



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

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

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Epiphany III
Conversion of St. Paul

✠ Announcements ✠

Next Sunday starts the season of Septuagesima. It is also the first Sunday of February and the blessing of religious articles will take place after both of the Masses.

There is an 8:00 AM Mass Monday morning

Set Your Missal:

Mass: Septuagesima, 1st Comm. St. Ignatius, Trinity Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 59 souls, \$973

Low Mass: 29 souls, \$239

✠ **The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the following intention: **Fr. Anthony Cekada (Schwab Family)**

Serber Schedule

Monday January 26th: AC1: Elias Larson **AC2:** Bennett Larson

Friday January 30th: AC1: Timothy Sandberg **AC2:** Andrew Sandberg

Saturday January 31st: AC1: Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Volunteer

Sunday February 1st: High Mass: MC: Andrew Sandberg
TH: David Sandberg **AC1:** Dominic Scheeler **AC2:** Bennett Larson **CB:** Elias Larson **TB:** Christopher Scheeler and Connor Friel **Usher:** Bob Mueller
Low Mass: AC1: Sam Kimpel **AC2:** Seamus O'Connor
Usher: Chad McGinnis

Eternity

They pass away, these temporal years, my brother; their months melt into weeks, weeks into days, days into hours, and hours into moments, which last are all we possess: and these we only possess as they perish and make up our perishable life. This life, however, must on this account be more dear to us, since being full of misery, we cannot have any more solid consolation therein than that of being assured that it gradually disappears to make room for that holy eternity which is prepared for us in the abundance of God's mercy. To this eternity our soul aspires incessantly by the continual thoughts its very nature suggests to it, though it cannot have hope for eternity except by other and higher thoughts which the Author of nature bestows upon it.

Truly, my brother, I never think of eternity without much sweetness; for, say I, how could my soul extend its thought to this infinity unless it has some kind of proportion with it? Certainly, a faculty which attains an object must have some sort of correspondence with it. But when I find that my desire runs after my thought upon this same eternity, my joy takes an unparalleled increase, for I know that we never desire, with a true desire, anything which is not possible. My desire then assures me that I can have eternity: What remains for me but to hope that I shall have it? And this is given to me by the knowledge of the infinite goodness of Him Who would not have created a soul capable of thinking of and tending toward eternity, unless He has intended to give the means of attaining it. Thus, my brother, we shall find ourselves at the foot of the crucifix, which is the ladder by which from these temporal years we pass to the eternal years.

– *St. Francis de Sales*

Novena to St. Francis de Sales

O great prelate, most blessed saint, model of bishops, the glory of the Church. Thou wast and ever shall be revered on earth as a man according to God's own heart, and a most perfect imitator of our adorable model, Jesus Christ. Thou wast the champion of the Faith whose zeal extirpated heresy; the ardent victim of charity and docile disciple of that heavenly spirit Who spoke by thy pen, and rendered thy inspired doctrine the treasure of the Church. O good and faithful servant, thou hast now entered into the joy of thy

Lord; the divine and Holy Object of thy love on earth is now thy reward exceedingly great in heaven. O amiable saint, whose tender, compassionate charity was always the refuge of the miserable, despise not our supplications. Since thy conduct on earth toward all thy fellow-creatures, particularly the weakest, marked thee out, like thy beloved Master, as the friend of sinners, show thyself such to us, by obtaining for us the intentions of this novena.

Receive us, O great Master of solid perfection into the number of those whom thou didst form according to the true spirit of the religious state. Teach us those heavenly virtues which thy blessed life, no less than thy word, so constantly inculcated. Thou wast one of the most humble of men, though gifted with all that could exalt thee before God and the world; O plant in our hearts that root of every virtue, humility. Thou wast an angel of peace, whose presence alone gave consolation to the most afflicted hearts, and whose heavenly meekness succeeded in gaining the most obdurate sinners; obtain, then, for us, also, that peace of God which surpasseth all understanding; a condescending meekness in our conduct toward our neighbor. But principally teach us thy own favorite lesson of perfect conformity to the will of God, that we may repose tranquilly in the arms of His adorable Providence; that we may cast all our solicitude on God, so as "to ask for nothing and to refuse nothing;" at least to ask for nothing more earnestly than the treasure of His divine love, and to refuse nothing so resolutely as the misfortune of consenting to sin. Amen.

