



# St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

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

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Sexagesima Sunday  
St. Andrew Corsini

## ✠ Announcements ✠

The Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise will take place at the altar rail, following both Masses, for those who were not able to receive it yesterday.

After the throat blessings, the blessing of religious articles will take place at the altar rail today.

### Set Your Missal:

**Mass** Quinquagesima Sunday, Comm. Our Lady of Lourdes, Trinity Preface

### Collection Totals:

High Mass: 62 souls, \$ 1,111.20

Low Mass: 32 souls, \$920

✠ **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **Robert Schwab (Neil and Shannon Schwab)**

## Server Schedule

**Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>: AC1:** Lawrence Scheeler **AC2:** Dominic Scheeler

**Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>: AC1:** Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Volunteer

**Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>: High Mass: MC:** David Sandberg **TH:** Aleks Tobias **AC1:** Dominic Scheeler **AC2:** Timothy Sandberg **CB:** Andrew Sandberg **TB:** Andrew Sandberg **and** Christopher Scheeler **Usher:** Bob Mueller

**Low Mass: AC1:** Seamus O'Connor **AC2:** Bennett Larson **Usher:** Jeff Kimpel

## Sexagesima's Gospel

St. Gregory the Great justly remarks that the Gospel's parable needs no explanation, since eternal Wisdom Himself has told us its meaning. All that we have to do is to profit by this divine teaching and become the good soil, wherein the heavenly seed may yield a rich harvest. How often have we hitherto allowed it to be trampled on by them that passed by, or to be torn up by the birds of the air! How often has it found our heart like a stone that could give no moisture, or like a thorn plot that could but choke! We listened to the word of God; we took pleasure in hearing it; and from this we argued well for ourselves. Nay, we have often received this word with joy and eagerness. Sometimes, even, it took root within us. But alas! something always came to stop its growth. Henceforth, it must both grow and yield fruit. The seed given to us is of such quality that the divine Sower has a right to expect a hundred-fold. If the soil, that is, our heart, be good; if we take the trouble to prepare it by profiting of the means afforded us by the Church, we shall have an abundant harvest to show our Lord on that grand day when, rising triumphant from His tomb, He will come to share with His faithful people the glory of His Resurrection.

– *From The Liturgical Year*

## Thought for the Week

Never let us forget that the knowledge of our weakness is our real strength. But for Jesus Christ *alone* to live in us nature must die, and nature dies with difficulty. In the Epistle of last Sunday's Mass St. Paul enumerates all the wonderful things he had done and suffered for Jesus Christ, and he ends by saying, "Therefore I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

If we could only understand this mystery of our weakness being our strength! In the same way as poor beggars glory in their hideous sores and, far from hiding them, show them in order to attract the compassion of the charitable, so we ought to rejoice in the thought that we can do nothing without Jesus. Tell Him

so often and be glad when the opportunity presents itself of feeling the depth of your misery and weakness. “The more you are confounded by the sense of your misery,” Our Lord said to St. Margaret Mary, “the more I stoop down to embrace you in the power of My love.”

*-Union with God*

### **Prayer to St. Blaise**

O Glorious St. Blaise, who with a short prayer didst restore to perfect safety a child at the point of death from a fish-bone fixed in its throat, grant that we may all feel the power of every malady of the throat, and may have the special the dangerous observing faithfully the precepts of the Church. Thou also, who in thy martyrdom hast the testimony of a glorious faith, grant that we may keep this divine gift intact, and that in these times we may be enabled, by word and deed, without fear of man, to defend the truths of faith, so grievously obscured and attacked. Amen



*(Indulgence 300 days)*

### **St. Agatha's Miraculous Protection By Nicolas Gihir**

The tomb of St. Agatha, made glorious by God with many miracles, became the refuge of the Christians and even of the heathens. There also was kept the wonderful veil that was not burned, but only somewhat crimsoned, when the saint was thrown into the blazing fire. One year after her death, the neighboring volcano of Etna burst forth in torrents of fire,

which moved toward the city of Catania, and threatened its destruction; then the inhabitants ran in terror to her tomb, took the veil and held it in the direction of the stream of lava. At that very instant it took another course toward the ocean and the city was saved. This event took place on the anniversary of the holy death of the virgin martyr, February the fifth, which is still observed as her feast-day in the Church of God. Consequently, St. Agatha is the much implored patroness against dangers of fire: as such she is particularly honored in the Black Forest of Germany. There her feast is made resplendent with the brightness of innumerable lights.

