

December 8, 2024 | Second Sunday of Advent

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m.

Sat.: 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Sun.: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: As Scheduled in the Bulletin

Reconciliation Schedule

15 minutes before a.m. Masses Mon.-Sat. (except on Holy Days) Saturday: 4:30-5:20 p.m., 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Baptism Instruction Class are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the school meeting room. Call the rectory to register for the class.

Marriage Preparation: Please call the rectory for more information. You will need a minimum of 4 months to do marriage preparation, 6-12 months is preferred.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP Sunday Collections (December 1, 2024)

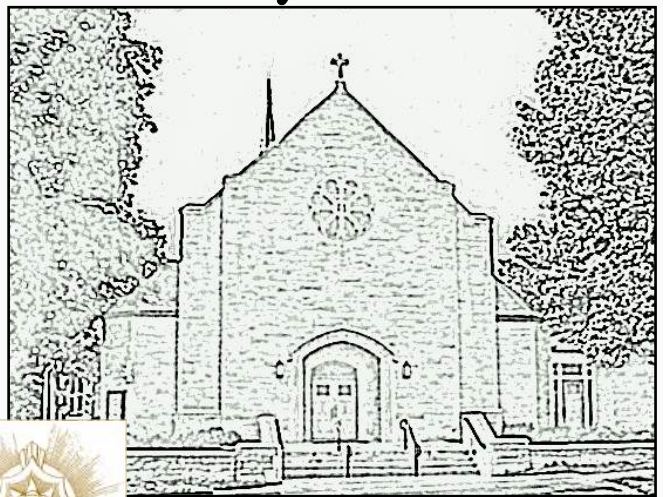
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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church & School

Immaculate Conception

of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 9, 2024

~ Holy Day Masses ~

- Dec 8th at 5:30 p.m. -

Dec. 9th at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation



At any Mass on Sun., Dec. 8th, whether within or outside the usual schedule, the Mass setting and readings for the Second Sunday of Advent are used. The obligation for Sunday is fulfilled by any Mass Saturday evening through Sunday night. The obligation for the Holy Day is fulfilled by any Mass Sunday evening through Monday night.

In other words, a Catholic could attend Mass Sunday morning & have all the prayers & readings for the Second Sunday of Advent and fulfill their Sunday obligation, then go to Mass that evening (which would have all the prayers and readings for, again the Second Sunday of Advent) and fulfill their obligation for the Immaculate Conception. Or of course you can go to Mass either on the evening of Sat., Dec. 7th or Sun., Dec. 8th & then Mass on Mon., Dec. 9th and fulfill both obligations that way. To read more scan the QR code. No matter what the combination though, every Catholic is obliged to attend Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent & for the Immaculate Conception.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLECTION – You have envelopes in your packets, or you can just write on a regular envelope & put in collection basket, or you can go online at www.blessedsacramentlincoln.org & select the Immaculate Conception Fund and give online.



CSS HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY - Join Blessed Sacrament Parish and Catholic Social Services in our Christmas and New Year's giving! We will provide gifts for families in need, financial assistance through cash donations, gift cards, food market items, and personal care items for our homeless and walk-in clients.

Simply scan the QR code on the ornaments in the vestibule—no need to take an ornament home this year! Sign up online (it's easier than online shopping) or visit csshope.org/holidaygiving to participate in any of our programs that will inspire Hope & Love this holiday season! Gifts due back to the parish by Dec. 13th at noon. If you have questions or need help offline call Jacob Van Noy at 402-770-9232.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - December 7th

5:30 P.M. † Arlene Sedlak

Sunday - December 8th

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish

10:00 A.M. † Lorraine Kozisek

11:30 A.M. † Sandy Payne

5:30 P.M. Rick & Angie Fitzgerald & Family

Monday - December 9th

6:30 A.M. Physically & Mentally Ill

8:15 A.M. † Zoey Roberts

7:00 P.M. † Phyllis Schmitz

Tuesday - December 10th

6:30 A.M. † Mike McConnell

8:15 A.M. † Verlane Kuchta

Wednesday - December 11th

6:30 A.M. Special Intention, FM

8:15 A.M. Susan Jagoda

Thursday - December 12th

6:30 A.M. Collin Wirth

8:15 A.M. † Carl Kaczka

Friday - December 13th

6:30 A.M. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:15 A.M. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday - December 14th

8:15 A.M. Bill & Joan Bonkiewicz

5:30 P.M. † Jim McGrath

Sunday - December 15th

8:30 A.M. † John Steinauer

10:00 A.M. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

11:30 A.M. People of the Parish

PARISH NEWS

DATES & EVENTS:

DECEMBER 9, 2024, RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED – The rectory offices will be closed for the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 9th.

