



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

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

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Septuagesima Sunday

✦ Announcements ✦

There are tax donation letters in the vestibule for anyone who tithe in a manner which could be recorded.

There is a bag in the vestibule to collect your old palms which will be burned and made into ashes for this Ash Wednesday.

Set Your Missal:

Mass , Sexagesima, 1st Comm. St. Peter Damian, 2nd Comm. Our Lady & Saints, Trinity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 59 souls, \$473.32

Low Mass: 20 souls, \$160

✠ **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **More Vocations to the Priesthood (Shannon Schwab)**

Server Schedule

Friday February 21st: AC1: Dominic Scheeler **AC2:** Timothy Sandberg

Saturday February 22nd: AC1: Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Volunteer

Sunday February 23rd: High Mass: MC: Andrew Sandberg
TH: David Sandberg **AC1:** Bennett Larson **AC2:** Aleks Tobias
CB: Timothy Sandberg **TB:** Elias Larson, Dominic Scheeler, Christopher Scheeler, and Connor Friel **Usher:** Tonu Tobias
Low Mass: AC1: Seamus O'Connor **AC2:** Sam Kimpel
Usher: Jeff Kimpel

Prayer for Septuagesima

Bless, O Lord, this new liturgical season which opens today. By penetrating its spirit, may we be disposed, with Thine aid, for a serious reform of our spiritual lives. Let us then, with St. Paul, “run in the race” that we may “receive the prize”. Infuse in us, O Lord, the strength to take up more eagerly the course which will lead us to win the “incorruptible crown” of sanctity. As we begin this prelude to Lent, the traditional time for spiritual reform, grant unto us a generous spirit to struggle to overcome ourselves, to conquer evil and achieve goodness; denial of self by humility; denial of body by physical mortification. Only those who struggle and exert themselves will win the prize. Therefore, let us also run in such a way as to obtain the reward. Amen.

Perseverance

Lord, I have tried to walk the narrow way
That leads up Calvary's hill to Thy abode;
Oft have my wandering footsteps gone astray,
Oft has my heart grown faint upon the road;
Still have I struggled through the dismal night,
Hoping the dawn might find me at Thy side;
Though my poor soul is scarlet in Thy sight,
Lord, I have tried.

Lord, I have trod where thorns and briars grew;
Along each stony road my feet have bled;
And when the wasting winds of passion blew,
I sought to follow where Thy footsteps led.
What though I still am plodding in the gloam,
Far from the mountain peak where saints abide,
Take Thou my hand; for, though I'm far from home,
Lord, I have tried.

Prayer to St. Peter Damian

Thy soul was inflamed by the zeal of God's House, O Peter! God gave thee to his Church in those sad times when the wickedness of the world had robbed her of well nigh all her beauty. Thou hadst the spirit of an Elias within thee, and it gave thee courage to waken the servants of the Lord: they had slept, and while they were asleep, the enemy came, and the field was oversown with tares. Then did better days dawn for the Spouse of Christ; the promises made her by our Lord were fulfilled; but who was the Friend of the Bridegroom? who was the chief instrument used by God to bring back to his House its ancient beauty? A Saint who bore the glorious name of Peter Damian!--In those days, the Sanctuary was degraded by secular interference. The Princes of the earth said: Let us possess the Sanctuary of God for an inheritance. (Ps. lxxxii. 13.) The Church, which God intended to be Free, was but a slave, in the power of the rulers of this world; and the vices, which are inherent to human weakness, defiled the Temple.

But God had pity on the Spouse of Christ, and for her deliverance he would use human agency: he chose thee, Peter, as his principal cooperator in restoring order. Thy example and thy labours prepared the way for Gregory, the faithful and dauntless Hildebrand, into whose hands the Keys once placed, and the work of regeneration was completed. Thou hast fought the good fight; thou art now in thy rest; but thy love of the Church, and thy power to help, are greater than ever. Watch, then, over her interests. Obtain for her Pastors that Apostolic energy and courage, which alone can cope with enemies so

determined as hers are. Obtain for her Priests the holiness which God demands from them that are the salt of the earth. (St. Matth. v. 13) Obtain for the Faithful the respect and obedience they owe to those who direct them in the path of salvation. Thou wast not only the Apostle, thou wast moreover the model, of penance in the midst of a corrupt age; pray for us, that we may be eager to atone for our sins by works of mortification. Excite within our souls the remembrance of the sufferings of our Redeemer, that so his Passion may urge us to repentance and hope. Increase our confidence in Mary, the Refuge of Sinners, and make us, like thyself, full of filial affection towards her, and of zeal that she may be honoured and loved by those who are around us.

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

Bp. McGuire and Fr. Brueggemann returned from their trip to France in time to join the rest of us in celebrating Our Lady of Lourdes and my 13th priestly anniversary. It was a nice day, during which I celebrated a Solemn High Mass and all the clergy went out for a nice dinner. It was a quiet and enjoyable anniversary.

However, on Wednesday, I was in for a real surprise...literally. I was given the evening Mass to say and the Bishop asked to talk with me about some matter after Mass. I was told to walk with him while we talked...only to enter into a dark social hall where many parishioners were hiding out in the dark waiting to surprise me with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday, a wonderful spread of food, and a wonderful slide show of photos from throughout my life...childhood, young adulthood, and as a priest. I had no clue that such a party was planned for my 40th birthday, which was amazing given that I was at St. Gertrude's

all through the weekend and so many people were in attendance. The person who put together the slideshow had secretly reached out to parishioners in various missions, people from back in Massachusetts, and even my own mother! So many memories!

Thursday night I began my journey through all places North, starting in Milwaukee and heading this week to Northern Wisconsin, Grand Forks, and Minot North Dakota before returning to St. Hugh's. Fr. Simpson went in January and was greeted with temperatures in the 30's. I can only determine that he must be holier than I am, because this trip for February will greet me with temperatures reaching *Negative Thirty!* That's not taking into account the wind either. Apparently I must do penance.

However, penance is something we should all begin thinking about now, Septuagesima has arrived this weekend. In the early Church and still in the Eastern Rites, Septuagesima was when people would ease their way into Lent. In the old fast, people would abstain from meat, fish, eggs, dairy, and olive oil...so Septuagesima was known as "Meatfare", when they would stop eating meat and fish, Sexagesima Sunday would be "Cheesefare", and they stopped consuming dairy, and then the remaining parts of the food to be set aside until Easter would begin on Ash Wednesday.

For us in the West, the Lenten fast has eased over the centuries and there is no prescribed fasting for Septuagesima. That being said, we should use this short season as one of preparation, during which we look ahead and plan how and what sacrifices we will make and pious practices we will perform during Lent so we can be generous in our offerings to Our Lord and do so in a way which is going to be most beneficial to our souls.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	2/17/25	Feria <i>Flight into Egypt</i>
Tue	2/18/25	St. Simeon, BpM St. Bernadette, V
Wed	2/19/25	Feria
Thu	2/20/25 6:00 PM	Feria Holy Hour
Fri	2/21/25 5:20 PM 6:00 PM	Feria Confessions, Rosary Mass, Benediction (+) <i>Kevin Archibald</i> <i>Braganza (Dan Bremner)</i>
Sat	2/22/25 7:30 AM 8:00 AM	St. Peter's Chair at Antioch Vigil St. Matthias Confessions, Rosary Mass <i>Pat & Kathy Neis (Jeff, Nicole, Sam Kimpel)</i>
Sun	2/23/25 8:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:45 AM 11:15 AM	Sexagesima St. Peter Damian, BpCD Confessions, Rosary High Mass <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (Ben Friel)</i> Confessions, Rosary 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.