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COLLECTION

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

Adult: \$8993.00 Plate: \$677.00 Youth: \$92.00

Parish Endow: \$1000.00 Cap Imp: \$5.00 Other: \$6677.00

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, January 2

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Attendees of Healing Mass

8:05 a.m. †Gert Kober/ Susan Fisher

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 a.m. †Mike & Evelyn Fiala/ Leroy Fiala

8:05 a.m.: Van & Thao's Holy Marriage

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 a.m. †Agnes Johnson/ Donna Harding

8:05 a.m. †Evelyn Arduser/ Nicki Wintz

Thursday, January 5

7:00 a.m. Lillian Kobza/ Darrel & Ruth Polacek

8:05 a.m. †Frank Lyons/ Joan Lyons

Friday, January 6

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of B.H.

8:05 a.m. †Bernard Kobza/ Marty & Denise Telecky

Saturday, January 7

8:00 a.m. †Barbara Barak/ Marilyn Bohaty

5:30 p.m. †John Hicks/ Deb Porter

Sunday, January 8

8:00 a.m. For all of the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. †Terry Matthiessen/ Family

8:00 p.m. †Marge Spatz/ Dennis & Steve Fiala

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday

January 7 - 5:30 p.m.

Acolyte Michael Hurt, Roger Grunke

Servers Karson & Kyle Dyer, Garrett Kuss

Lector Bob Brungardt

Greeters Bill Morse, Dan Duffek

Cantor Janelle Belleau

Sunday

January 8 - 8:00 a.m.

Acolyte Jon Dybdal, Ron Sorensen

Servers Lance Dybdal, John Fuentes,

Trace Rowland

Lector Tausha Dybdal

Greeters Tim Fichtner Family

Cantor Christy Ruhl

Sunday

January 8 - 10:00 a.m.

Acolyte Aaron Kenning, Chad Peery

Servers Joey Kenning, Kyle & Michael Peery

Lector Mike Mullally

Greeters Dave Coufal Family

Cantor Judy Mullally

UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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.

*Nebraska Walk for Life

St. Vincent de Paul's Pro-Life Committee is organizing a bus trip to Lincoln on **Saturday, January 14** for Nebraska's Walk for Life. We will gather for Mass at 8am, followed by donuts, hot chocolate and coffee in the social hall. We will depart for Lincoln around 9am and return to Seward around 12pm. For more details, please contact Nicki Wintz at (402) 659-3528 or nickiwintz@yahoo.com

Special Thanks

Thank You, Christmas Musicians

The music this Christmas season is beautiful, lifting our hearts to God during Mass. Thank you instrumentalists on keyboard, flute, guitar, and brass, and vocalists as cantors and choir. May Jesus bless you greatly for your use of music to help us praise Him better.

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

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

Thank You, Church Decorators

Many thanks to Paula Petersen and her helpers in decorating the Church for Christmas (Mark & Annette Stevens, Jen Svoboda, Gary Petersen, Tom McHale, Dan Duffek, Sam Peery, and Tom Dorenbach). Thank you to Jan Peery and her helpers for decorating the Narthex (Linda Wentink, Janet Mullally, Tami Svehla and Jen Svoboda). Thank you to Pat & Janet Mullally for putting up JOY at the entrance to the Church. All your work helps us rejoice in Jesus who has come to save us from the ugliness of sin and evil and take us to the beauty of Heaven. May God bless you for your time and efforts.

Thank You for Your Donations in 2016

Thank you for being good stewards of our parish by giving of your finances as a gift to God. Your financial gifts represent your time, energy, and hard work that you share to make our parish family grow in love and faith. Your donation reports will be in the Narthex in the near future.

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.

Check out our new SVDP school website:
mystvincentschool.com

Elder and Minor Abuse

The Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

Mark Your Calendar

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

New Year's Resolutions

- ◆ Pray the Rosary each day. This is the 100th anniversary year of Mary appearing in Fatima to the three shepherd children. She told them to pray the Rosary each day for peace in the world. We need PEACE. Pray the rosary each day this year.
- ◆ On Sundays this year we will hear from the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Read a short part of Matthew's Gospel each day. A sentence or two. A paragraph. Take the accounts into prayer and meditate on them. Listen to what God is saying to you through this holy Gospel

CCD-GP CLASSES RESUME on January 4.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING on January 11 at 7 pm. in the church with Fr. Barak.