DECEMBER 9, 2024, CHIPOTLE DINE OUT - Mark your calendars for the next dine out at Chipotle, Mon., Dec. 9th from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at 2801 Pine Lake Road. PTO will receive 25% benefit from all sales that mention Blessed Sacrament. Pre-Order your SCRIP for Chipotle by texting Jennie Korth at 402-366-4218. SCRIP will receive 10% from all gift card sales.

DECEMBER 11, 2024, K OF C GENERAL MEETING - at 8 p.m. in Kraemer Hall.



DECEMBER 13, 2024, PCCW CHRISTMAS PARTY - Join us at 6 p.m. in the gym! This year, instead of a gift exchange among ourselves, we're bringing gifts for moms in need! Please bring unwrapped clothes and diapers, which we will donate to Birthright. During the evening, we will have a potluck and play Bunco. And of course you're invited to wear your best ugly Christmas sweater! RSVP with the QR Code.

DECEMBER 13, 2024, MOM'S PRAY & PLAY GROUP - Moms & kids are welcome to the Blessed Sacrament Mom's group. An opportunity to get to know, support, & build community with other Catholic moms from our parish who are in the midst of raising kids. Bundle up and let's meet at Stransky Park (S. 17th & Van Dom) on Friday, December 13th at 10am, weather permitting. Moms will say a prayer for our families and visit while our kids play. No commitment or need to RSVP. Questions or suggestions contact Maggie at 402-443-7343.

DECEMBER 14, 2024, CHURCH INSIDE CLEANING - We are asking for help with cleaning the Church on Sat. morning, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin by dusting the high, hard-to-reach areas & will begin cleaning the pews & floors afterward (approximately 10:00 a.m.). If you can, please bring cleaning supplies mops, vacuum cleaners, & extension cords. Thanks in advance for anyone that can help.

DECEMBER 14, 2024, KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS DINNER – we welcome all K of C Members & their families to join us for a Christmas dinner with our awards presentation, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The menu will consist of turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner rolls, & green bean casserole. Please follow the instructions below to help with salads & desserts. Please RSVP to Joshua.d.lambert@live.com.

- Last name A-M please bring a salad
- Last name N-Z please bring a dessert

DECEMBER 15, 2024, HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & COMMUNITY OF HOPE CELEBRATION - The PCCW's Annual Christmas Bake Sale will be Sunday, December 15th after all Masses. The bake sale features a variety of all homemade goodies. Coffee will be provided for those who want to stay and eat their goodies. We will also have a special guest at the bake sale after **10 a.m. Mass - Bishop Conley!** The bishop is offering the 10 a.m. Mass and will be here for a Community of Hope celebration after that Mass.

REMINDER TO PCCW MEMBERS - DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BAKED GOODS! Bring items to the bride's room on Saturday the 14th, or to the gym on Sunday the 15th. Baked goods can also be brought to the Christmas party on December 13th. We will need more donations now that the Community of Hope celebration is coinciding with the bake sale, so PLEASE provide goodies if you are able!"

SCRIP NEWS - Don't forget about Scrip gift cards as you start your holiday shopping!

- ♦ Hy-Vee, Russ's, Super Saver or Walmart are great when buying groceries for your large family gatherings!
- ♦ Have family who is hard to shop for? (I see you mom of the picky tweenager.) Lots of gift cards starting at \$5!
- ♦ Not sure what to get your kids' teachers? We have Scrip gift certificates so they can pick exactly what they want!

Please ask for a list of cards we have in stock, but 100s of brands are also available on RaiseRight.com. Email jenniekorth@gmail.com or text 402-366-4218 to place **special orders by 12/15** to get in time for Christmas. Scrip is available during regular Rectory hours & between masses on select Sun. Watch Blessed Sacrament's social media channels for announcements!

2025 CALENDARS – They have come in; they are located in the vestibule. Please take one to have at home or work. Enjoy!

THANK YOU - DIAPER DRIVE RESULTS – Lincoln Deanery = 61,790 Diapers / Lincoln Diocese Total = 218,965 Diapers.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION – A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Together, our parish raised \$3,106.00 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your Generosity echoes the theme “hearts on fire, feet on the move,” bringing warmth & hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected & engaged with the Pope’s missions throughout the year, please visit OneFamilyInMission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

CHANGE TO THE CSS FOOD MARKET DONATION MONTH – We have a new month to sponsor the CSS Food Market, it will now be January & June that Blessed Sacrament will help stock the CSS Food Market, if you give online you will want to adjust that fund on online giving, if you use the envelopes, they will now be in the January and June envelope packets.

