



# St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

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

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December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Sunday within Octave of Christmas  
St. Thomas à Becket



## ✦ Announcements ✦

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.

Wednesday is January 1<sup>st</sup> and the feast of the Circumcision. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8:45 and 11:15 AM.

Between the Masses on January 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Christmas Carol violin concert. Please come and enjoy!

Friday and Saturday this week are the First Friday and Saturday of January, however because of the busyness of the season, the schedule will be the same as a regular Friday.

### 📖 Set Your Missal:

**Mass** Holy Name, 1<sup>st</sup> Comm. Sunday within Epiphany Oct., 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm. Epiphany, Epiphany Preface & Communicantes

### Collection Totals:

High Mass: 59 souls, \$526

Low Mass: 27 souls, \$435

**Christmas:** Midnight Mass: 57 Souls, \$3,810.04

10 AM: 30 Souls, \$411

🕯 **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **Elizabeth Sandberg (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)**

### Server Schedule

**Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>:** **AC1:** Volunteer **AC2:** Volunteer

**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>:** **High Mass:** **MC:** Timothy Sandberg  
**TH:** Andrew Sandberg **AC1:** Aleks Tobias **AC2:** Elias Larson **CB:**  
David Sandberg **TB:** Bennett Larson and Connor Friel **Usher:** Mitch  
Larson

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

**Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **AC1:** Timothy Sandberg **AC2:** Andrew Sandberg

**Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>: AC1:** Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Volunteers

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>: High Mass: MC:** Andrew Sandberg **TH:** Aleks Tobias **AC1:** Elias Larson **AC2:** Bennett Larson **CB:** Timothy Sandberg **TB:** Dominic Scheeler and Christopher Scheeler **Usher:** Bob Mueller

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

### A Daily Prayer to Infant Jesus

O Almighty God in the form of a little child, make me, prostrate at the feet of Thy miraculous image, worthy to meditate on Thy greatness and power, Thy goodness and mercy, and Thy majesty as God and man.

O Divine Infant, with the most profound reverence I contemplate Thy divine countenance, shedding its gentle and forgiving light like the sun on good and bad. Deign, ye friendly eyes of my Jesus, to cast one look of grace upon me, and to give my eyes sincere tears of repentance, that on judgment-day they need not fear Thy looks of righteous anger.

O sweetest Jesus, filled with admiration, I praise Thy holy lips, filled with heavenly wisdom and uttering words of grace for the remission of sin. Lest, however, Thy divine lips might one day be forced to pronounce the sentence of condemnation on me on account of my own words, I beseech Thee, O Lord, place a seal upon my lips, so that they may never be opened to utter an uncharitable opinion or a sinful word; may I ever preserve Thy truth and Thy love in my heart and upon my tongue.

O merciful Infant, with pious fervor I kiss Thy most holy hands, which Thou extendest to hold the entire world in Thy loving embrace. I venerate Thy almighty hand, ruling and governing the universe, and I implore Thee to direct all our works to Thy own honor, and to let Thy right hand be ever extended in blessing over Thy worshippers who confidently pray to Thee.

All hail, ye blessed feet of my Redeemer, that have brought peace to the world. What innumerable painful steps you did make during thirty-three years, wearying and bruising yourselves for love of me! I thank Thee a thousand times, O Infant Jesus, and I beg of Thee always to direct my feet on the straight road to Thyself, Who are the way, the truth, and the life.

O most loving heart of my Jesus, I greet Thee as many thousand times as Thou didst beat for my salvation. I offer up to my heavenly Father all the flames of

divine love burning within Thee. Alas, how ashamed must I not feel at the coldness of my own heart, which only with great difficulty and on rare occasions can excite in itself a proper ardor in return for Thy bountiful love! Take away, O Lord, this cold heart of mine and give me one like Thine own, that I may in future love Thee with a love as warm and glowing as Thine own. O my most amiable Jesus, who becamest an infant for my sake, endow me, I pray Thee, with the innocence, the humility, and the simplicity of those young souls whom Thou didst call with the words: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."

The beauty of Thy countenance, the sweet expression of Thy eyes, Thy smiling lips, Thy love-inflamed heart, O most beautiful Infant Jesus, excite in me the firm confidence that my hopes will not be disappointed, but that my prayers will find a gracious hearing with Thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year**

O Sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; touch the hearts of sinners that they may return to Thy friendship, give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended in Thee. Amen.