### **Forgiveness of Sins**

What may drive sinners away is the fear that God might reproach them for their offenses. This is common enough with men who forget past injuries for a while, only to remember them again at the smallest provocation. Not so with the Lord. He goes so far as to say that if the sinner repents, He wants to forget his sins as though they had never been committed. Hear His very words: *If the sinner repents, he shall be forgiven, and I shall forget all his iniquities* (Ez. 18:21-22).

### **Note From Father**

Dear Faithful,

I am in Milwaukee this weekend and on Friday night we celebrated the beautiful ceremonies of Candlemas. Candles are blessed and distributed before the start of the Mass. Once everyone has received their newly blessed sacramental candle, we all join together for an outdoor procession of candles.

It is at this point that I noticed something strange. When our little procession exited the doors of the church, we found that our candles were really the only lights around. Now, you might

be thinking, “well why is this strange for a nighttime candle procession?” Well, it is strange because all of the streetlights of the neighborhood were dark, even though the power was not out. I found out later on that it is a new measure from the city of Milwaukee to save power. They alternate turning off the lights off different neighborhoods.

As I reflected on this reality, it became really bothersome. I couldn't help but realize that it was another sign of the encroachment of communism on our society. Look at a photo of the Korean peninsula at nighttime. The south is all lit up while North Korea is in complete darkness. The government turns off the lights. The people here didn't get a tax break in exchange for nights of darkness. It isn't because of an inability to create and provide electricity or faulty systems. The switch is just thrown off. The dangers of accidents and increased crime must be embraced by the populace for the “greater good”. And soon we become like the slowly boiled frog, made to enjoy his own demise. It starts as occasional in rotating neighborhoods. Then it becomes more regular or even constant. And who knows where it ends...we could find the lights of our homes only on when the powers that be deem us worthy.

I know it sounds “doomsday-ish” and conspiratorial, but it is the reality of what the root is of all the radical changes we have been witnessing in our society. The enemy of God and civilized society is Communism and this is the explicit aim of those pushing a “Great Reset”. “You shall own nothing and be happy.”

It is the promised punishment foretold by Our Lady of Fatima for the failure to consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart: The spread of Russia's errors. And so, with First Saturday taking place as I write this, it is the perfect reminder that we all need to Consecrate ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart...to find Her Heart to be our source of protection and of strength.

In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen McKenna

## **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>2/5/24</b>	<b>St. Agatha, VM</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2/6/24</b>	<b>St. Titus, BPC</b> <b>St. Dorothy, VM</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2/7/24</b>	<b>St. Romuald, AB</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2/8/24</b>	<b>St. John of Matha, C</b> 6:00 PM Holy Hour
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2/9/24</b>	<b>St. Cyril of Alexandria, BPCD</b> <b>St. Apollonia, VM</b> 5:30 PM Confession, Rosary 6:00 PM Mass, Benediction, <i>All Our Relatives in Purgatory (Keith &amp; Linda Kimpel)</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/10/24</b>	<b>St. Scholastica, V</b> 7:30 AM Confession, Rosary 8:00 AM Mass, <i>Jerry Rewolinski (Jeff, Nicole, &amp; Sam Kimpel)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/11/24</b>	<b>Quinquagesima Sunday</b> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 8:00 AM Confession & Rosary 8:45 AM High Mass <i>Healing of Shannon Schwab (Neil Schwab)</i> 10:45 AM Confession & Rosary 11:15 AM Low Mass <i>People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>

## 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.