GIVE GENEROUSLY, GIVING FROM YOUR IRA - A tip on tax-free, charitable giving from your IRA - Qualified Charitable Distributions: If you are 70 1/2 years old or older & have an individual Retirement Account

(IRA), you can support Blessed Sacrament church by making a qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Qualified Charitable Distributions are tax-free withdrawals transferred directly from IRA to qualifying organizations such as Blessed Sacrament Church, up to a maximum of \$105,000 annually.



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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

PERPETUAL ADORATION

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there eternally. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen.

Adorers are needed for these open hours: **Sun.:** 12 a.m., 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m. (twice a month), 9 a.m.; **Mon.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 7 a.m.; **Tues.:** 2 a.m., 3 a.m. (three x a month), 10 a.m., 1 p.m.; **Wed.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m.; **Thurs.:** 2 a.m.; **Fri.:** 2 a.m., 3 a.m. (twice a month); **Sat.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. (twice a month), 8 p.m. (twice a month), 11 p.m., 12 Mid;

If interested in becoming an adorer or a sub, or for more info, contact one of the coordinators listed below: Lois Korinek-402-423-1949 - Kathy Wells - 402-840-7732.

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 2024-25 - Each Seminarian is given a specific week during which we are encouraged as a parish to pray for that specific seminarian preparing for the priesthood. The following is a list of the men to pray for during the month of Dec.:

Dec. 8th-14th: Nicholas Hanus (St. Greg's)

Dec. 15th-21st: Matthias Clark (St. Greg's)

Dec. 22nd-28th: Tyler Johnson (Mount St. Mary Seminary)

DECEMBER 10, 2024, MARIAN MANTLE SILENT STRENGTH PRAYER GROUP - All are welcome to join us in prayer for the return of our prodigal children to the Faith. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 10th at Cathedral of the Risen Christ; 35th & Sheridan Blvd. We meet in the coat room on the lower level of the Cathedral. The Divine Mercy Chaplet & a Rosary will be said as well as petition prayers for our prodigals & members. Mass is at 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to attend. This is the only meeting in December. Contact kneugeba@gmail.com for more info.

GET A GROUP TOGETHER & LEARN ABOUT THE PINK SISTERS - Visit the Chapel of Christ the King, the home of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters, and get all the info. on this oasis of peace and stillness in the heart of Lincoln. Any age group is welcome! To schedule, contact Joan Tasler, 402-310-9682 or jftasler@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE - Upcoming Retreats to register for: **4 & 8-day Ignatian Retreats** - Dec. 15th-18th, 19th-22nd, 15th-22nd, w/ Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak & Matt Simmons, "Men's Spiritual Exercises" w/ Regnum Christi Dec. 12th-15th, "O Holy Night" 24-hour retreat for Advent & Christmas w/Fr. Gary Coulter Dec 20th-21st. Desert Day on Dec. 17th anytime between 7-9 a.m. check-in - Depart when it works for you. Read more & register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER 28, 2024, HOLY INNOCENTS' MEMORIAL MASS - For those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. All are invited. Sat., Dec. 28th at John XXIII Diocesan Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln. Reading children's names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. New names may be submitted by calling the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 17th or in the vestibule prior to 6:30 p.m. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list. All names will be permanently placed on a memorial banner.

JANUARY 2-5, 2024, S.T.A.G.E. TO PRESENT "THE CUSTODIAN OF ART" - Student Theatre announces its holiday production, "The Custodian of Art," to be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & at 2 p.m. on Jan. 5th, at St. Teresa's Kaczmarek Hall, 36th & Randolph St. Audiences of all ages will delight in this original musical, featuring student actors ages 8 to 15. Set in an art gallery full of famous paintings, patrons realize the purpose of art as it comes to life through clever depictions & silly antics. Music, dance, & humorous moments weave their way through this thoughtful piece derived from St. John Paul II's Letter to Artists & his writings on truth, goodness, & beauty. Following the show, guests will enjoy an art exhibit by local artists & STAGE students. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased at <https://www.stage4kids.com/purchase-tickets.html>.



