

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.

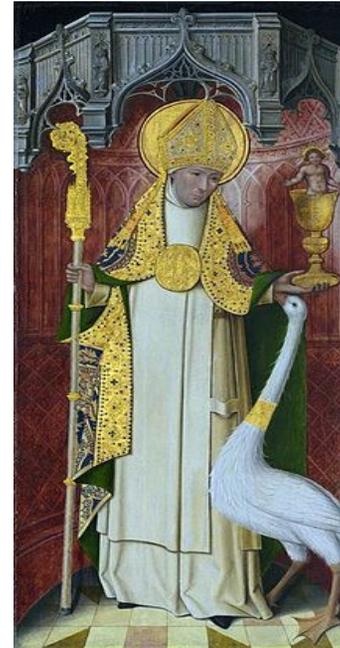
Holy Communion: Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- 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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December 30, 2018

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

✦ Announcements ✦

Tuesday is New Year's Day and the Feast of the Circumcision.

It is, of course, a Holy Day of Obligation in the U.S. Confessions will be heard at 9:20 a.m. and Holy Mass and Benediction will be sung at 10:00 a.m. Attendance at Mass is obligatory under pain of mortal sin.

Friday is First Friday. Exposition will take place at 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass will, as usual, be offered at 6:00. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament closes with Benediction at 7:50 PM.

Epiphany Chalk will be blessed after the Sunday Mass. Take home a packet of this precious sacramental. Please limit one per household. Then, join us downstairs for coffee and donuts.

Bishop Dolan will be doing Confirmations this coming Saturday after the morning Mass. Adults, please contact Fr. McGuire (his cell phone number is on the front of the bulletin) if you were never confirmed or if you were confirmed in the Novus Ordo in the 1970's.

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

📖Set Your Missal: Epiphany of Our Lord. Preface and Communicantes of Epiphany.

🕯The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the following intention: **Gary Dempsey**

Last Week's Totals:

Collection: \$1,106

Number of Parishioners: 77

Server Schedule

Monday, Dec. 31: AC: Bob Poggel

Tuesday, Jan. 1: MC: Brian Kimpel, TH: Michael Mueller, ACs: Peter Mueller, David Sandberg, CB: Tony Friel, TBs: Timothy & Andrew Sandberg, Jude & Benedict McGinnis, Usher: Bob Mueller

Friday, Jan. 4: Timothy & Andrew Sandberg, (Benediction) David Sandberg, Dale Sandberg

Saturday, Jan. 5: ACs: Brian Kimpel, Michael Mueller

Sunday, Jan. 6: MCs: Andrew & Brian Kimpel, TH: Michael Mueller, ACs: Peter Mueller, David Sandberg, CB: Tony Friel, TBs: David & Timothy Sandberg, Jude & Benedict McGinnis, Usher: Bob Mueller

This Week's Schedule

Mon	12/31/18 8:00 AM	St. Sylvester Low Mass <i>Special Intention</i> (Gary & Karen Dempsey)
Tue	1/1/19 9:20 AM 10:00 AM	The Circumcision Octave Day of Christmas <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u> Confessions, Rosary High Mass <i>Rose Pfeiffer</i> (Grace Mueller) Benediction
Wed	1/2/19	The Holy Name of Jesus Octave Day of St. Stephen <i>Infant of Prague</i>
Thu	1/3/19 6:30 PM	Octave Day of St. John St. Genevieve Holy Hour
Fri	1/4/19 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:40 PM 7:50 PM	Octave Day of the Holy Innocents First Friday Exposition, Rosary, Sacred Heart Devotions Confessions, Adoration Low Mass <i>For the People of</i> <i>St. Hugh of Lincoln</i> Holy Face Novena, Adoration Closing Benediction
Sat	1/5/19 7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Vigil of the Epiphany St. Telesphorus First Saturday Confessions, Rosary Low Mass <i>Matthew Eshiarakhe Peter</i> (Joanne Heckenkamp) Sacrament of Confirmation
Sun	1/6/19 8:15 AM 9:00 AM	The Epiphany of Our Lord Confessions, Rosary High Mass <i>Brian Kimpel</i> (Jeff & Nicole Kimpel & Sam) Blessing of Epiphany Chalk

The Bells of the Lord

Bells are meant to remind us that God alone is good, that we belong to him, that we are not living for this world.

