



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

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

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Advent IV



✦ Announcements ✦

Tuesday is the Vigil of Christmas and a day of Fast and 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 today to ensure they are placed upon the altar and remembered at the Christmas Masses.

2025 Liturgical Calendars are available and for sale in the vestibule. The cost is \$12 and you can either pay in cash or write a check made out to St. Hugh of Lincoln.

There are many different opportunities for masses and devotions this week. Please pay close attention to the schedule in the bulletin this week.

Carols for the Midnight Mass start at 11:30 PM tonight.

There will be blessing of wine and a little party with newly blessed wine served on the feast of St. John.

After the Mass on the Holy Innocents, there will be a lunch with the reading of a story for children.

📖 Set Your Missal:

Mass Sunday Within Christmas Oct., 1st Comm. St. Thomas Becket., 2nd Comm. Christmas, Nativity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 56 souls, \$570.25

Low Mass: 19 souls, \$545

✠ **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention:
Our Children, In-Laws, Grandchildren Living & Deceased (Keith & Linda Kimpel)

Serber Schedule

Monday December 23rd: AC1: Volunteer AC2: Volunteer

Tuesday December 24th: AC1: Volunteer AC2: Volunteer

Wednesday December 25th: Midnight High Mass: MC: Andrew Kimpel TH: David Sandberg

AC1: Timothy Sandberg AC2: Andrew Sandberg CB: Aleks Tobias TB: Elias Larson, Dominic Scheeler, Bennett Larson, Christopher Scheeler

Usher: Bob Mueller

10am Low Mass: AC1: Seamus O'Connor AC2: Sam Kimpel Usher: Chad McGinnis

Thursday December 26th: AC1: Volunteer **AC2:** Volunteer

Friday December 27th: AC1: Steve Heckenkamp **AC2:** Chad McGinnis

Saturday December 28th: AC1: Elias Larson **AC2:** Bennett Larson

Sunday December 29th: High Mass: MC: David Sandberg **TH:** Timothy Sandberg **AC1:** Andrew Sandberg **AC2:** Aleks Tobias **CB:** Elias Larson **TB:** Dominic Scheeler, Bennett Larson, Christopher Scheeler, and Connor Friel
Usher: Tonu Tobias

Low Mass: AC1: Jeff Kimpel **AC2:** Sam Kimpel **Usher:** Chad McGinnis

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*

Adam & Eve

We do not hear anyone speak of St. Adam or St. Eve. It sounds odd. The names of our first parents are so definitely associated with original sin, that we think of them as sinners, not as saints. Yet saints they are. Nearly all saints were sinners before they became saints. The blessed Virgin is one exception. Some take John the Baptist to be an exception. He was sanctified three months before his birth, when the Blessed Virgin came to visit his mother. One can hardly be called a sinner who was born without sin, even though he was conceived in sin. Another exception is the prophet Jeremias, whose sanctification before birth is concluded from these words of the Lord to the prophet: "Before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and made thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jeremias, 1, 5.) Adam and Eve were saints at first, then became sinners, and were again returned to sanctity. Some Catholic calendars place their names on December 24. The proximity to the birthday of Christ, the new Adam and head of the human race, may account for the choice of that date.

Pious books say that Adam sinned once and did penance for that one sin for 930 years, whereas we sin 930 times and hardly do any penance. Did Adam really live that long? Scriptural scholars have much to say on that question. There are as many opinions on it as there are about the “six” days of creation. Since all the bright light there is has already been thrown on the two problems, and discovery of new light seems improbable, both will remain disputed problems on this earth.

– *Ono Rio*

Prayer to Divine Son

Jesus, most lovable Son of the glorious Virgin Mary and only Son of the living God, together with Thy Father Who begetteth Thee in the depths of His infinite nature from all eternity, and Who communicatest to Thee that very nature infinite, and with the Holy Ghost Who proceedest from the Father through Thee and Who is Thy Spirit and His, of both the substantial Love, receiving from both the same infinite nature, I adore Thee and I acknowledge Thee to be my God, the only true God, incomparable and infinitely perfect; Who hast created from nothing all that is not Thyself, and Who sustainest and rulest all with endless wisdom, unfailing goodness and irresistible might; and I beg of Thee for the sake of the mysteries accomplished in Thy sacred humanity to cleanse me in Thy Blood of all my past sins, pour out upon me without stint Thy Holy Spirit with His grace, His virtues, His gifts; make me believe in Thee, hope in Thee and love Thee, and strive, in everything I do, to be true to Thee; and at last give me Thyself in the splendor of Thy glory, in the midst of the assembly of Thy saints.

Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days

Prayer for the Conversion of the Jews

O God, Who revealest Thy almighty power most gloriously in forgiving and helping sinners, and Who dost not exclude the Jews from Thy mercy because of their unbelief, deign to hear the prayers which we offer up to Thee for their enlightenment. May they accept the light of Thy truth, which is Christ, and be thus delivered from the darkness that enshrouds them. Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that those who now constitute the Jewish people may enter upon the way of salvation, and by heeding the admonitions of blessed John the Precursor, may come without fail to Him Whom he foretold, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days

You Come Down from the Stars

(by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

You come down from the stars

O King of Heavens,
And you come in a cave
In the cold, in the frost.
And you come in a cave
In the cold, in the frost.

O my Divine Baby
I see you trembling here,
O 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,
O my Lord.
No robes and fire,
O 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,

Most evenings of the week at St. Gertrude's, the clergy chant Vespers together. We have a lot of different responsibilities which makes our schedules varying and always different from each other, so coming together for Vespers and dinner is how we keep some aspect of common life. As men, we are composed of soul and body, so we have elements

of the spiritual and the corporal. It's always nice to chant Vespers, but during these last days leading up to Christmas, it is even more special, as the Church provides the beautiful "O Antiphons". These special antiphons to the Magnificat were composed in the 6th century and tie the Old Testament to the coming of Christ. Each starts with a different title for Our Lord and have their own spiritual theme. We decided to preach on the "O Antiphons" each day at St. Gertrude's this year for the daily Masses and they are made available on St. Gertrude's website. A wonderful way to spiritually prepare for the coming of Our Lord.

On Thursday, our school children at St. Gertrude's put on a wonderful little musical performance for the teachers, parents, priests, and other attendees. They showcased their talents upon the piano, singing, and even one playing the cello...all while we enjoyed some pizza and little desserts. They finished their last day of school before their Christmas break on Friday. The beginning of the day was spent finishing up last assignments, and then the remainder of it, the children (and teachers) entertained themselves playing games and doing crafts. A favorite game being played by the older school children and a couple of their teachers was four person chess. I struggle to wrap my brain around a regular game of chess, let alone having four players at the same time. I watched for a little while but moved on to visit the little kids drawing pictures...thus safely avoiding being asked to play and embarrassing myself.

As we prepare for Christmas, there are many comings and goings. Fr. Lehtoranta has arrived in Milwaukee where he remains until the New Year, per tradition. I am in Dallas this weekend, but return home to be at St. Gertrude's for the Midnight Mass and then fly to North Dakota early Christmas Morning to offer evening Masses there. Fr. Simpson flies down to Dallas Christmas Eve to say a midnight Mass and morning Mass before offering an evening Christmas Mass in Austin and a St. Stephen's Mass in El Paso and returning to Dallas for the following weekend. Bp. McGuire and Fr. Brueggemann, meanwhile hold down the fort at St. Gertrude's. It is such an amazing privilege, as a priest, to be able to literally bring Our Lord Incarnate to the faithful at the time of His Incarnation!! Truly humbling and a wonderful meditation.

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	12/23/24	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, V 8:00 AM Mass (+) <i>Michael Modrzyk (Barbara Modrzyk)</i>
Tue	12/24/24	Vigil of Christmas 8:00 AM Mass <i>Kayla Coty & Marissa Betts (Barbara Modrzyk)</i>
Wed	12/25/24	Christmas Midnight Mass <i>Intentions on Altar</i> Private Mass <i>Elizabeth Riley (Bob & Bridget Mueller)</i> 10:00 AM Mass (+) <i>Bp. Dolan (Mark Cash)</i>
Thu	12/26/24	St. Stephen, Protomartyr 9:00 AM Mass <i>Jacqueline Reader & Laurence Smith (Barbara Modrzyk)</i>
Fri	12/27/24	St. John, ApEv 5:20 PM Confessions, Rosary 6:00 PM Mass, Benediction, Blessing of Wine <i>Special Intention (Bob & Bridget Mueller)</i> 7:00 PM Refreshments & Toast to Health of St. John
Sat	12/28/24	Holy Innocents, Mm 8:30 AM Confessions, Rosary 9:00 AM Mass (+) <i>Edward Multauf (Bob & Bridget Mueller)</i> 10:00 Refreshments & Story for Children
Sun	12/29/24	Sunday within Oct. Christmas St. Thomas á Becket, BpM 8:00 AM Confessions, Rosary 8:45 AM High Mass (+) <i>Kenneth Martin (Bob & Bridget Mueller)</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.