



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

“Never have so few done so much so well for so long!”

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Holy Innocents
Within Octave of Nativity



♦ 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.

Today is the feast of the Holy Innocents. There will be a party with Father reading a story for the children after the High Mass and food for all. We hope that you can join us.

Thursday is The Feast of the Circumcision and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

There will be a Violin concert of Christmas Songs between the two Masses on January 1st...hope that you can join us!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Poggel, who died on the feast of St. Stephen

 **Set Your Missal:**

Mass: Holy Name, 1st Comm. Oct. of Holy Innocents (Low Mass Only),
Nativity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 62 souls, \$5,816.10

Low Mass: 29 souls, \$480

Christmas Midnight: 64 souls, \$2,046

Christmas 10 AM: 33 souls, \$597

¶ The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the following intention:
The Sandberg Family (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)

Server Schedule

Thursday January 1st: **High Mass:** MC: Timothy Sandberg TH: Andrew Sandberg **AC1:** Bennett Larson **AC2:** Christopher Scheeler **CB:** Elias Larson **TB:** Dominic Scheeler & Connor Friel **Usher:** Tonu Tobias
Low Mass: **AC1:** Sam Kimpel **AC2:** Jeff Kimpel **Usher:** Chad McGinnis

Friday January 2nd: **AC1:** Andrew Sandberg **AC2:** Dominic Scheeler

Saturday January 3rd: **TBD**

Sunday January 4th: **High Mass:** MC: David Sandberg TH: Aleks Tobias **AC1:** Elias Larson **AC2:** Dominic Scheeler **CB:** Timothy Sandberg **TB:** Bennett Larson and Connor Friel **Usher:** Mitch Larson
Low Mass: **AC1:** Seamus O'Connor **AC2:** Sam Kimpel **Usher:** Jeff Kimpel

A Daily Prayer to the 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 art 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.

Christ's Nativity

Awake, glad heart! get up and sing!

It is the birth-day of thy King.

Awake! awake!

The Sun doth shake

Light from his locks, and all the way
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake, awake! hark how th' wood rings;
Winds whisper, and the busy springs
A concert make;
Awake! awake!
Man is their high-priest, and should rise
To offer up the sacrifice.

I would I were some bird, or star,
Flutt'ring in woods, or lifted far
Above this inn
And road of sin!

Then either star or bird should be
Shining or singing still to thee.

I would I had in my best part
Fit rooms for thee! or that my heart
Were so clean as
Thy manger was!
But I am all filth, and obscene;
Yet, if thou wilt, thou canst make clean.

Sweet Jesu! will then. Let no more
This leper haunt and soil thy door!
Cure him, ease him,
O release him!

And let once more, by mystic birth,
The Lord of life be born in earth.

-Thomas Vaughan

Note from Father

Dear Faithful,

I write this note on my flight back to Dallas from North Dakota. The weather up north wasn't too brutally cold and it didn't really snow while I was there. However, we did have an unanticipated weather event while I was there...frozen fog. If you haven't experienced frozen fog before, it is a thick fog which covers all the surfaces with a pretty, sparkly, rime ice. However, it also makes the roads quite slick with ice too. We all managed to get around, for the most part, but the going was often slow and careful.

I had the happy occasion of offering not just one, but two High Masses on Christmas! We had the Midnight Mass in Dallas, which was only the second sung Mass at this mission. However, the little choir did a great job and we had well over 70 people in attendance for the Mass. We then had a low Mass at 7:00 AM and I headed to the airport to fly to North Dakota, where we had another High Mass...this was the very first time we had a sung Mass at the St. Theresa of Avila Mission in Grand Forks. Our choir was only comprised of two young ladies, but they did a wonderful job, for their first go at it. The chapel there was almost entirely full as well. Hopefully these will start us towards having many more high masses in the future.

Please remember Bob Poggel in your prayers, as he died on the feast of St. Stephen. This generous and humorous man will be sorely missed by all of us here. For so many years he was our faithful chauffeur to and from the airport, one of the first smiling faces to greet newcomers with an exuberant "what is your story", server at various weekday masses, and a stop gap to help with any odds and ends of the needs of his chapel...but most important of all, he always tried to come to every Mass he possibly could. May Our Blessed Lord grant eternal rest to such a good and faithful servant.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	12/29/25	St. Thomas à Becket, BM
Tue	12/30/25	Resumed Mass of Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas
Wed	12/31/25	St. Sylvester, PC Vigil of the Circumcision
Thu	1/1/26	Circumcision 8:45 AM High Mass <i>Our Family's Final Perseverance (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)</i> 11:15 AM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Hugh</i>
Fri	1/2/26	Oct. of St. Stephen <i>Infant of Prague</i> 5:00 PM Exposition, Rosary, First Friday Devotions 5:20 PM Confession 6:00 PM Mass, Holy Face, Adoration <i>Don J. Feeney (Barbara J. Modrzyk)</i> 7:50 PM Benediction
Sat	1/3/26	Oct. of St. John 7:30 AM Rosary, Confession 8:00 AM Mass, Benediction <i>Sick Members of Our Parish (Jeff, Nicole, Sam Kimpel)</i>
Sun	1/4/26	Holy Name of Jesus Oct. of Holy Innocents 8:00 AM Rosary, Confessions 8:45 AM High Mass <i>Our Altar Servers (Mark Cash)</i> 10:45 AM Rosary, Confessions 11:15 AM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Hugh</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 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.