They break in upon our cares in order to remind us that all things pass away and that our preoccupations are not important.

They speak to us of our freedom, which responsibilities and transient cares make us forget.

They are the voice of our alliance with the God of heaven.

They tell us that we are His true temple. They call us to peace with Him and within ourselves.

The bells say: business does not matter. Rest in God and rejoice, for this world is only the figure and promise of a world to come, and only those who are detached from transient things can possess the substance of eternal promise.

The bells say: we have spoken for centuries from the towers of the great churches. We have spoken to the saints, your fathers, in their land. We called them, as we call you, to sanctity.

-Thomas Merton

The Nativity

Among the oxen (like an ox I'm slow)

I see a glory in the stable grow

Which, with an ox's dullness might at length

Give me an ox's strength.

Among the asses (stubborn I as they)

I see my Savior where I looked for hay;

So may my beastlike folly learn at least

The patience of a beast.

Among the sheep (I like a sheep have strayed)

I watch the manger where my Lord is laid;

Oh that my baa-ing would win thence

Some woolly innocence!

Indulged Prayer for Christmastide

Most dear Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made a Child for us, didst will to be born in a cave to free us from the darkness of sin, to draw us unto Thee, and to set us on fire with Thy holy love; we adore Thee as our Creator and Redeemer, we acknowledge Thee and choose Thee for our King and Lord, and for tribute we offer Thee all the affection of our poor hearts. Dear Jesus, our Lord and God, graciously accept this offering, and that it may be worthy of Thine acceptance, forgive us our sins, enlighten us, and inflame us with that sacred fire which Thou camest to bring upon the earth and to enkindle in our souls...

grant that we may seek Thy greater glory here on earth, so that one day we may come to enjoy Thine infinite loveliness in heaven. Amen.

New Year's Prayer

O Eternal Father, we humbly ask pardon for our manifold sins and negligences, for the time we have wasted in vanities and for our want of correspondence with Thy graces in the past. Confident in Thy mercy, we ask Thy blessing upon our resolutions. We renew the sacred promises we made in Baptism, when we first became Thy children. We renounce Satan with all his works and pomps. Firmly convinced that the salvation of our immortal souls is the one great business of life, we solemnly resolve for the future not only to do all in our power to avoid every mortal sin, but also to shun every unnecessary occasion that might imperil our souls. We further resolve to fulfill with greater fidelity the duties of our state in life, to give more attention to our progress in things spiritual, to be more devoted to the Holy Mass, to receive the Sacraments more frequently, to pray more often and more fervently. Bless, O my God, these good resolutions which we offer to Thee at this, the threshold of a new year. Give us Thy precious grace and make us truly wise. The days and years of our life are passing so swiftly away. Help us, in Thy mercy, to utilize them as we ought to do, for Thy greater honor and glory, for the good of our neighbor, and for our sanctification. The night cometh in which no man can work longer; soon, at best, we shall have to appear before Thee to render an account of our stewardship. May we then be found worthy to receive from Thee that divine welcome: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Polish Christmas Custom

There is one love of Mary's Heart we might not think enough of; it was a great love and a peculiar one, - Mary's love for St. Joseph. Oh, pure, beautiful, conjugal love of Mary and Joseph, the dear, dear saint whom Mary so revered. We have penetrated little into the secret recesses of Mary's Heart if we have not discovered its great love for St. Joseph, and if ours likewise do not love him in union with the Heart of our Mother. What was the principal characteristic of Mary's love for St. Joseph? In what did it differ from many of the other loves that possessed her Heart? In this, that with others they (even Our Lord during the great part of His life) depended upon her, but she herself depended upon St. Joseph. He was her spouse, her faithful guardian, and grateful indeed was Mary for the protector God had provided for her. Glad was she to rest upon him. Mary, though indeed the "valiant woman," was not at all what would be called a strong-minded woman,

