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COLLECTION

What is God asking of me? Our response to the Lord last week

Adult: \$6642.00 Plate: \$154.00 Youth: \$55.19

Parish Endow: \$150.00 Cap Imp: \$647.00 Other: \$983.00

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday thru Saturday 20 minutes before each daily Mass

Saturday: 4:30-5:20 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:30-9:50 a.m.

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 p.m.

Or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26

7:00 a.m. †Gary Fiala / Leroy Fiala

8:05 a.m. **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 a.m. †John & Marguerite Miller/ Ruth Push

8:05 a.m.: †Barbara Barak/ Joe & Doris Huber

9:30 p.m. Mass at Ridgewood

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Intention of Nonie/ J. Lyons

8:05 a.m. †Cy Hain/ Delores Hain

Thursday, December 29

7:00 a.m. †Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:05 a.m. †Lena Murphy

Friday, December 30

7:00 a.m. † Nick Reisinger/ Family

8:05 a.m. Tausha Dybdal/ Kira Broer

Saturday, December 31

8:00 a.m. † Bernard Kobza/ Don & Pat Forst

4:00 p.m. †Margaret Spatz/ Becky Reisinger

5:30 p.m. †Rita Kobza/ Gil & Flo Kobza

Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Ron & Linda Sorensen

10:00 a.m. For all of the Parishioners

8:00 p.m. Dick & Jan Hughes/ Paul Hughes

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday

December 31 - 4:00 p.m.

Acolyte Don Biggs, Mike Hurt

Servers Jordan Biggs, **VOLUNTEERS**

Lector Vickie Glaser

Greeters Bill & Ginny Backes

Saturday December 31 - 5:30 p.m.

Acolyte Jeff Reimers, Chad Peery

Servers Michael & Kyle Peery, **VOLUNTEER**

Lector Bob Brungardt

Greeters Dan Duffek, Aaron Busse

Cantor Beth Peery

Sunday January 1 - 8:00 a.m.

Acolyte Val Dworak, Ron Sorensen

Servers John Fuentez, Joseph Reimers,

Drew Covalt

Lector Chuck Kotera

Greeters Jeff Vandenberg Family

Cantor Linda Sorensen

Sunday January 1 - 10:00 a.m.

Acolyte Jeff Krenk, Peter Ruhl

Servers Maddox Baack, Max & Sam Peery

Lector Ken Reinsch

Greeters **VOLUNTEERS**

Cantor Karen Coufal

There will be **NO 8 a.m. Mass** on Monday, December 26th

Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation Masses

December 31st: 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

January 1st: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Our New Parish Council Members

Jen Masek and Marty Telecky were voted in by parishioners this month as new members on our Parish Council for a 3-year term. Sandy Shaw was appointed by Fr. Barak to be on the Parish Council for a 3-year term also. We are grateful for their generosity to God by taking the time and energy to serve us in this important way. We ask God's blessing upon them and His holy wisdom so they may have good insights and give good advice to Father as he makes decisions for the parish.

Merry Christmas !!

Praise God for His love for us that to save us from our sins, He sent His only Son to us as one of us that first Christmas. He came to offer up His life to the Father so that the Father, so pleased with this gift, would forgive us and take us to Himself. He came to show us to the Kingdom of God, Heaven, complete happiness and infinite love. As you celebrate, be sure to celebrate with Jesus. Praise and thank Jesus for His gift of Himself to you and yours. May God bless you with peace and joy and safe travels with the Holy Angels.

—Fr. Barak and Fr. Salisbury



Check out our new SVDP school website:
mystvincentschool.com".

Heartfelt Appreciation for All Your Christmas Gifts

Thanks to all for the generous outpouring of gifts that we have received over the past few weeks, from donations, to baked goods, and your personal prayers. All these have shown your true spirit of giving, in imitation of Our Lord who comes among us at Christmas to give His entire life to save us. With our blessings to you and your families this Christmas season, may God's peace and love reign in your homes now and for all time.

—Fr. Barak and Fr. Salisbury

Thank You for Priest's Meal

Thank you to Linda Sorensen for cooking up a delicious meal for the priests who came to serve us with hearing our confessions at the Penance Service last Monday evening. Also thanks to her helpers, Sue Bollwitt and Gloria Schneider.

Many Thanks for Your Sympathy Cards, Masses, and Memorials

Thank you very much for your kindness of expressing your condolences to my family and me at the passing of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Barbara Barak, who died on December 12, 2016. God made her death, rosary, and funeral a very holy and peaceful time for us. Your prayers have helped greatly to gain us Jesus' grace in our sorrows. Thank you for the Masses which bring her all Jesus' redemption and salvation. Thank you for the memorials which will go to her parish, St. Peter's Church where she went to daily Mass for over 43 years and sang in the choir, and to St. Albert Catholic Schools our alma mater (she was a great supporter of Catholic Schools), both of which are in Council Bluffs, Iowa. God bless you for your care.

