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MASS TIMES:	
FOR DAILY MASS TIMES PLEASE CALL (402) 643-3421	
SATURDAY 5:30 PM SUNDAY 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM	
MSGR. ROBERT TUCKER, PASTOR	
CONFESSION TIMES:	
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE 20 MINUTES BEFORE 7 AM MASS	
SATURDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.	
SUNDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS	
MASS INTENTIONS:	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11	
7:00 AM :	†Gerald & Jean Hans/ Matt Hans
8:10 AM:	Ben, Samantha & Hadley Hoffart/ K Wintz Family
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12	
7:00 AM :	†Nicholas Pleshek/ Lorraine Jirovsky
8:10 AM:	†Richard D. Bohaty/ Dan & Patsy Sheer
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13	
7:00 AM :	†Lois Smith/ M & L Peery
8:10 AM:	†Mike Taylor/ Karen Coufal
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14	
7:00 AM:	Christy Ruhl/ Peter Ruhl Family
8:10 AM:	†Helen Riha/ Bill & Mary Riha
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15	
7:00 AM:	For Dec & Living members of Glaser Family
8:10 AM:	Colton Ratkovec/ Jon Dybdal Family
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16	
8:00 AM:	NO MASS
5:30 PM:	†Eldon Gruntorad/ Elaine Kratochvil
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17	
8:00 AM :	For All Parishioners
10:00 AM	†Ray Krenk/ Jeff & Pam Krenk
LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE:	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16 5:30 PM
ACOLYTE	Joe Huber, Volunteer
SERVERS	Charley Holliday, Brodie Mayo
LECTOR	Frank Pytlik
GREETERS	Dan & Jackie Pernicek
CANTOR	Karen Coufal
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 17 8:00 AM
ACOLYTE	Jeff Reimers, Jason Clark
SERVERS	Liam Clark, Max Santo
LECTOR	Ellen Jirovsky
GREETERS	4th degree K of C
CANTOR	Jenny Policky
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 17 10:00 AM
ACOLYTE	Jeff Krenk, Jim Wesely
SERVERS	Elijah Kinnamon, Dakota Leiting
LECTOR	Clare Bierbaum
GREETERS	Randy Bierbaum Family
CANTOR	Choir

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023

COLLECTIONS

What is God asking of me?

Our response to the Lord last week

Tithing: \$ 10,448.00 E-tithing: \$.00
Other: \$ 3,906.00

DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING TO PARISH

- ♦ We have set a basket next to the bulletins this weekend where you can place your envelope,
- ♦ E-tithing—**See notice on website for a form with instructions or in back of church in narthex .**
- ♦ You can mail your tithing envelopes directly to the church at:
St. Vincent de Paul Church
152 Pinewood Ave,
Seward, NE 68434

Check OUT <http://formed.org>

Parish Access Code: **XGWYQP**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES December

- 10 Confessions—5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 11 Confessions—7:45 p.m.
- 13 CCD Christmas Program—7 p.m.
- 13 Confessions—After CCD Program
- 14 Runza Gift Gathering 5-8 p.m.
- 14 SVDP School Christmas Program
- 17 Penance Service—6 p.m.

MINISTRY OF MOMS

December Hostess

Schedule

December 13
Emily O'Brien
(8:45-10:45)

For more info, please call/
text Emily (402-640-7144)

LETTER FROM MSGR. TUCKER

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday evening I had dinner with the Bishop at the EOHSJ Christmas dinner. During his closing comments, Bishop Conley reminded us of the shortness of the Advent season, (the shortest it can be), so we better get busy to prepare for Christmas. Due to the short time of preparation, there is an urgency to the season. We want Christmas to be a spiritual time in our lives, and there are so many things that we do during this time of year that are separate from our spiritual preparation, so we have to be intentional in our preparation. I really think the reading of scripture is a great way to prepare. I am becoming more and more convinced that God speaks to us in the reading of scripture. It is not a matter of quickly reading the word, and expecting to hear Him.

