

### 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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March 31, 2019

Lent IV  
Laetare Sunday

## ✦ Announcements ✦

Stations of the Cross will take place after this morning's Holy Mass.

This Friday is First Friday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:00 p.m.; Confessions will be heard from 5:30-5:50. After the 6:00 Mass, Adoration will continue until Benediction at 7:50.

Saturday is First Saturday. Benediction and Devotions to Our Lady will take place after Holy Mass. Then, if you are able, please stay for a little bit to help veil the holy images and statues in the church.

The Blessing of Religious Articles will take place after Mass and Stations of the Cross next Sunday.

**📖Set Your Missal:** Passion Sunday. Second prayer for the Church. Preface of the Holy Cross.

**🕯 The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **(+)Therese Binder and (+)Providence Rewolinski**

### **Last Week's Totals:**

Collection: \$1,198

Number of Parishioners: 82

### **Serber Schedule**

**Friday, Apr. 5:** Sandberg's

**Saturday, Apr. 6:** Michael & Peter Mueller, Benediction: Volunteers

**Sunday, Apr. 7:** MC: David Sandberg, TH: Tony Friel, ACs: Andrew & Brian Kimpel, CB: Benedict McGinnis, TBs: Timothy & Andrew Sandberg, Jude & Benedict McGinnis, Usher: Dale Sandberg

## **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>4/1/19</b>	<b>Ferial Day</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>4/2/19</b>	<b>St. Francis of Paula</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4/3/19</b>	<b>Ferial Day</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>4/4/19</b> 6:30 PM	<b>St. Isidore of Seville</b> Stations of the Cross, Rosary
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4/5/19</b> 5:00 PM 5:20 PM 6:00 PM 6:40 PM 7:50 PM	<b>St. Vincent Ferrer</b> <b>First Friday</b> Exposition, Rosary, Sacred Heart Devotions Confessions, Adoration Low Mass <i>The People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i> Holy Face Novena, Adoration Closing Benediction
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4/6/19</b> 7:30 AM 8:00 AM  8:40 AM	<b>Ferial Day</b> <b>First Saturday</b> Confessions, Rosary Low Mass <i>Salvation/Conversion of Jane Robinson, James Robinson, Kyla Robinson, Andy Robinson, Anne Smyzek (David Robinson)</i> Benediction, First Saturday Devotions Veiling of Statues/Images – Volunteers Wanted
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/7/19</b> 8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<b>Passion Sunday</b> Confessions, Rosary High Mass <i>Most Forgotten Soul in Purgatory (Mark Cash)</i> St. Francis of Assisi Stations of the Cross Blessing of Religious Articles

## Two Gospel Thoughts

*Divine Intimacy*

Today there is a pause of holy joy and spiritual comfort which the Church, like a good mother, gives us in the middle of the Lenten austerity so that we may renew our strength. “Rejoice, O Jerusalem,” the Introit of today’s Mass sings, “and all you who love her, leap with joy and be filled with the abundance of her delights.” What are these delights? The Gospel (Jn 6, 1-15) answers the question by the narrative of the multiplication of the loaves, the great miracle by which Jesus meant to prepare the people for the announcement of a much more startling miracle, the institution of the Holy Eucharist, in which He, the Master, would become our Bread, the “living Bread which came down from Heaven” (ibid. 6, 41) to nourish our souls. This is the cause of our joy, the source of our delight. Jesus is the Bread of life, always at our disposal to appease our hunger.

Although Jesus appreciates spiritual values much better than we, He does not forget or despise the material necessities of life. Today’s Gospel shows Him surrounded by the crowd which had followed Him to hear His teachings. Jesus thinks of their hunger, and to provide for it, performs one of His most outstanding miracles. With His blessing, five loaves of bread and two fishes suffice to feed five thousand people, with twelve basketfuls left over.

Jesus knows that when a person is tormented by hunger or material needs, he is unable to apply himself to the things of the spirit. Charity likewise requires of us this understanding of the bodily necessities of others, a practical understanding which translates itself into efficacious action. “If a brother or sister be naked and want daily food, and one of you say to them, ‘Go in peace’ ...yet give them not those things that are necessary for the body, what shall it profit?” (Jas 2, 15-16).

The Apostles had suggested to the Master that He dismiss the crowd “that they may buy themselves victuals” (Mt 14, 15). Jesus did not agree but provided for them Himself. We, too, must strive, as far as we are able, to show ourselves solicitous for the needs of others.

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Before performing this miracle, Jesus asked Philip, “Whence shall we buy bread wherewith to feed these people?” And the Evangelist observes, “He said that to try him, for He knew what He was about to do.” There is no difficulty in our lives for which God does not know the solution. From all eternity He has foreseen it and has the remedy for each case, no matter how complicated the situation may be. However, sometimes in difficult circumstances He seems to leave us alone as if the outcome were to depend on us, but He does this only to test

us. He wants us to measure our strength against the difficulty – which makes us more aware of our weakness and insufficiency – and He wants us also to exercise our faith and our confidence in Him. The Lord never really abandons us unless we forsake Him first. He only hides Himself and covers His actions with a dark veil. This is the time to believe, to believe firmly, and to wait with humble patience and complete confidence.