### **The Coronation of Childhood**

There is no escape from the tremendous fact of Christmas day, that when God revealed Himself to this poor world of ours, men cried in astonishment: "Why, it is a child?" And so it is that the closer we get to God the more we become children, and the closer God gets to us the more He becomes a child. No one in the world ever suspected that the Ancient of Days who presided at creation would take His throne in that creation as a babe in

a crib, just as no one ever thought He would tell the old men of forty, like Nicodemus, that they must be born again.

According to all worldly standards, it is the aged who are learned. And yet when Wisdom came to earth He was a child, and when Wise Men came to Wisdom they were told to be like children. Christmas, then, is the coronation of childhood, the glorification of the young whose hearts are simple, the proclamation to aging hearts that the world need not despair and die, because the Fountain of Youth has come into it to...turn time backward, make old things young again.

– *Bishop Sheen*

### **The Lowliest Gift**

If I had been the donkey or the ox  
beside the stall,  
I would have stood, as they did,  
against the windy wall  
And tried to warm the stable with  
a clean, sweet breath,  
Till Mother Mary half-believed she  
was in Nazareth.

If I had been the star that shone  
the long, cold night,  
I would have made the rafters  
beautiful with light  
Till Joseph, half-forgetting what  
repair work should be done,  
Might have thought it quite a pretty  
place to bring a little Son.

But since I was a spider, what I  
could do was small:  
I spun a web of silver just above  
the manger-stall.  
And Joseph would have brushed it down,  
but Mother Mary smiled,  
For the moonlight shining on it  
made a halo for the Child.  
– *Sr. Mary Catherine, O.S.U.*

## **Note From Father**

Dear Faithful,

A very Merry Christmas to you all! I have just returned from my Christmas trip to North Dakota. I left for the airport very early Christmas Morning, after having assisted as the Deacon at the beautiful Pontifical Midnight Mass at St. Gertrude's. In years past, I usually made the ride into the Cincinnati airport by myself. This year, however, I had a surprise companion with me. Fr. Simpson had, unfortunately, become one of the many victims of the disaster travel problems in Dallas during Christmas and his noontime flight Christmas Eve was repeatedly delayed and ultimately canceled, so he had to leave Christmas morning, instead. Sadly, this caused the Christmas Midnight and morning Masses at St. Anthony's Mission to be moved to 5:00 PM on Christmas. Modern modes of travel make it possible to get to many places to bring the sacraments we wouldn't have been able to do if we still rode horses...but it's not without its own headaches.

Bp. McGuire gave a beautiful Christmas sermon here, where he related that Our Lord appeared to St. Jerome and asked for his sins. This is the purpose of the Incarnation, after all...Christ came to liberate us from our sins. Doubtless, St. Jerome would have meditated upon this often during the time he lived near to the spot of Our Lord's birth and simply look upon the place the works of redemption had begun.

Fr. Lehtoranta reported that he had a wonderful Christmas in Milwaukee. He travels up to St. Joseph of Arimathea mission on Sunday evening. Hopefully our dear Finnish Father finds some beautiful snow up in the north country for himself to see...so long as it stays on the trees and not covering the roads. We want him to have safe travel to get there and also to return to you for the Feast of the Circumcision and New Year.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

## **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>12/30/24</b>	<b>Within Octave</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>12/31/24</b>	<b>St. Sylvester I, PC</b> <b>Within Octave</b> 8:00 AM Mass (+) <i>Carolyn Multauf (Bob &amp; Bridget Mueller)</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>1/1/24</b>	<b>Circumcision</b> 8:45 AM High Mass <i>People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i> 11:15 AM Low Mass <i>Steve &amp; Joanne Heckenkamp (Friel Family)</i>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>1/2/24</b>	<b>Octave of St. Stephen</b> 6:00 PM Holy Hour
<b>Fri</b>	<b>1/3/24</b>	<b>Octave of St. John</b> 5:20 PM Confessions, Rosary 6:00 PM Mass, Benediction <i>Special Intention (Loretta Golimowski)</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>1/4/24</b>	<b>Octave of Holy Innocents</b> 8:30 AM Confessions, Rosary 9:00 AM Mass & Benediction <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (Steve &amp; Joanne Heckenkamp)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1/5/24</b>	<b>Holy Name of Jesus</b> <b>St. Telesphorus, PM</b> 8:00 AM Confessions, Rosary 8:45 AM High Mass <i>Special Intention (Bob &amp; Bridget Mueller)</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.