EMMAUS INSTITUTE

JANUARY 8, 2024, EMMAUS INSTITUTE WINTER COURSE - Starting Jan. 8th (Wednesdays), the Emmaus Institute is teaching a five-week course on our Blessed Mother, titled The Mother of the Word: A Biblical Study of Mary.

Discover how the Old & New Testaments reveal the person and mission of Mary. Learn more and register via the QR code or at www.EmmausInstitute.net.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER - All parishioners are able to take advantage of the NCBC's Free Personal Ethics Consultations at <https://www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form>, which help patients, & their families understand & apply Church teaching to the difficult medical situations they face. Our ethicists are available 24/7 by phone & email, & this service is free of charge.

As a member of the consultations team, I can attest to the significant impact we have on the lives of family members who do not know if they should withdraw treatment from their loved ones at the end of life, health care workers who are unsure about participating in certain job-related activities, & couples who are seeking guidance on the Church's teaching on reproductive medicine.

Please go to <https://www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form> to access information on the following:

- Living a Catholic Life, "Human Dignity and Medicine"
- Making Sense of Bioethics, "An Authentic Democracy"
- Bioethics Public Policy Report

There are links to the archives of Living a Catholic Life, Making Sense of Bioethics, and NCBC webinars. Feel free to use these resources.

FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025, WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Sign up today to prepare your marriage to follow the Lord by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb. 14th-16th, Lincoln, NE; Sept. 19th-21st, Grand Island, NE. For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger at 402-370-5839. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more info about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wvme.org. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter).

MOMS IN NEED - The parish Pro-Life group has put together packets that identify resources for any mother who finds herself in need of assistance. They are located in our vestibule pamphlet rack. If you are a mother in need, or know of someone who could use this material, check the pamphlet rack for yellow-colored packets.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - in Seward, NE, has an opening for an energetic Catholic leader as Elementary School Principal, for the 2025-26 school year. The principal must be certified by the NE Dept. of Education or be able to be certified with minimal effort. Preference will be given to applicants with successful administrative experience. St. Vincent de Paul is a PreK-4 elementary school located 25 miles west of Lincoln. Interested, qualified candidates can ask for application info by contacting Msgr. Robert Tucker at msgr.rob-ert-tucker@cdolinc.net or call (402) 643-3421.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CHURCH ORGANIST/PIANIST - We're seeking an experienced organist &/or pianist to serve at our liturgies, including Sat. vigil Mass, Holy Days, & as a substitute for Sun. Masses as needed. One or more PT, paid positions are available now. We would love to welcome you to our Music Ministry! To express interest, please contact Mike Zeleny, Director of Music, at Zelenymj@gmail.com or 402.416.1845.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - BEYOND THE BELL STAFF - is seeking support staff to help with our after-school program! Must be at least 16 years old. Responsibilities include providing childcare & child safety, preparing snacks, supervising indoor & outdoor activities, helping direct educational programming, & facilitating a safe, encouraging environment for students. Email resume & references to JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net or call 402-489-0341 with any questions.

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Blessed Sacrament Parish Council
11/27/24 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

A parish council meeting of Blessed Sacrament Church was held on 11/27/24 at Blessed Sacrament School, beginning at 6:00 PM and moderated by Bob Svoboda.

Members present: Collin Aldrich, Katie Kudron, Fr. Morin, Clem Pella, Jennifer Tran, Ben Mattern, Aaron May, Mike Muff, Bob Svoboda, Perry Demma, Chris Beardslee, and Hai Tran.

