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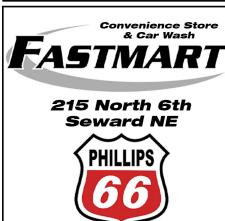
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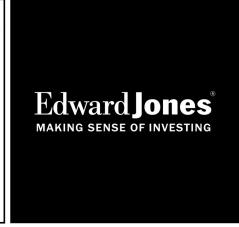
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MASS TIMES:

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:

SUNDAY	December 24	Lay Minister Schedule:	
10:00 PM	Dec. Members of Martin Policky Family For All Parishioners DECEMBER 25 James Koenig Deceased Grandchildren/ M. Harrison's	SATURDAY ACOLYTE SERVERS	DECEMBER 30 5:30 PM Roger Grunke Volunteer Creighton Olson, Hunter Hartmann
7:00 AM:	DECEMBER 26 †Dec relatives & friends of Cast Family NO MASS	LECTOR GREETERS CANTOR	Mark Policky Karen Coufal, Bill Morse TBD
7:00 AM:	AY, DECEMBER 27 NO MASS †Roger Jirovsky/ Jim & Ellen Varney	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 31 8:00 AM
7:00 AM:	, DECEMBER 28 NO MASS †Richard D. Bohaty/ Family	Acolyte Servers Lector	Matt Koranda, CJ Novak Nicholas Wanetka, Dylan Hochstein Linda Liska
,	DECEMBER 29 †Ken Cast/ Ted & Pat Payne NO MASS	Greeters Cantor	Glen Hochstein, Gary Petersen TBD
	, December 30 NO MASS Tausha Dybdal/ Jon Dybdal Family	SUNDAY ACOLYTE SERVERS	DECEMBER 31 10:00 AM Keith Wintz, Randy Bierbaum Matthew Wintz, Ayden Martin
8:00 AM:	DECEMBER 31 For All Parishioners †Georgia Hackworth/ AJ & Margaret Spatz †Vic McGarvey/ Pat McGarvey	LECTOR GREETERS CANTOR	Ryne Seaman Tony Schaben, Bill Sleight TBD

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023

COLLECTIONS

What is God asking of me?

Our response to the Lord last week

Tithing: \$ 9,373.00 E-tithing: \$ 11,395.00 Other: \$ 1,345.75

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

26 Baptism

January

- Spirit Mtg—6:30 pm
- Blest Art
- Parish Council Mtg-5:30 pm
- Baptism
- 15 K of C Mtg

SPECIAL MUSIC

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There will be special **Christmas music** approximately 20 minutes before each Christmas Eve & Day Masses. Please come early for these Masses to enjoy the beautiful Christmas music.

LETTER FROM MSGR. TUCKER

Dear Parishioners.

Merry Christmas! I am offering Mass for all of you this weekend, as I always do, when the intention is for the Parish. I pray that your celebration of Christmas be a spiritual experience, knowing how much God loves you, and that you may feel His presence with you.

The Church gives two directives to pastors, and they are good reminders for us, as we celebrate Christmas, and as we come to the close of a year. Every weekend, and on every Holy Day, pastors have the obligation to pray for their parish. Also, the pastor has the obligation to offer penance for his parish. This directive comes from the teaching on the sacrament of confession. As you receive forgiveness of your sins, you are assigned a penance to offer. The Catechism teaches that Jesus is the one who gives us the grace to offer our penance, and so in offering it, He is drawing us closer to Him. The priest hearing the confession also has the obligation to offer penance for the penitent. The sacrament is a clear and visible experience of Jesus drawing us back to Himself. He tells the Father that He does not want to lose anyone that has been given to Him. The sacrament of confession is Jesus bringing us back. The Gospel of John tells us that God sent His Son out of love for us, to forgive our sins that separate us from God's love. He came not to condemn the world, but to save us, and give us life. In the tenth chapter of John, Jesus says that He came so that we may have life, and have in abundantly. This is the good news of Christmas, and it is the good news that we need to keep with us every day.

Next weekend we celebrate two feast days, like this weekend. On Satur day and Sunday morning we celebrate the Holy Family, then beginning Sunday evening we celebrate Mary the Mother of God. There will be a 5:30 pm Mass next Sunday, and it would be a good way to begin your celebration of New Years Eve. Since the feast of Mary the Mother of God is January 1, and that is Monday the Church lifts the obligation to attend Mass on this feast day. The Church does not lift the obligation for Christmas or the feast of the Immaculate Conception if the fall on a Monday. It is easy to understand why we are obligated to attend Mass on Christmas, and the reason for the Immaculate Conception is due to the fact that Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness for our country. Our attendance at Mass is a sign of our understanding of utter dependence on God for everything, so I hope that you will attend Mass for the feast of Mary the Mother of God, even though it is not obligatory this year. God Bless you and your families in the Holy time of the year! -Msgr. Tucker

Please pray for all Seminarians Seminarian of the Week Dec 24-30

THOMAS RAJEWSKI/ LINCOLN



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



The Eucharist will not be exposed on Christmas Day (Dec 25) and New Year's Day (Jan 1). Adorers are welcome to come to pray on those days but since the Eucharist is not exposed, attendance is not obligatory.

Note from Msgr Tucker

Thank you parishioners for your gifts of time and talent to prepare for Christmas, decorating the church, and helping with the liturgies. Also I am deeply grateful for your prayers, cards and gifts to me during this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas to all!

Special Thanks

The families of Flo Kobza & Vicki Novak would like to thank all of their St. Vincent de Paul church family for the prayers and support they received. May Jesus, our Savior, bless you all.

Gentle Reminder

If you plan on making donations before the end of the year, please have them into the church office by Dec 31st. Anything after that date will be applied to your 2024 tithing. Thank you!



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. 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!

NO CCD-GP until classes resume on January 10.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 | 4:00 pm

Acolytes: Roger Grunke, Jim Wesely

Servers: Creighton Olson, Thomas Hackbart, Ben O'Brien

Karen Coufal Lector:

Dave Coufal Family, Jamie Hackbart Greeters:

Eve, Sunday, December 24 | 10:00 pm Christmas

Jeff Reimers, ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED Acolytes:

Servers: **Dvlan Hochstein** Lector: Paula Gooder

Glen & Pam Hochstein Greeters:

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 | 9:00 am

Acolytes: CJ Novak, Joe Huber Servers: Ben O'Brien, Zachary Masek

Ken Reinsch Lector:

Richard Novak, Gerald Schaben Greeters:

CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY OBLIGATIONS

Christmas

Sunday, Dec 24 @ 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. Monday, Dec 25 @ 9:00 a.m.

Holy Family Sunday

Saturday, Dec 30 @ 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec 31 @ 8:00 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, Dec 31 @ 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan 1 @ 9 a.m.

Firehawk News Corner



The SVDP School students from 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, along with teachers Miss Bieck, Mrs. Marshall, and Mrs. Jilg walked to the Ridgewood Care Center and joyfully sang Christmas carols with the residents in the memory care unit. They have been invited to come back monthly! Must have been some grand singing! Merry Christmas from the SVDP students and staff!