



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
Octave of Immaculate Conception



✦ Announcements ✦

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday this week are the Advent Ember Days. Wednesday and Saturday are days of partial abstinence, while Friday is full abstinence. All 21-59 years of age are bound to the laws of Fasting, while all seven and older are bound to the Church's law of abstinence.

There are Christmas Mass intention envelopes available at the back of the church. Please have your envelopes filled out and returned by next Sunday to ensure they are placed upon the altar and remembered at the Christmas Masses.

The Christmas Novena of the O Antiphons begins on December 17th.

Set Your Missal:

Mass Advent IV, 1st Comm. BVM., 2nd Comm. For the Church, Trinity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 67 souls, \$843

Low Mass: 21 souls, \$381

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

Serber Schedule

Friday December 20th: AC1: Dominic Scheeler **AC2:** Andrew Sandberg

Saturday December 21st: AC1: Elias Larson **AC2:** Bennett Larson

Sunday December 22nd: High Mass: MC: Timothy Sandberg **TH:** Andrew Sandberg **AC1:** Bennett Larson **AC2:** Aleks Tobias **CB:** David Sandberg **TB:** Elias Larson, Dominic and Christopher Scheeler, and Connor Friel **Usher:** Bob Mueller **Low Mass: AC1:** Seamus O'Connor **AC2:** Sam Kimpel **Usher:** Jeff Kimpel

Novena Prayer for Advent

*(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30th,
through Christmas Day)*

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment, in which the Son of God
was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem,
in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe O my God, to hear my
prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus
Christ and His Blessed Mother. Amen*

The Great Antiphons

*The public prayers of the Church consist not only of the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass but also of the Divine Office, the prayers of
the priests' Breviary. The Office was at one time chanted by
some religious Orders. Certain parishes are reviving the custom
of having Solemn Vespers on the eve or afternoon of major
feasts. The Magnificat or Cantic of the Blessed Virgin Mary is
chanted near the end of Vespers. Starting on December 17 a
series of Antiphons are added to Vespers before and after the
Magnificat. Just to read those "O Antiphons" each day would be
a wonderful part of any Catholic's preparation for Christmas!
"The following Antiphons are said entire before and after the
Magnificat, from the 17th to the 23rd of December, inclusive. If
the Vespers are of a first or second class double, the great Anti-
phon is said after the prayer of the feast, for the commemora-
tion of Advent.*

Antiphon for the 17th of December (O Sapientia): O Wisdom
that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest
from one end to another, and dost mightily and sweetly order all
things: come to teach us the way of prudence!

Antiphon for the 18th of December (O Adonai): O Adonai, and Ruler of the house of Israel, who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai: come to redeem us with an outstretched arm!

Antiphon for the 19th of December (O Radix): O root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom the kings shall shut their mouths, whom the Gentiles shall seek: come to deliver us, make no tarrying.

Antiphon for the 20th of December (O Clavis): O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel; that openest and no man shutteth; and shuttest and no man openeth: come to bring out the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Antiphon for the 21st of December (O Oriens): O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting light, Sun of Justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!

Antiphon for the 22nd of December (O Rex): O King of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof; O Corner-stone, that makest of two one: come to save man, whom Thou hast made of the dust of the earth!

Antiphon for the 23rd of December (O Emmanuel): O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, Longing of the Gentiles; yea, and salvation thereof: come and save us, O Lord our God!

Gaudete Sunday

We want to meditate, to reflect, to immerse ourselves in the mystery of joy. All through the centuries, the philosophers have wrestled with this. If there is a good God, why is there all this pain, why is there this sorrow? But the joy is always *in Domino*. We don't know, but He knows. What we do learn is that He is drawing us all, He is calling us to know that there is really nothing stable outside Himself, and that in Him and in Him alone is the explanation of all things. Already as we ponder things in this way we begin to experience a serenity coming into our very pain, whatever it may be, that this is an all-loving God Who is reminding us where we are all going. We are all moving steadily step by step each day, moving with each tick of the clock towards

this terminus. This is what He wishes to say to us: in Him alone all find their home. Something begins to come into our stricken hearts, that we are all going home. The more we are *in Domino* on this earth, the more we are already at home.