DEVOTION AND DONUTS at the 7 a.m. Mass on January 6. All Grades 5-12 especially invited!

January 1: Feast of Mary Mother of God

Today is the 8th day of Christmas, the Octave Day. We celebrate Mary as the Mother of God. What a great privilege she was given, and God gave her the grace to fulfill her role in bringing God into the human race to offer salvation for all humans. He is true God and true Man. *Mary, thank you for saying Yes to God. Thank you for bringing us our Savior Jesus. Please pray for us to always accept His love and help on our journey to Heaven.*

Mass for Judges, Lawyers, Paralegals, Legal Professionals

The annual Red Mass to pray for judges, lawyers, paralegals, law students, and all in the legal profession will be held by Bishop Conley on Mon. Jan 16th, at 7:00 am at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at the UNL campus. A breakfast will follow Mass with a talk given by Daniel Ali, a Muslim-Catholic convert and author of *Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics*. All are invited.

Please pray for Seminarians of the Lincoln Diocese

Special prayers this week for our Seminarian of the week
Luke Fleck/ St. Joseph's, Lincoln, NE

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.

Making New Year's Resolutions?

Is consistent tithing a desire of yours? Maybe you want to make tithing less of a hassle. E-tithing may be the answer for you. Take a look at the enrollment form attached to the bulletin. You can schedule any amount you want for a once a month debit or twice a month debit. This modern way of tithing has helped to streamline the recording of donations given to the church. It is a safer, more secure way of handling your money. It helps eliminate loose checks & cash. You can give as much or as little as you wish. No amount is too small! You can continue to receive your envelopes to make additional donations for those extra Masses like Holy Days of Obligation. Make 2017 your best tithing year ever!

Decorations for Christmas

We want to thank all those that contributed money for the poinsettia plants, etc. this season.
Donations were made in memory of the following:

Donald Semin
Alois & Mary Samek
William & Helen Riha
Diane Asche
Irene Wesely
Bob & Maria Greb
Gary & Steve Plautz
Art & Margaret Schaefer
Richard & Mary Hesper
Joe & Esther Huber
Ruben & Avalene Gibson Haney
Lena Murphy
Dec. Zegers/Warnsholz Families
Alan Hofer
Hofer Family
Barnes Family
Ed & Theresa Hladky
Don & Noreen Hemphil

JoAnn Hladky
Sharon Holliday
Charley & Elois Holliday
Henry & Josephine Sramek
Herb & Lorianne Gischwind
George & Pearl Nichelson
Larry & Bonnie Lueders
Bill & Ginny Backes Parents
Bruce Schoepf
Jeramie Schoepf
Adolf & Clara Oborny
Edward Greguras, Jr.
Eugene Kratochvil
Maria & Louis Kotera
Frances & Charles Pesek
Robert & RoseAnn Gall
Emma & William Gall
Wilma & Ed Cech

Jean & Herman Felhalfer
Victor Baack
Grandma Ashman
Bob & Rita Docian's Dec. Family
Lena Wisehart
Michael Wagenknecht
Art & Velma Irwin
Leonard Wedigo
Rose Humpal
Zach & Lylah Irwin
Donald Telecky
Alynn Konsel
Cliff Radford
Carl Geis
Sam & Hilda Hergert
Ernie Kotera
George Morgan
Audrey Condon

Dec. relatives of Joan Varner
Chester Zoucha
Ed Wachal
Dec. family of Jim & Jodi Arneson
Dennis R Koranda
Evelyn Koranda
Dennis E Koranda
Robert J. Koranda
Richard Duffek
Raphael (Ray Hotovy
Mike & Agnes Hotovy
Leo & Mary Hain, Sr.