Members absent: Matt Richardson and Fr. Reimers

Reports

- Building & Grounds – Chris Beardslee Reporting
 - A comprehensive landscape plan is in progress.
 - Drainage improvements are planned for the east side of the Church.
 - Fall Festival funds will improve the school entryway; plans are in progress.
 - Water has been leaking into the Church basement during the last few rains; each time, improvements are made and will continue until the leaking stops.
 - The City of Lincoln sent notice that the Church owned property to the East of the rectory has lead piping from the water main and the City will be replacing it at some time in the future at the City's cost.
 - The rental property at 2336 S. 17th St. is still being upgraded and a decision will be made soon on when to sell and what the price may be.
- School – Jennifer Tran Reporting
 - Enrollment is up by two this year and there will be 22+ in kindergarten next year.
 - Recruiting to increase enrollment will begin soon with an e-mail sent to Pre-K eligible parishioners. Testimonials from some public-school transfers that have experienced positive transformation will be used in efforts.
 - The Pre-K para left and a replacement one was promoted from part-time to full-time.
 - \$35K-\$45K in annual scholarships from Opportunity Scholarship Nebraska will be awarded to help lower income families with tuition.
- Altar Society – Katie Kudron Reporting
 - The new Eucharistic canopy that was purchased jointly by the Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus is being assembled with some difficulty.
 - Upcoming events include a 12/13 Christmas party and 12/15 bake sale.
- Knights of Columbus – Clem Pella Reporting
 - Upcoming events include a 12/14 Christmas party, 1/11/25 Sloppy Joe dinner, 1/12/25 breakfast burritos, and the annual free throw contest in January.
- Finance Council – Fr. Morin Reporting
 - Through the first three months of the fiscal year, Sunday giving is down significantly. Work is underway to try to find why contributions don't seem to be matching commitments made through the Stewardship Offertory Program.

Other Discussion Items

- Fr. Morin presented Unbound, which advocates and supports parishes to tithe to poor parishes around the world. The parish council will pray for direction regarding how to respond to this opportunity to help those in need.
- The Pius X capital campaign was pushed back to August of 2025 to allow for further planning. Blessed Sacrament's contribution currently stands at around \$830K and a joint campaign to continue updates at Blessed Sacrament will be considered.
- The Community of Hope campaign is coming to a close and Blessed Sacrament has already paid off all of its debt! It is believed that this is the first time the parish has been debt free in almost 40 years! An invitation to Bishop Conley has been extended to join us for a loan documentation burning celebration and green space blessing soon.
- The parish will potentially be giving away a book at Christmas time; it will be a surprise!
- Multiple parishioners have independently asked Fr. Morin to bring back Sunday adoration like we were doing during the year of the Eucharist. The possibility will be explored since multiple parish organizations need to step up to make it happen.
- The parish council took a field trip to see a potential solution to having too many books in the back of pews. A sample of a solution was installed that would hold all books and would cost approximately \$5K to install throughout the sanctuary.
- The next parish council meeting will be January 22nd, at 6:30 PM.
- The meeting adjourned around 7:03 PM followed by a closing prayer led by Fr. Morin.



Our Place of *Hope & Promise*

Each month we will spotlight one of the many ways Blessed Sacrament is growing, serving, giving.

Parish Council of Catholic Women (aka Altar Society)

December 2024

Main Work

The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW), also known as the Altar Society, is a service organization responsible for many “behind the scenes” tasks in the parish. They launder the Altar linens and cassocks, maintain the votive candles in the Church, and take care of the Marian Garden. One significant part of the PCCW is providing luncheons for funerals in the parish. Some ladies provide salads and desserts for the meal, while others are responsible for actually serving the meal for the family and friends of the deceased. In this way, the group is helping with both the Corporal works of mercy of burying the dead and feeding the hungry! But the group is not entirely about service. The PCCW desires to help foster the spiritual life through prayer at meetings and sharing a Sunday Holy Hour, as well as the fellowship of the members through quarterly socials.

Did You Know?

PCCW has multiple bake sales each year. Their biggest fundraiser is the upcoming Homemade Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, December 15. The funds raised by PCCW help with

purchases such as altar wine, hosts, and candles. In the past few years, they have made multiple large purchases, including the holy water fonts, a thurible, and new cassocks and surplices. Most recently, the Knights of Columbus and the PCCW worked together to purchase a canopy for the Eucharistic Processions.

How can you be involved?

All women in the parish are automatically members of the PCCW, whether they are active or not. But there is always a need for more ladies to become active. This can be as simple as providing desserts for a bake sale, or helping to maintain the votive candles in the Church. Ladies can participate however their time or talents allow.

The Altar Society meets bi-monthly (the 4th Tuesday of odd-numbered months), so the meetings are not a big time commitment. Last year, the PCCW averaged over 65 hours a month in service, spiritual, and social activities!



Impact in our Parish and Community

Lois Korinek has been a member of PCCW for many years and shared, “I have so enjoyed being a member of the Altar Society. Years ago when my children were young, it was a night out that I not only could connect with my friends, but also pray together and above all feel that I was contributing to helping with all the needs of the altar and of the Church. In looking back, I feel that from my being a member, that I have received more than what I have given.”

Riley Jedlicka spoke recently during PCCW’s recruitment weekend, “I feel it’s a beautiful calling for a woman to use her defined set of skills to nurture and care for the Church which fosters our spiritual wellness, centers our families, and roots us in what is truly important in life, our Catholic faith.”