The Church does not say, “No Gaudete Sunday this year,” but she says, “Rejoice in the Lord.” The world is in travail and in turmoil, but God says, “Rejoice in Me, rejoice.” There is pain and suffering and there is the temptation to anxiety and there are the disappointments, but there is God saying, “*In Domino* is all joy.” Let us sing then with all our hearts, not just on Gaudete Sunday, but always; and let us dance under the wreath of eternity, that all joy is in God, and that when He disappoints us in the evanescence of ephemeral things, when He allows us to be disappointed in persons, when He allows us to experience such disappointment in ourselves, He is only saying what He told Paul to say to us: *Gaudete in Domino*.

– Mother Mary Francis, P.C.C

Great Christmas Gifts

St. Teresa was accustomed to redouble her charity towards those who offended her.

St. Francis Borgia used to call those who brought upon him any mortification or trial his assistants and friends.

“Let us endeavor to show ourselves full of compassion towards the faulty and the sinful. If we do not show compassion and charity to these, we do not deserve to have God show it towards us.” – *St. Vincent de Paul*

This Saint was never astonished at any fault that he saw committed; for he said that to commit faults was the characteristic of man, as he was conceived and born in sin. This acquaintance that he had with the common miseries of man was what made him behave with so much sweetness and compassion to all sinners. He avoided harshness and used only mild and compassionate words and ways, even with the most guilty, endeavoring to conceal and make little account of their faults with a marvelous prudence and charity, and desiring to have his missionaries follow the same course.

St. Francis once said to the Blessed Cataneus, his General: “By this I shall know whether you love God and me, His and your servant; that is, by your showing mercy to delinquents. When you find one, do not let him go without his feeling the

effect of your kindness; and if you see him fall a thousand times, love him always more than myself, that you may attract him to good, and never fail to be merciful to all such.”

“Among those who are included under the title of neighbor, there are none who deserve it more, in one sense, than those of our own household. They are nearest of all to us, living under the same roof and eating the same bread. Therefore they ought to be one of the principal objects of our love, and we should practice in regard to them all the acts of a true charity, which ought to be founded not upon flesh and blood, or upon their good qualities, but altogether upon God.”

– *St. Francis de Sales*

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

We had the solemn occasion of burying one of our own on Thursday, with the funeral for Fr. James Thielen. Bp. McGuire celebrated a Pontifical Requiem with myself as Assistant Priest, Fr. Simpson as Deacon, and Fr. Brueggemann as Sub-Deacon. Simultaneously, Fr. Lehtoranta and Fr. Ahern offered lateral Requiem Masses on the side altars. It was a beautiful sight to see. Our choir sang beautifully, including singing the Introit from Mozart’s Requiem and the De Profundis by Salieri.

It was a cold day at the cemetery, yet many bundled up and came to lay Fr. Thielen to rest. It was cold in Cincinnati, but when I arrived in Milwaukee it was quite cold...two degrees, to be exact with wind chill about 15 below zero. The first true foray into the start of winter.

I know that this note is short, but with all that has taken place this week and now this weekend, I hope you understand. But please know you are all in my prayers and please keep all priests, both living and deceased, in yours, as well.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	12/16/24	St. Eusebius, BpM
Tue	12/17/24	Feria <i>St. Lazarus, BpC</i>
Wed	12/18/24	Ember Wednesday
Thu	12/19/24	Feria Day 6:00 PM Holy Hour
Fri	12/20/24	Ember Friday Vigil of St. Thomas 5:20 PM Confessions, Rosary 6:00 PM Mass, Benediction <i>Repose of the Soul of Robert Schwab (Neil Schwab)</i>
Sat	12/21/24	St. Thomas, Ap Ember Saturday 7:30 AM Confessions, Rosary 8:00 AM Mass <i>Great Grandma Kimpel (Sam Kimpel)</i>
Sun	12/22/24	Advent IV 8:00 AM Confessions, Rosary 8:45 AM High Mass (+) <i>Rosemary Wright (Loretta Golimowski)</i> 10:45 AM Confessions, 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.