

# 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 ♦**

Wednesday is the Vigil of Christmas and is a day of Fast and Full Abstinence  
There are Christmas Envelopes available in the vestibule which may be filled out and your intentions will be placed upon the altar.

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.

Next Sunday is the feast of the Holy Innocents. There is a special Mass Schedule for this day, with the low Mass at 8:00 AM and the High Mass at 10:00 AM with a party with Father reading a story for the children after the High Mass. Food will be provided for the party

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

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

The blessing of wine and a little party will take place after the Mass for St. John's feast on Saturday. Feel free to bring wine and spirits to be blessed.

**Set Your Missal:**

**Mass:** Holy Innocents, 1<sup>st</sup> Comm. Oct. Nativity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm. Against Persecutors & Evil doers, Nativity Preface

**Collection Totals:**

High Mass: 68 souls, \$1504.25

Low Mass: 19 souls, \$1020

**¶ The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention:  
**Father Anthony Cekada (Schwab Family)**

**Serber Schedule**

**Wed. December 24:** **AC1:** Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Volunteer

**Thu. December 25: Midnight Mass:** **MC:** Andrew Kimpel **TH:** David Sandberg **AC1:** Timothy Sandberg **AC2:** Andrew Sandberg **CB:** Aleks Tobias **TB:** Aleks Tobias, Elias Larson, Dominic Scheeler, Bennett Larson, Christopher Scheeler, and Connor Friel **Usher:** Bob Mueller

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

**Fri. December 26:** **AC1:** Dominic Scheeler **AC2:** Christopher Scheeler

**Sat. December 27:** **AC1:** Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Volunteer

**Sun. December 28<sup>th</sup>: 8am Low Mass:** **AC1:** Sam Kimpel **AC2:** Seamus O'Connor **Usher:** Jeff Kimpel

**10am High Mass:** **MC:** Elias Larson **TH:** Aleks Tobias **AC1:** Bennett Larson **AC2:** Dominic Scheeler **CB:** Andrew Sandberg **TB:** Christopher Scheeler and Connor Friel **Usher:** Mitch Larson

## **Christmas Novena**

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. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God!  
to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

*(To be said 15 times daily from the feast of St. Andrew through Christmas Day)*

### **Collect for Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*(Say this as you light your fourth candle on your Advent wreath)*

Stir up Thy power and come, we pray Thee, O Lord, and with great might succor us; that our deliverance, which our sins impede, may be hastened by the help of Thy grace and the forgiveness of Thy mercy. Who livest and reignest forever and ever, Amen.

### **Prayer to the Divine Son**

Jesus, most lovable Son of the glorious Virgin Mary and only Son of the living God, together with Thy Father Who begettest 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*

## Unto Us a Child is Born

*Rorate coeli desuper*

Heavens distill your balmy showers,  
For now is risen the bright day star  
From the rose Mary, flower of flowers;  
The clear Son Whom no cloud devours,  
Surmounting Phoebus in the east,  
Is coming of His heavenly towers  
*Et nobis Puer natus est*

Archangels, angels, and donations,  
Thrones, potentates, and martyrs sere,  
And all ye heavenly operations,  
Star, planet, firmament, and spear,  
Fire, earth, air, and water clear,  
To Him give loving, most and least,  
That come in to so meek manner  
*Et nobis Puer natus est.*

Sinners, be glad and penance do  
And thank your Maker heartfully,  
For He that ye might not come to,  
To you is come full humbly;  
Your souls with His blood to buy  
And loose you of the fiend's arrest,  
And only of His own mercy  
*Pro nobis Puer natus est.*

All clergy do to Him incline  
And bow unto that balm benign,  
And do your observance divine  
To Him that is of kings is king;  
Incense His altar, read and sing  
In holy kirk, with mind digest,  
Him honor, author all things  
*Qui nobis Puer est.*

Celestial fowls in the air,  
Sing with your notes upon high,

In firths and in forests fair  
Be mirthful now, at all you might;  
For passed is your dully night,  
Aurora has the clouds dispersed,  
The sun is risen with gladsome light,  
*Et nobis Puer natus est.*

Now spring up, flowers, from the root,  
Revert you upward naturally,  
In honor of the blessed fruit  
That raised up from the rose Mary;  
Lay out your leaves lustily,  
From deed take life now at the least  
In worship of that Prince worthy  
*Qui nobis Puer natus est.*

Sing heaven imperial most of height,  
Regions of air make harmony;  
All fish in flood and fowl of flight  
Be mirthful and make melody;  
All *Gloria in excelsis* cry,  
Heaven, earth, sea, man, bird, and beast:  
He that is crowned above the sky  
*Pro nobis Puer natus est.*

-William Dunbar

### **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*

## **Note from Father**

Dear Faithful,

Warmer weather has replaced the bitter cold of last weekend. Hopefully this will ensure clear and easier travel to Mass, especially as the great feast of Christmas approaches.

As I write this note on Friday afternoon, Fr. Lehtoranta has already departed for his annual tradition of going to St. Hugh for all the Christmas celebrations. He will make a visit up to our mission in Park Falls, WI on Sunday evening. Interestingly, a person who used to attend a mission of ours years ago sent Father a book on the history of Finnish people settling Northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. It is very true that as I have traveled through these far north reaches of our country, there are a number of indicators of the Finns...from town names to a painted rock with the Finnish flag and the word *Suomi* on it. Hopefully the roads are clear for him but perhaps there is snow on the trees and ground to provide him with a nice reminder of his homeland.

Fr. Brueggemann heads to Dallas for this weekend, which leaves Fr. Simpson and me to help the Bishop at St. Gertrude's for the weekend. It is really a rarity that he and I both are not on the road for a Sunday. Fr. Simpson will stay through Christmas, while I will head out Christmas Eve to bring Mass to Dallas and Grand Forks on that day.

Our school children began their winter break on Thursday, finishing out the semester with a wonderful little Christmas concert. The ones who take piano lessons showcased their skills upon the keys, a high schooler offered a couple of pieces on his cello, and all the little ones joyfully sang together a number of the classics. Parents, grandparents, clergy, and other friends and relatives were in attendance and a nice pizza party was enjoyed by all.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

## This Week's Schedule

<b>Mon</b>	<b>12/22/25</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>12/23/25</b>	<b>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12/24/25</b> 8:00 AM 11:30 PM	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Mass (+) <i>Nancy Neis (Jeff, Nicole, Sam Kimpel)</i> Carols Begin
<b>Thu</b>	<b>12/25/25</b> Midnight Private Mass 10:00 AM	<b>Christmas Day</b> High Mass <i>Intentions on the Altar</i> (+) <i>Judy Chonowski (Mark Cash)</i> Mass <i>Our Family (Steve &amp; Joanne Heckenkamp)</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>12/26/25</b> 5:20 PM 6:00 PM	<b>St. Stephen</b> Rosary, Confession Mass, Benediction (+) <i>Ignatius &amp; Claudia Cerniglia (Barbara J. Modrzyk)</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>12/27/25</b> 7:30 AM 8:00 AM	<b>St. John</b> Rosary, Confession Mass <i>Our Final Perseverance (Jeff, Nicole, Sam Kimpel)</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/28/25</b> 7:30 AM **8:00 AM** 9:30 AM **10:00 AM** After Mass	<b>Holy Innocents</b> Rosary, Confessions Low Mass <i>Marguerite Benedetto (Mark Cash)</i> Rosary, Confession High Mass <i>People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i> Holy Innocents Party

## 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 Iesu 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.