as the people of the present day use that expression. The women of our times clamoring for their rights, would have had no sympathy from her. Mary loved retirement and her quiet home duties. She loved to have one upon whom she could lean and whom she could defer to, one who would provide for her and shield her from the world. How could she expect to find such a one, - she who had resolved to remain ever a virgin? But there is nothing divine love cannot provide. It was to all appearances impossible, but nothing is impossible with God. We should have almost thought it necessary that an angel in the form of a man should have lived with her, and passed before the world as her spouse. But no; God chose St. Joseph; God trusted him with the fair white lily of Jerusalem, and Mary in return poured upon him from her pure receptacle of love, her ineffably precious Heart, a love that she gave no other. No one shares with St. Joseph the love Mary bestowed upon him on earth, and the love she now bears him in heaven.

Good Christmas Time Meditation Before Mass or Holy Communion Prayer

O heavenly Father, see my poor heart open to welcome you, touched by your divine grace. Drive from my heart the evil one, for of myself I am unable to do so. O lovely Infant Jesus, you will abide with me once more. O that I might prepare for you an agreeable dwelling place in my heart, Jesus. Almighty Savior, come to my aid! Dearest Jesus, wash me with the tears which my sins draw from your sweet eyes. Bless me, hands of my infant Savior! Lips of my Jesus, open to me and say, "Your sins are forgiven." May Your love remain in my heart, dear Jesus! My sins have put you to death. Be born again in me. Bless me and give me simplicity of heart, humility and obedience. (*Venerable John Neumann*)

Prayer for Families for the Month of January

May Thy presence, most Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever bless our homes and fill them with the virtues so perfectly practiced in thine own Holy Family in Nazareth. Protect us from all dangers, bless our endeavors, and keep always in our family the spirit of love, of peace and happiness. Amen.

Note from Father

Dear Faithful,

I again had the privilege of spending the Christmas week with you. This was already my eighth consecutive Christmas at St. Hugh of Lincoln. Thank you for all the volunteers who helped to make our little church so beautiful, especially to the Mueller, Heckenkamp, and Kimpel families. They sacrificed hours of their time so that Our Lord would have as pretty a place as possible to descend onto our altars in this holy season.

Fr. McKenna wrote last week how he hates to see Advent forgotten. One of our beautiful "Lincolnian" traditions has, for some time now, been to have a High Mass with incense on Christmas Eve. This Mass is the final, and also the most worthy way to welcome the season of Christ's birth. And I was very happy to see, that so many of you sacrificed your time in the midst of your busiest Christmas preparations, and came to sing, serve and attend this wonderful Vigil Mass.

One advantage of the lack of snow is that it is much easier for our faithful to attend the Christmas midnight Mass. It was good to see so many, especially many families with children, attend this Holy Night Sacrifice. My thanks for all the servers and the choir members, who shortened their sleep to make our Christmas night truly a Holy Night. Thanks also to Bob Mueller for fixing the lights and doing the ushering; and also to Caius McGinnis and his younger brothers, who took their small but important duty as deputy ushers very seriously, and make sure that the church and rectory doors are opened and shut in proper time.

On Friday we had another beautiful High Mass, this time that of the Holy Innocents. This Mass brings a little sorrowful shade of purple in the midst of the joyous Christmas week. It is because of sin and self-love, that the modern world has either abandoned, spoiled, or killed its children. As it is sung in the Epiphany hymn: "What makes thee, cruel Herod, quake / lest Christ thy crown from thee should take? / He will not seize an earthly throne / Who heavenly kingdoms makes our own." After the High Mass and the blessing of children, we had our very well attended children's party. For this year's story I chose "Toinette and the Elves" by Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, which teaches children the important lesson of being kind and patient with their siblings. In the old days, the stories were told not just for entertainment, but also for a lesson and warning. If you missed our party, read the story; it might give something to think about even for adults.

Remember that January 1st is the feast of The Circumcision, and a Holy Day of obligation. That is also the octave of Christmas. But the Epiphany celebrations are also part of the Christmas cycle, so it's not until January 13, when the festive times end. And if you wish, you can leave your decorations up until February 2. So Merry Christmas, everybody. If the world has anticipated this feast since Thanksgiving, let us Catholics return to the crib still several times more.

Yours in Christ and Mary,

Fr. Vili Lehtoranta