When I pray in the morning with the scripture of the day, I have found if I read it, reread it, reread it again, and again, that I finally begin to hear God speak to me, through His word. The rereading of a passage of scripture is an intentional way to listen to God. When the passage is reread we become more attentive to details in the passage, and that awareness of a detail is something we need to take notice of and investigate. On Thursday the words in the passage that caught my attention are “these words”. I began to ask myself, what words is Jesus saying are important. I reread the passage for the answer to that question. Then I started asking myself how “these words” apply to my daily life. This is the way that we hear God speak to us in the scriptures, but it requires that we reread a passage multiple times. This requires patience, and it requires the insight that comes from the Holy Spirit. When you read scripture, remember to first ask for the Holy Spirit to be present with you, to open your mind and heart to the word of God. Be patient with this method of prayer. It is not something that comes easily, and it requires perseverance. It will bear fruit in your life, if you keep trying. I obviously suggest that this should be a part of your every day spiritual life.

So to apply this to preparation for Christmas, you can read the Gospel for Christmas day and apply this method of prayer in your reading. You can read the passage day after day, and continue to pray with it in this method. You will find that new and deeper insights will come each day. The passages you can read are: Matthew 1:1-25, Luke 2:1-14, Luke 2:15-20 and John 1:1-18. You could read use these each day, reading them on 4 days, and then start over, and again. That will give you variety, and will keep you focused on the celebration of the Nativity. I will pray that your preparation will be fruitful. God Bless you. -Msgr. Tucker

Advent Penance Service Sunday, Dec 17th , 6 PM

(Several priests will be here for this service)

Additional Confession Times can be found in “Mark Your Calendar” in bulletin

*Always check the front section of the
bulletin for daily Mass times!*



Guardian Angel Tree

You are invited to prayerfully consider supporting the families of St. Vincent de Paul this Advent by making a donation to the Guardian Angel Fund. This is a fund that provides tuition assistance to our parish families, so that all families that wish to have a Catholic education for their children, can do so. Below is a summary of what was paid out from the fund over the last 3 years:

2021-2022: \$13,750
2022-2023: \$21,160
2023-2024: \$26,800

There is a guardian angel tree located in the narthex. Envelopes can be taken from there and put in the collection basket during Advent or dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your consideration and generosity. May you have blessed Advent!

St Vincent De Paul School would like to thank all Parishioners who purchased tickets this year for our Firehawks Club Raffle. We could not support the school without your help. Listed below are the December Winners! Good luck to all who have yet to win. Maybe it will be your turn next month!

\$100 Susan Kotera	\$50 Keri Carter
\$75 Vest Family	\$35 Joe & Doris Huber
\$75 Cassie Pracheil	\$35 Dolores Cast
\$50 Pat Sanley	\$35 Leonides Schlabach
\$50 Max Slepicka	\$35 Bob Wortman
	\$35 Carmen Brown

Proceeds for the month of December are going to pay for the Formed.org Subscription for the Parish and School.

The parish directories are in. If you ordered one, please pick your directory up in narthex.

Please pray for all Seminarians Seminarian of the Week

Dec 10—16

REV. MR. AUGUSTINE REIMERS/ SEWARD

CCD Christmas Program (Gr. 1-4) is this Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. CCD students should meet no later than 7 p.m. in their classrooms. Gr. 5-8 will have pizza & classroom celebrations.

CCD-GP Christmas Break begins on December 20 and resumes on January 10.

Because of all of your monetary donations, the “Riding for Life” event on Oct 21st was able to raise over \$3000 for Woman’s Care Center. Read below a Thanksgiving note St. Vincent’s received from Woman’s Care Center in Lincoln.

Dear Friends,

You may not realize the impact you make. You help women take the next best step and one step leads to so many more!

A mother, Lorena, has been coming to our center for years. She says...“You have always been here to guide me. You were here when I was in an abusive relationship.”

Because of you, she says, “I was able to get my own place and meet my husband.”

You helped Lorena become the incredible mom she is today. This Thanksgiving, please know there are a lot of moms, like Lorena, who are really grateful for you! Thanks!



Runza Dine Out Night

Spirit Gift Gathering Night

Thursday, December 14, 2023

From 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM , 15% of total profit will be
donated back to support Spirit 2024

Thank you for your Support!!

NEXT SVDP SCHEDULED CHOIR DATE

Sunday, Dec 17th @ 10 a.m. Mass

Practice will begin @ 9 a.m. in music room.

Firehawk News Corner

St. Vincent de Paul School is incredibly blessed by incredible people! Just within the past few weeks, our school received a \$10,000.00 anonymous donation that helped pay for our new CKLA Reading curriculum, and a \$1500.00 donation to the school to put towards needs. Our students and staff are immensely grateful for these gifts! God Bless You!