Prayer to St. Paul the Apostle

O glorious Saint Paul, who, from being a persecutor of the Christian name, didst become its most zealous Apostle, and who, to carry the knowledge of Jesus, our divine Savior, to the uttermost parts of the earth, didst joyfully suffer prison, scourgings, stonings, shipwreck and all manner of persecutions, and who didst finish thy course by shedding the last drop of thy blood: obtain for us the grace to accept, as favors bestowed by the mercy of God, the infirmities, sufferings and misfortunes of this life, that we may not grow slack in our service of God by reason of these vicissitudes of our exile, but that we may rather show ourselves ever more devoted. Amen.

Pray for us, Saint Paul the Apostle,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, who hast taught the multitude of the Gentiles by the preaching of blessed Paul the Apostle: grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that we who keep his memory sacred, may feel the might of his intercession before Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Indulgence of 500 days)

St. Paul

When I was Saul, and sat among the cloaks,
My eyes were stones, I saw no sight of Heaven,
Open to take the spirit of the twisting Stephen.

When I was Saul, and sat among the rocks,
I locked my eyes, and made my brain my tomb,
Sealed with what boulders rolled across my reason!

When I was Saul and walked upon the blazing desert
My road was quiet as a trap.

I feared what word would split high noon with light
And lock my life, and try to drive me mad:
And thus I saw the Voice that struck me dead.

Tie up my breath, and wind me in white sheets of anguish,
And lay me in my three days' sepulchre
Until I find my Easter in a vision.

Oh Christ! Give back my life, go, cross Damascus,
Find out my Ananias in that other room:
Command him, as you do, in this my dream;
He knows my locks, and owns my ransom,
Waits for Your word to take his keys and come.

— *Thomas Merton, S.B.E.*

Note from Father

Dear Faithful,

It is not unusual for me to speak about the weather as part of the “Note from Father” section of the bulletin. This usually serves as a bit of filler, which is interesting, but merely an aside. This time, however, it seems that the weather has taken the stage, front and center. A large winter storm is coming through the middle of the country this weekend and it is impacting much. Now, if you listen to the weather prophets, you would think it was Armageddon...in reality, it is just a fairly big winter storm. However, the timing of this storm certainly has produced an impact.

I was scheduled to head down to St. Anthony’s mission in Dallas this weekend, but they too are about to share in the winter fun. A combination of ice and snow filling up Saturday and continuing into Sunday morning meant that it would be a giant question mark as to whether I could even make it into town and all but assured that nobody would be able to make it safely to Mass on Sunday. So, prudence superseded desire, and we had to cancel, so I remain at St. Gertrude’s for the weekend, where the storm will arrive late Saturday night and really increase all day Sunday. The weather websites can’t agree on how much snow we will get in the end, but all agree it will be fairly substantial...probably somewhere around a foot. As Bp. Dolan used to say when wondering about Mass attendance, “we shall see what the market bears”.

Fr. Simpson escapes the snow in Milwaukee, but will need to bundle himself up against the frigid temperatures. I told him to check in Sunday afternoon to see what the conditions are...it might be prudent for him to just wait to return home on Monday instead of trying to sled through the snowy streets down here.

Only Bp. McGuire has managed to dodge the winter weather. He went to Tampa to join Bp. Selway in celebrating Mr. & Mrs. Selway’s 50th wedding anniversary. These generous souls have given the world 16 children, a number of whom are religious and one who is a Bishop. They also have been models of piety and have helped and supported many seminarians and souls throughout the years...May the good God grant them health, longevity, and ultimately eternity!

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

Mon	1/26/26	St. Polycarp, BpM 8:00 AM <i>Mass Conversion of Jane Schwab (Neil Schwab)</i>
Tue	1/27/26	St. John Chrysostom, BpCD
Wed	1/28/26	St. Peter Nolasco, C St. Agnes (the second time)
Thu	1/29/26	St. Francis de Sales, BpCD 6:00 PM <i>Holy Hour</i>
Fri	1/30/26	St. Martina, VM 5:20 PM <i>Rosary, Confession</i> 6:00 PM <i>Mass, Benediction Manual Ozenua (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)</i>
Sat	1/31/26	Epiphany IV (anticipated) St. John Bosco, C Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners 7:30 AM <i>Rosary, Confession</i> 8:00 AM <i>Mass Conversion of Paul Schwab (Neil Schwab)</i>
Sun	2/1/26	Septuagesima St. Ignatius, BpM 8:00 AM <i>Rosary, Confessions</i> 8:45 AM <i>High Mass Conversion of Michael Bonitatibus (Libby Bonitatibus)</i> 10:45 AM <i>Rosary, Confessions</i> 11:15 AM <i>Low Mass 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 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.