BLESSED SACRAMENT PCCW'S ANNUAL

Homemade Christmas Bake Sale



Sunday, December 15th
School gym, after all Masses

Free will donation for all items

**Plus - join us after the 10am Mass for a Community of
Hope celebration with Bishop Conley!**



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WAYS TO GIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Here are a few ways you can bring "Hope in the Good Life" to our neighbors during the holiday season!

- ADOPT A FAMILY -

(Blessed Sacrament, Cathedral, North American Martyrs, St. John, St. Joseph, St. Mary-Denton, St. Michael, St. Peter, St. Teresa)

Choose a family and purchase the gifts on their list. Visit one of the parishes listed above or scan the QR Code below.

- GIFT CARDS & CASH DONATIONS -

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Visit one of the parishes listed above to place a gift card or cash donations into an envelope and put it in the parish collection plate.

- FOOD MARKET DONATIONS -

Shop our list of most needed items by scanning the QR code below. Bring your donations to our Lincoln office (2241 O St.) during normal business hours.

- PERSONAL CARE ITEMS -

Provide personal care items for our homeless and walk-in clients. Scan the QR code below. Drop off your donations at our Lincoln office (2241 O St.) during our normal business hours.

- VOLUNTEER -

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Hope in the Good Life

CHRISTMAS & MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 15 min. before a.m. Masses – Monday - Friday (Except on Holy Days)

Saturdays: 15 min. before 8:15 a.m. / 4:30 – 5:20 p.m. / 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th: 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, December 25th: 12 Midnight, 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1st: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024.



Christmas Flowers



The deadline for ordering flowers is December 22nd!

If you wish to place a Christmas flower on the altar to honor or in remembrance of a loved one. Please fill out this form and place it & your payment of **\$15.00 per plant** in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Church.

In honor of: _____

or

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Total enclosed: _____ (\$15.00 per plant) _____ Check _____ Cash

Your name: _____





ANNOUNCEMENT: SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING

The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025

Beginning January 1, 2025, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to renew their training during the month of January.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO
CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S
PRECIOUS CHILDREN!**



UPCOMING RETREAT:

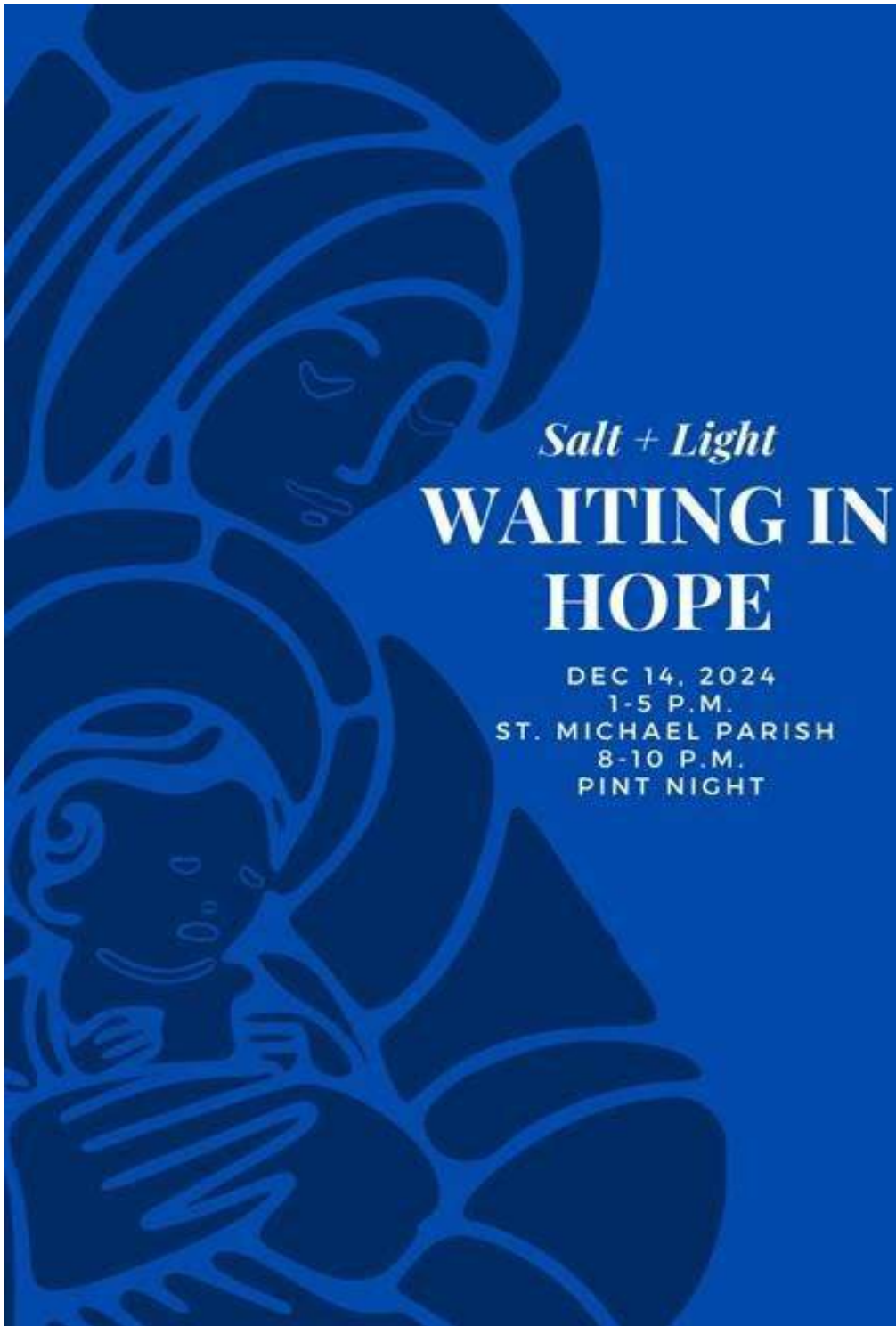
Regnum Christi Men's Spiritual Exercises

