderful Rose vestments.

Fr. Lehtoranta, (our own Father Christmas), has joined you for this weekend and remains there through the start of the New Year. His extended visit provides ample opportunity for people to attend some extra Masses and make good Christmas confessions. If it has been a while since you have last confessed your sins, be sure to take advantage of his presence. Christ came to redeem man from sin, after all!

Fr. McGuire and I are here at St. Gertrude’s for the Midnight Mass. Father stays for the feast day, while I take off on Christmas morning to fly up and say Christmas evening Mass for the faithful in Grand Forks, ND. I then continue to Powers Lake and then Dallas for Christmas week Masses. Some wonder if it is hard to travel for Christmas. My answer often surprises people...NO! There is no greater way for a priest to spend Christmas than being able to provide the opportunity for the faithful to visit the Christ Child, not just as a statue in the manger, but in the Flesh in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

May your Christmas be filled with many blessings and may the Christ Child be an ever present and intimate part of your Christmas season.

In Our Infant Redeemer,

Fr. McKenna