—Fr. Barak

Wishing you and your
family a very Blessed and
Merry Christmas

UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

December

27 Mass at Ridgewood - 9:30 p.m.

January

3 Adult Choir Practice - 7 p.m.

5 Connectedness Meeting - 7:30 p.m. (Social Hall)

5 Spirituality Meeting - 8:00 p.m. (Music Room)

8 Coffee & Rolls - After 8 a.m. Mass

9 RCIA - 7 p.m. (4th/5th Grade Classroom)

9 PCCW Officers Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (Social Hall)

10 Adult Choir Practice - 7 p.m.

10 School Strategic Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (Library)

10 PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (Social Hall)

11 Mass at Brookdale - 1:15 p.m.

11 Mass at Greene Place - 2:00 p.m.

11 Confirmation Parent Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

15 Adult Choir Practice - 9 a.m.

16 RCIA - 7 p.m. (4th/5th Grade Classroom)

22 Spirit Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (Library)

23 Facilities Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (Library)

NO CCD-GP on December 28.

CCD-GP CLASSES RESUME on January 4.

Choir Practice

Adult Choir practice in January will be Tuesdays, the 3rd and 10th at 7pm, with practice also on Sunday the 15th @ 9am and singing at the 10am Mass. Anyone grade 7 or older is welcome to join and sing. If you enjoy singing, this group is for you, no experience necessary! Questions, call Judy Mullally at 402-523-5555.

Mass of the Holy Innocents

A Mass in Honor of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 28th, reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion are invited to attend this special Memorial Mass.

Is the Lord calling you to spend time with him in adoration?

Exposition is available for you to visit him in St Joseph's chapel at Catholic Social Services in Lincoln. Exposition is available on Tuesday-Friday from 9-12 and 1-5. There is an immediate need for a regular visitor from 4-5 every Friday. If you are interested in being part of this prayer team please contact Janet Broer at 402-438-2506.

ONE BOOK + ONE DIOCESE

This winter the Diocese of Lincoln Evangelization Office is recommending *Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living* by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. This book provides amazing insights on how to "be aware, understand, and take action" when experiencing various movements in prayer and daily life. Written in an easy-to-understand style, with relevant examples from the lives of ordinary people, Fr. Gallagher shows how to apply the 14 Rules of St. Ignatius to recognize and respond to the workings of the Good Spirit and those of the enemy spirit. This simple knowledge can help "set the captives free" and bring about a greater joy than we may have thought possible. For more information about the book, go to <http://linc-dio.solutiosoftware.com/evangelization-formation/one-book-one-diocese>. For related podcasts and resources check out: <http://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/fr-timothy-gallagher-discernment-of-spirits/>.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

During this Christmas Season, please keep the following servicemen and women who are members of our parish family and our extended families in your prayers

Stanley Benes, Son of Gerald & Julie Benes

Jacob Bierbaum, Son of Randy & Jill Bierbaum

Maxwell Dworak, Grandson of Val & Blanche Dworak

Josiah Hain, nephew of Jeff & Janet Bohaty

Keith Heyen, Grandson of Willis Heyen

Aaron Jirovsky, Son of Carl & Ellen Jirovsky

Timothy Ketterer, Son of George & Pauline Ketterer

Chuck Leikam, Nephew of Bob Brungardt

Phil Lenz, Son-in-law of Ken & Mary Meyer

Daniel Petersen, Son of Gary & Paula Petersen

Nick Pople, Son-in-law of Mike & Judy Adams

Brendon Riha, Grandson of Bill & Mary Riha

Dylan Riha, Grandson of Bill & Mary Riha

Joshua Rolfsmeyer, Son of Mark & Laurie Rolfsmeyer

Tom Rolfsmeyer, Son of Mark & Laurie Rolfsmeyer

Eric Kitt, Son-in-law of Gene & Annamae Soucie

Matthew Svoboda, son of Diane and the late Ed A Svoboda

Jesse Tempel, grandson of Joan and the late Bruce Tempel

*If you have a name to add to this list,
please call the office 402-643-3421*

Mark Your Calendar

Pitch Party after 5:30 Mass on Jan. 21st in Social Hall
More info to follow

Camp Kateri Benefit Dinner (March 4, 2017)

Camp Kateri is hosting its annual benefit dinner on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Entertainment is The Fun Piano Show, by 176 Keys. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. The Dueling Piano Show starts at 8 pm. All proceeds will go to new activities for our summer camp. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$500 for a reserved table of eight. To order tickets, please email CampKateriT@gmail.com or call [402-724-2596](tel:402-724-2596).

Please pray for Seminarians of the Lincoln Diocese

Special prayers this week for our Seminarian of the week Douglas Daro/ St. Mary's, David City, NE

Quote from Pope Francis

Today, let us together rejoice in the day of our salvation. As we contemplate the Crib, let us gaze on the open arms of Jesus, which show us the merciful embrace of God, as we hear the cries of the Child who whispers to us: "for my brethren and companions' sake, I will say: Peace be within you" (Ps 121[122]:8).

SVDP School Wish List

The St. Vincent de Paul classrooms are wishing for some items to help keep our budget down. Wish List for the Catholic School is located next to the school doors. We have a Christmas tree on the wall with ornaments on. Please remove the ornament you choose, and place it on the item you are giving to the classroom. Some of the items are requested by more than one teacher. The donations can be put under the Christmas trees in the narthex. We appreciate your donation. Thank you for remembering us during this Blessed Season.