DECEMBER
12-15

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weekend retreat

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Salt + Light

WAITING IN HOPE

DEC 14, 2024
1-5 P.M.
ST. MICHAEL PARISH
8-10 P.M.
PINT NIGHT

December 14, 2024, Salt + Light Young Adult (ages 21-39) Advent Retreat: Embrace the season of waiting and anticipation with Mary as our guide. *Waiting in Hope* is a retreat designed to deepen your relationship with the Lord and rediscover the beauty of Advent through prayer, reflection, and contemplation.

Part 1: St. Michael Parish – 9101 S. 78th St, Lincoln, NE 68516 (1 - 5 p.m.)

- Speakers: Fr. Cole Kennett and Fr. Ranil Weerakoon

Part 2: Corn Coast Brewing - 1433 Dahlberg Dr, Lincoln, NE 68512 (8 - 10 p.m.)

- Pint Night Talk: Joshua Burks, Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies

Register here: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/salt-light-advent-retreat->



O Holy Night

December 20-21



Scan to register

A 24-hour retreat on popular Advent and Christmas hymns for men and women with Fr. Gary Coulter



Fr. Gary Coulter, Retreat House Director for 11 years, will guide us through the beauty and theology of beloved Advent and Christmas hymns. From ancient carols like "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" to classics like "O Little Town of Bethlehem," discover the rich history behind these songs that prepare our hearts for the holy season.

Questions? Call us at 402-786-2705, or email us at office@olgcretreat.org



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**Embracing a
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(for the Long Haul)**

OCT

26

**Trusting God in an
Age of Anxiety**

NOV

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**Intro to
Discernment
of Spirits**

DEC

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**Why Consecrated
Life?**

Register

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WITH THE CK SISTERS

Holiday cookie making for the Sisters' benefactors

Event for young women junior high to age 30

Join us for all or part of the day



DECEMBER 27, 2024

9 AM - 2 PM

RSVP: 402-477-5232 or sr.fiat-marie@cdolinc.net

Villa Regina Motherhouse

4100 SW 56th St.

Lincoln, NE 68522





Holy Innocents

A memorial Mass for those who
have lost a child
through miscarriage, stillbirth,
infant death or abortion
All are invited

