

St. Teresa Parish

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

St. T | Weekly Calendar: December 17-24

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| Sun 12.17 | 1pm: Decorate Church (CH) 4-8pm: Godteens Event (KH) STAGE (KH) 1-9pm: Eucharistic Exposition |
| Mon 12.18 | 2pm: School Confessions (CH) STAGE (KH) 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Exposition |
| Tue 12.19 | STAGE (KH) 6-6:30pm: Catholic Daughters (CH) 6:30-9pm: Catholic Daughters (KH) 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Exposition |
| Wed 12.20 | STAGE (KH) Noon: School Dismissal 4-5:15pm: CCD and Confessions 4:45-6:15pm: Master Plan Mtg (MR) 7:30pm: Knights Meeting (KCH) 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Exposition |
| Thu 12.21 | School Christmas Break Begins STAGE (KH) 7:30pm: Choir Practice (CH) 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Exposition |
| Fri 12.22 | 4-9pm: Stage (KH) 9am-9pm: Eucharistic Exposition |
| Sat 12.23 | 9am: Legion of Mary (MR) 9:15am: Pius X Bible Study (CR) <i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i> |
| Sun 12.24 | <i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i> |

Mass Schedule: December 16-24

+ = *repose of the soul of Pro Populo = for the people*

The Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 S. Cotner Blvd: open 7am-8pm. The 7am Masses listed here (7am PS), said at the Chapel, are open to the public. (The Sunday Masses are private).

| Day | Time | Intention |
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| 12.16 | 4:00pm | + Dennis Coulter |
| | 8am | + Elwood & Esther Sheets |
| Sun 12.17 | 10am | + Bernardina Pajar |
| | Noon | Pro Populo |
| Mon 12.18 | 6:30am | Reconversion of Pedersen Family & Friends to the Catholic Faith |
| | 7am PS | Ronald & Nancy Mongeon & Family |
| | 8:15am | + Monte Moser |
| | 6:30am | + Demuth Family |
| Tue 12.19 | 7am PS | + Deceased Sisters of the Pink Sisters' Community |
| | 8:15am | + Gary Butcher |
| | 6:30am | + Basil Conry |
| Wed 12.20 | 7am PS | Cassandra Scully, Birthday |
| | 8:15am | Steve Sr & Martha |
| Thu 12.21 | 6:30am | + William Kozisek |
| | 7am PS | + Edwin & Sally Benes |
| | 8:15am | + Harold Fouts |
| Fri 12.22 | 6:30am | Lee & Mary Volkmer |
| | 7am PS | Fr. King Special Intention |
| | 8:15am | + Kenneth Grell |
| Sat 12.23 | 7am PS | Marina Abringe |
| | 8:15am | + Michael Aksamit |
| | 4:00pm | + James Condon |
| Sun 12.24 | 8am | Bernard & Alice Brugman |
| | 10am | + Charlie O'Grady |
| | Noon | Pro Populo |
| | 4:00pm | Jackson Family |

Baptism
Please welcome in baptism Orlando Miles Krueger, son of Nick and Thuankieu. Congratulations!

Bulletin Deadlines
If you have any bulletin blurb submissions for the Dec 24th and Dec 31st bulletin, please submit them to Theresa-Kottwitz @cdolinc.net no later than Tues, Dec 19th by 9am.

RCIA:
RCIA classes will resume on January 8th.

Christmas Decorating
Men's Club invites workers to help decorate inside the church at 1pm on Dec. 17th. We will transport & assemble heavy boxes of trees, hang lights & wreaths. It's well worth the effort once you see the results. No experience needed!

Advent Holy Hour
An Advent Holy Hour with a reflection by Fr. Schwenka will be celebrated on Sun-Sun, Dec 17th from 7-8pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy the season of Advent with Jesus. Confessions will be available.

Christmas Mass & Confession Times
Confessions in preparation for Christmas will be 1/2 hour before the daily Masses Mon-Sat; Sat from 3-4pm & 5-5:30pm; **Sat, Dec 16th from 10-11am;** & during the Advent Holy Hour. Christmas Mass times: Sun, Dec 24th: 4pm; Mon, Dec 25th: Midnight, 8am, 10am & Noon.

Solemnity of Mary: January 1st
Jan 1st, the Solemnity of Mary falls on a Monday and is NOT a holy day of obligation. Masses for Jan 1st will be Mon, Jan 1 at 8:15 and 10am. There will be no vigil Mass.

St. Teresa Trivia Night
St. Teresa Trivia Night will be on Sat, Jan 13th at Pius X High School Commons. Come at 6pm for social hour and to set up your table. Trivia begins at 7pm. To register your team or as an individual, go to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/e2fd71a2-2fa9-4b1c-9806-255d26053e7a> or scan the QR Code. If registering a team, only the team captain should register & pay the full amount for all players. It is up to the captain to be reimbursed by your team members. If you do not have a full table, please register as individuals & you will be assigned to a table, with an option to state who you'd like to sit with. Individual registrations must pay unless you are a first-time player. Registration deadline: January 5th. Tables will be assigned in registration submission order. Questions on Trivia Night contact Steve at pattystevelincoln@yahoo.com.



St. Teresa School News

Christmas Break
School will dismiss at Noon on Dec 20th: End of 2nd Quarter. Christmas Break begins on Dec 21st. School will resume on Thurs, Jan 4th.

Teammates
Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? Would you be interested in mentoring a young person in a school setting? If you think you would be interested in mentoring one-on-one at St. Teresa Catholic School, please contact Chris Jacobsen at 402-477-3358. <https://teammates.org>.

