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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
4:00 PM Dec. Members of Martin Policky Family
10:00 PM For All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
9:00 AM: James Koenig Deceased Grandchildren/ M. Harrison's

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26
7:00 AM : †Dec relatives & friends of Cast Family
8:10 AM: **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:00 AM : **NO MASS**
8:10 AM: †Roger Jirovsky/ Jim & Ellen Varney

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:00 AM: **NO MASS**
8:10 AM: †Richard D. Bohaty/ Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:00 AM: †Ken Cast/ Ted & Pat Payne
8:10 AM: **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:00 AM: **NO MASS**
5:30 PM: Tausha Dybdal/ Jon Dybdal Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:00 AM : For All Parishioners
10:00 AM †Georgia Hackworth/ AJ & Margaret Spatz
5:30 PM: †Vic McGarvey/ Pat McGarvey

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 30 5:30 PM
ACOLYTE	Roger Grunke Volunteer
SERVERS	Creighton Olson, Hunter Hartmann
LECTOR	Mark Policky
GREETERS	Karen Coufal, Bill Morse
CANTOR	TBD

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 31 8:00 AM
ACOLYTE	Matt Koranda, CJ Novak
SERVERS	Nicholas Wanetka, Dylan Hochstein
LECTOR	Linda Liska
GREETERS	Glen Hochstein, Gary Petersen
CANTOR	TBD

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 31 10:00 AM
ACOLYTE	Keith Wintz, Randy Bierbaum
SERVERS	Matthew Wintz, Ayden Martin
LECTOR	Ryne Seaman
GREETERS	Tony Schaben, Bill Sleight
CANTOR	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>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

December

26 Baptism

January

2 Spirit Mtg—6:30 pm

6-7 Blest Art

9 Parish Council Mtg—5:30 pm

14 Baptism

15 K of C Mtg

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 it 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 Saturday 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
Lector: Karen Coufal
Greeters: Dave Coufal Family, Jamie Hackbart

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

Acolytes: Jeff Reimers, **ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Servers: Dylan Hochstein
Lector: Paula Gooder
Greeters: Glen & Pam Hochstein

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

Acolytes: CJ Novak, Joe Huber
Servers: Ben O'Brien, Zachary Masek
Lector: Ken Reinsch
Greeters: Richard Novak, Gerald Schaben

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!