| 28 DECEMBER |

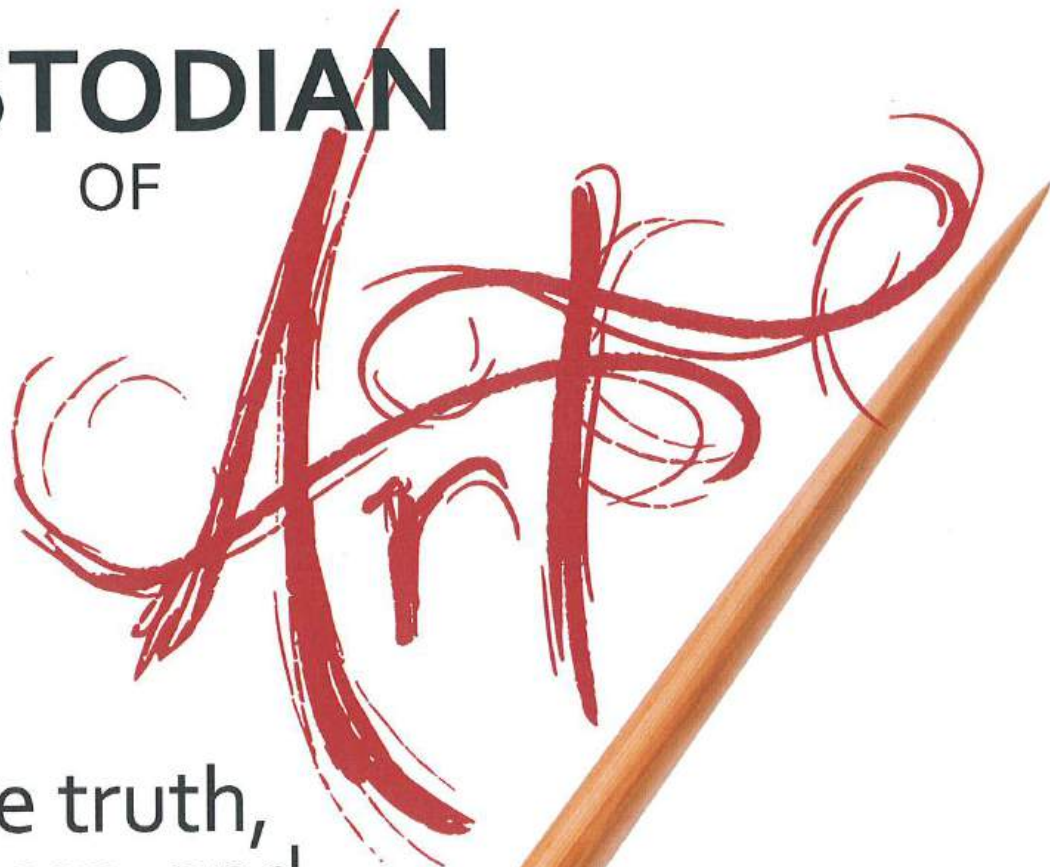
6:30pm Reading of Names
7:00pm Mass

New names may be submitted by
calling the Office of Family Life
at 402-473-0620 before 5pm on
Dec. 17th or in the vestibule
prior to 6:30.

All names will be permanently
placed on a banner. However,
due to time constraints, only
names submitted since 2016 will
be read aloud.

Mass will be held at John XXIII Diocesan Center
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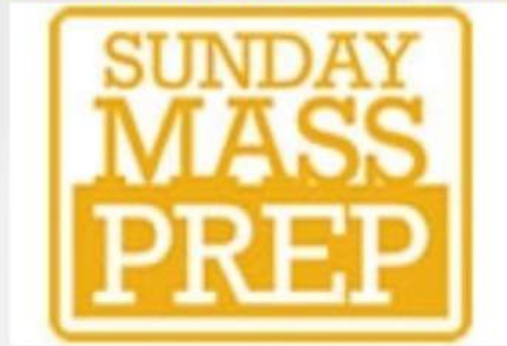


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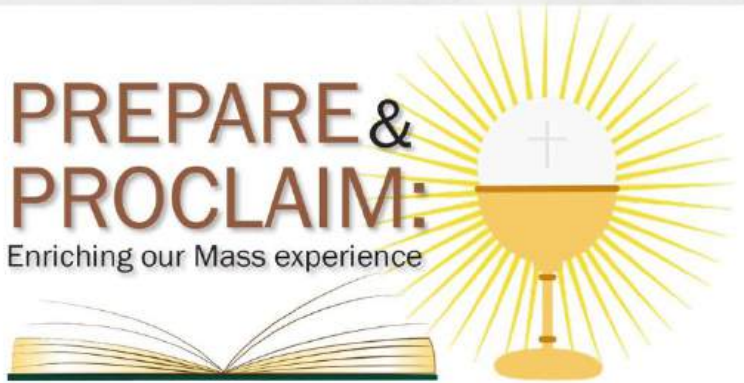
February 14-16-2025- Lincoln, NE
August 8-10-2025- Littleton, CO
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