Basketball
Cheer on our St. Teresa Junior High boys basketball teams! See <https://cysi.org> for the full schedule.

Altar Society Prayer Line
Parish-wide prayer line
Requests can be made by e-mailing: levaorationsdeo@yahoo.com or by calling Mary Pat at 402-314-1296.

| Collection Report | | | | |
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| Week ended | December 9, 2023 | | | |
| Adult Envelope | | | | \$ 20,228.50 |
| Loose Plate | | | | 1,125.50 |
| | | | | \$ 21,354.00 |
| 2023 | Actual | Budgeted | Above (below) | Cum. YTD |
| - | Sunday | Sunday | (below) | Above(Below) |
| 2024 | Collection | Collection | Budget | Budget |
| Jul | 105,178 | 103,250 | 1,928 | 1,928 |
| Aug | 85,007 | 82,600 | 2,407 | 4,335 |
| Sep | 85,041 | 82,600 | 2,441 | 6,776 |
| Oct | 96,681 | 103,250 | (6,569) | 206 |
| Nov | 79,407 | 82,600 | (3,193) | (2,987) |
| Projected weekly tithing based on total prior year giving \$20,650. | | | | |
| We submitted a break-even budget to the diocese for FY 2023/2024 | | | | |

St. Teresa Thrift Shop
The Thrift Shop made **\$3,351** last weekend.
Hours for business:
Fridays 4-8 and Saturdays 9-3
Please donate during business hours.

Eucharistic Adoration
The following hours are still open for adoration. Please consider taking an hour. The link to the online sign-up is included in the parish e-mail and is on our website:
Home>Authentic Worship>Adoration

Open Holy Hours:
Tues 4-5pm; Wed 10-11am;
Fri: 10-11am, 11am-Noon, 3-4pm;
Sat 9-10am, 3-4pm

Advent Giving Wreaths
Advent Giving Wreaths can be found hanging in the vestibule of the church. There are 5 different organization that you can choose to donate to with gifts or monetary donations. Please place the giving tag you selected on the gift you purchased and place in the vestibule. Do not wrap the gift. Any monetary donations, please place in an envelope with the tag and place in the rectory drop slot next to the rectory door. Please bring any items/donations by the end of the day on Sun, Dec. 17th. All items will be delivered on Mon, Dec 18th.

Advent Specials on FORMED
FORMED is offering some interesting programming for Advent: Rooted: *Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent* and *Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids* are but two examples. Our Parish Code for FORMED is J4V3RY.

St. Teresa Parish Office
402-477-3979
Mon-Thu: 9am-4pm | Fridays: Closed
Jeanne Kee: Financial Secretary
Billing, Giving, Financials
Mon-Thu, 9-4 | Jeanne-Kee@cdolinc.net
Theresa Kottwitz: Parish Secretary
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Mon-Thu: 9am-2pm
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| Dates | Retreat Master | Topic |
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| Dec 29-Jan 1 Jan 2-5 Dec 29-Jan 5 | Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter Matt Simmons or Fr. Barak Matt Simmons or Fr. Barak | 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Retreats |
| Jan 8-11 Jan 11-15 Jan 8-15 | Fr. Barak, Fr. Coulter, or Sarina Stokes | 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Retreats |

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! (Ignatius retreats are non-standard)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| December 18 | December 19 | December 20 | December 21 | December 22 |
| Chicken Noodle Soup | Hamburger Fries & Fruit | No Lunch Noon Dismiss | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL |

Holy Innocents Mass
All are invited to a memorial Mass for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion will be held on Thurs, Dec. 28th, 7pm at John XXIII Diocesan center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Reading of names at 6:45pm. New names may be submitted by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 before 5pm on Dec 21st or in the vestibule prior to 6:45. All names will be permanently placed on a banner. However, due to time constraints, only names submitted since 2015 will be read aloud.

Marriage Encounter Experience
Learn the tools needed to keep you marriage strong by attending a Marriage Encounter on Feb 9-11 in Lincoln. "Finding a oneness of heart we all desire." Advance registration required. Contact Gary & Brenda Granger at 303-604-6202

Diocese of Lincoln: Christmas Masses & Confessions
Christmas Mass and Confession times for parishes across the Diocese of Lincoln can be found at lincolndiocese.org/Christmas.

Shine Like the Stars: Villa Marie Dance & Auction
Join us for dancing & a whole lot of fun & good food on Feb 9th, 6-10pm at Sandhills Global Event Center, for the Villa Marie Annual Dance & Auction Fundraiser. Dress in an outfit from your favorite era: medieval princess, a 70's go-go dancer, 80's Rockstar, a prancing poodle skirt & leather jacket couple, or just going for the "I just left the office in 2023" look! Tickets are on sale as well as our 60th anniversary merchandise. Pre-orders available for pick up at the dance. For tickets/merchandise, go to onecau.se/villamdance60 or scan the QR Code.



Childcare Staff Opening
Catholic Social Services is hiring full & part-time childcare teachers for their soon-to-be open childcare center. To apply/info, visit csshope.org/careers.

Parish Ministry Schedules
Current schedules are available on the Parish Website at <https://stlfcchurch.org>. From the Home Page, go to Compassionate Services>Liturgical Ministries>
+ **Acolytes** + **Lectors** + **Altar Servers**

Upcoming Retreats by Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House
www.goodcounselretreat.com | goodcounsel@cdolinc.net | 402-786-2705



Voices Welcome for Midnight Mass
All are welcome to join the choir at Midnight Mass on Christmas. There will be one practice from 7:30-9pm in the choir loft on Thursday, December 21st. Anyone attending Midnight Mass is invited to come early for preludes beginning a half hour before Mass.