The Apostles tell Jesus that a young boy has five loaves and two fishes, that this is very little, in fact, nothing at all for feeding five thousand men. But the Lord asks for this nothing and uses it to accomplish a great miracle. It is always thus: the all-powerful God, who can do everything and create from nothing, when dealing with His free creatures, will not act without their help. Man can do but very little; yet God wants, asks for, and requires this little as a condition of His intervention. Only the Lord can make us saints, as only He could multiply the small supplies of the young boy; still He asks for our help. Like the boy in the Gospel, we too must give Him everything in our power; we must offer Him each day our good resolutions, renewed faithfully and lovingly, and he will bring about a great miracle for us also, the miracle of our sanctification.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: How a Devotion Grew

*Our Sunday Visitor’s Treasury of Catholic Stories*

In 1647 there was born a child in France, named Margaret Mary Alacoque, who was to be the means of spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart. Since her one desire was to give her life to the service of God, she entered the convent of the Visitation Sisters. There her love for the Blessed Sacrament became so strong that it was only with difficulty that she could tear herself away from the Divine Presence. She used to tell Our Lord that she wished to be consumed with love for Him as a candle is consumed while burning.

Once while she was rapt in prayer before the altar, Our Lord appeared to her. He showed Himself in glory with His five wounds shining like five brilliant suns, and His Sacred Heart like a furnace of fire. He told her how much He loves all mankind and how He feels the ingratitude they show Him by forgetting Him. He appeared to her a second and a third time in 1675. On the last occasion He said, “Behold this heart that has loved men so much that it has spared nothing to testify to them its love; and in return I receive from most of them only ingratitude by their irreverences and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in the Sacrament of Love.”

She told all these things to her confessor, the Blessed Claude de la Colombiere, who made her write down an account of what she saw and heard.

One of the devotions that Our Lord taught St. Margaret Mary was the Holy Hour of Reparation. Our Savior in His agony in the Garden of Olives went over to His Apostles Peter, James, and John, to seek a little consolation from them; but He found them asleep. He said to them, "What? Could you not watch one hour with me? Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation." In memory of this, Jesus asked the saint to honor His Sacred Heart by rising every Thursday night at eleven o'clock and by prostrating herself for an hour before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. During the hour she was to implore God's mercy for poor sinners and try to sweeten the bitterness He felt when His Apostles slept during His agony in the garden.

Among the ten promises He made to St. Margaret Mary is "The Great Promise": "I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who go to Holy Communion on the first Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence: they shall not die in My disfavor nor without receiving their sacraments; My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

St. Margaret Mary died on October 17, 1690.

*-Catechism in Stories, by Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik*

## **Dispositions for Spiritual Reading**

*The Three Ages of the Interior Life*

A prayer well said before we begin to read will obtain for us the actual grace to read Sacred Scripture or spiritual books with a spirit of faith, avoiding all useless curiosity, intellectual vanity, the tendency to criticize what we read rather than to profit by it. The spirit of faith will make us seek God Himself in spiritual works.

We must also, with a sincere and keen desire for perfection, apply to ourselves what we read, instead of being content with a theoretical knowledge of it. Then, even while reading what has to do with "the little virtues," as St. Francis de Sales calls them, we shall reap great profit, for all the virtues are connected with the highest of all, charity. It is also well for advanced souls to reread occasionally what is suitable for beginners; on second reading they will see this teaching under a superior light and will be astonished at all that is virtually contained in it, as, for example, in the first lines of the little catechism on the reason why we were created and placed in the world: "**To know God, to love Him, to serve Him, and thus to obtain eternal life.**"

## **Note from Father**

Dear Faithful,

It is a gloomy, rainy Saturday down here at St. Gertrude's, but despite it all it has been a wonderful day filled with graces for many a soul. Bishop Dolan gave an edifying St. Therese Day of Recollection to the faithful of SGG. Quite a crowd turned out, too! Some forty souls were in attendance. These days of recollection are important, not only for religious and priests, but for the laity as well. We do get so caught up in our day to day lives that we need to recharge our batteries, spiritually speaking; to refresh our souls and feed them with eternal truths that will only help us in our strivings for our final goal: HEAVEN!

Father McKenna, after visiting all of his missions earlier this week, went off to take Holy Communion to Kathy Reimer – a faithful member of our former St. Joseph's Mission. I haven't been able to see her for a while, but Fathers McKenna and Lehtoranta have been faithful in visiting her. I am very thankful to them for their zeal. The visitation of the sick is a big part of the priest's apostolate. I would very much like to see the faithful perform this charitable act of mercy for which Our Lord has attached great rewards. Perhaps some of you would be interested in helping me to establish a little "society" of parishioners who might be interested in doing this. Bishop Dolan tells me that they had such a group of people at St. Gertrude's who used to do this. Let me know if you are interested.

I have received only a little feedback concerning the possibility of having two Sunday Masses at St. Hugh's. Some parishioners have been opposed to the idea while the majority seems to be in favor of it and have even suggested some times that they think would work out well. I hope to hear from you if you have any thoughts on the matter. Remember, the whole idea of having the extra Mass is to see if we can grow our parish a little more. It would not happen overnight, of course. But we must look to the long term.

This week, I am going to Florida for my third of four visits to the seminary where I act as the seminarians' extraordinary confessor. From there I will fly to Milwaukee to spend the weekend with you and to take the sacraments to the souls at Holy Face Mission in Effingham, Illinois.

Lent is half way over now! Renew your zeal and fervor in performing your penances. The supernatural joy of the Easter season awaits those who are faithful!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. McGuire