

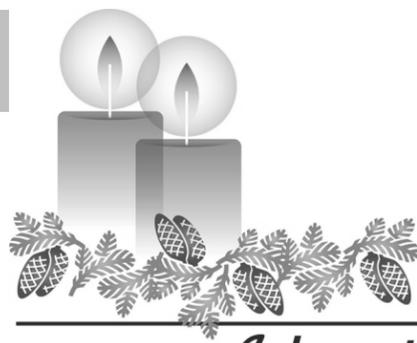
December 6, 2020

Mass Schedule: Dec 6-13, 2020

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Int. = intentions of
Pro Populo = for the people

The Pink Sisters' Chapel is closed to the public.

The 7am Masses you see listed here (7am PS), which are said at the Chapel, are also closed to the public.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

FORMED.ORG ADVENT RESOURCES

- **The Road to Bethlehem: Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent.** There are daily 5-minute video reflections for Adults and Children.
- **Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn:** Dr. Hahn reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.
- **The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas:** Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place
- "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," or, at least that's the assumption based on that familiar holiday song. But what does that look like at your house? Through **an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus**, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas. This Advent series can be viewed as a personal Study or with a group or family.

Our parish provides a Formed.org subscription; there is no cost for you to sign up. You'll need the parish code (J4V3RY) to sign up initially. After that, your e-mail address will suffice to sign in.

Upcoming Retreats by Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House

www.goodcounselretreat.com | goodcounsel@cdolinc.net | 402-786-2705

Note: at this time, all retreats are hybrid: online and in-person.

| Dates | For Whom | Retreat Master | Topic |
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| Dec 10-13 | Men Only | Regnum Christi and Fr. Chad Everts, LC | Men's Spiritual Exercises |
| Dec 19 | Men or Women | Fr. Jeff Eickhoff | One-day retreat: God is not Socially Distant |

Members of St. Teresa Parish: Altar Society or Men's Club will pay for half of the cost of a standard retreat once per retreat-year!

Second Sunday of Advent

Saint Teresa Parish Weekly Calendar

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| Sun 12/6 | 1-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration 1pm: <i>Baptism</i> |
| Mon 12/7 | 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration 5:30pm Vigil Mass |
| Tue 12/8 | Immaculate Conception 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration 6:30pm Mass |
| Wed 12/9 | 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7pm: Men's Club Meeting 7:30pm: Godteens Home Mtgs |
| Thu 12/10 | 7:30pm-9pm: RCIA |
| Fri 12/11 | 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration |
| Sat 12/12 | 9am-4pm: Eucharistic Adoration |
| Sun 12/13 | 1pm-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration <i>*1pm Baptism in Church</i> |

Note: there will NOT be a Grand Group meeting in December.

Save the date: St. Teresa's (first!) Virtual Trivia Night: January 30th, 2021

Advent Family Traditions

which are safe during health restrictions

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Attending or Watching Mass together
- Fast from tech and media
- Scripture Reading
- Advent Wreath with Scripture
- Feast of St. Nicholas: Dec 6th
- Jesse Tree
- Jesus' empty crib on display
- Remember to allow for silence in your day: shut off the radio, TV, and computer. Add or incorporate meaning to Advent activities, as we need memory and tradition even more during this time.*



Saint Teresa School Announcements

School Office: 402-477-3358

Consider whether you are able to donate items from the **Wishlist** of the School & Parish. See last week's insert for details.

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The school needs recycled paper: any 8 1/2 x 11 paper that is blank on one side and free of wrinkles and staples.

Online Giving

Online giving is a safe way to give to the parish without using envelopes. We encourage this practice! If you need help beginning, please call the parish office.



The link for online giving is in the upper-right hand corner of our parish website. www.stlfchurch.org



Please Pray

For the repose of the souls of Luke Anderson, son of Matt and Tammy; Charles Rickel, father of Stacy Rickel; Betty Barber, sister of Bernita Hruby; Bonnie Huggenberger, mother-in-law of Mary Huggenberger; Melva Van Gerpen, mother of Shannon Van Gerpen; longtime parishioner Ruth McKinstry; and longtime parishioner David Navratil.

Seminarian of the Week

Rev. Mr. Dale Allder is the son of David and Nancy Allder of St. Peter Parish, Lincoln. He is studying Theology 4 at Mt. St. Mary Seminary. Remember to pray for Dale and for his formation.

Rosie's Famous Lunches

All meals are made with *love* and are served with *fruit* and a *smile*



Eucharistic Adoration Update

Many thanks to all of those who have signed up for a Holy Hour. All days are filled and so **we can have Exposition every day!** We still need a person from 9-10am on Fridays. See the parish e-mail for the sign-up link.

NEW: CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Bishop Conley has made a special allowance this year. Christmas Eve Masses may begin as early as 3pm in order to create time for an extra Mass and thus avoid large crowds.

We will have a 3pm Mass AND a 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, Masses will be said at Midnight, 8am, 10am, and Noon.

Charity: Advent Giving Wreath

We are encouraged to stop by the Advent Wreath(s) to choose gifts that we are able to give to such charities as Lincoln Right to Life and Catholic Social Services. Please turn them in unwrapped.

Holy Land Rosaries

Rosaries of Olive Wood which were handmade by Christians in the Holy Land are available for purchase in the Parish Office (a minimum donation of \$10 is requested). All proceeds go directly to the support of Christians in the Holy Land. These make wonderful gifts for sacraments, Christmas, and all occasions!

Missalettes

New Missalettes—which begin on November 29th—are available in the vestibule. Please **keep** the missalette that you take, and use it each week.

2021 *Feasts & Saints* Calendars are available in the vestibule.

sacred art spotlight.

Italian Baroque painter Caravaggio's (1571-1610) depiction of John in the Wilderness (painted in 1605) is very distinctive. The original painting can be found at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri and is the only piece by the painter that can be viewed by the public in the Midwest. When one sees the image in museum, it leaps off the wall with its brilliance and dramatic use of light and dark when compared with the other paintings in the room.

Brooding and dark, John takes up the whole canvas. He leans forward out of darkness into the light. He is indeed the figure that will bridge the old world of sin and darkness and announce the coming of the Messiah who will usher in light, mercy, goodness and peace. The gravity of John can be explained by the purpose for which it was painted: a chapel for religious priests whose mission was to care for the sick and dying and to bury the corpses of plague victims.

John holds a thin reed cross which is a reference to Christ's description of John as "a reed shaken by the wind." The heavy cloak wrapped around him would have been necessary to stave off cold nights in the harsh wilderness. Its dark red color foreshadows his martyrdom as well as the blood of the Lamb of God which will wash away the sins of the world.

John's melancholy is a reminder of the seriousness of sin and the need for all of us to repent and follow the Lamb of God who saves us from our sins.

St. Teresa Thrift Shop

is open for business!

Last weekend's income: \$1530

Guidelines:

- Masks must be worn.
- Children wearing masks are welcome, but please: no infants, toddlers, or strollers.
- The number of shoppers may be limited.
- Please donate only during store hours.

Hours for business *and* donations are Fridays 4-8 and Saturdays 9-3

The Thrift Shop always needs volunteers!
For more information, call:
Karen Restau: 402-309-9769
Ann Reinke 402-560-4114

| Monday December 7 | Tuesday December 8 | Wednesday December 9 | Thursday December 10 | Friday December 11 |
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| No School | No School | Chili Carrots & Dip | BBQ Rib & Bun Corn | Scrambled Eggs Hashbrown |