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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

**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 16**

7:00 AM: †DEC MEMBERS OF LOUIS ZEGERS FAMILY  
8:10 AM: †MYRL KNEELAND/

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:00 AM: SPEC INTENTIONS OF LAURIE OLSON  
8:10 AM: †JAY & LOIS SMITH/ TODD & TERRY SMITH

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

7:00 AM: †DEC RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF DOLORES CAST  
8:10 AM: †BETTE TOMES/ FAMILY

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:00 AM: †DEC ZEGER FAMILY/ LOUISE WARNSHOLZ  
8:10 AM: †DON NEUMAN/ FAMILY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

7:00 AM: †JIM ARNESON/ GARY & BERNIE STAVA  
8:10 AM: ALL PRIESTS (DEC & LIVING)/ C & E JIROVSKY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

8:00 AM: LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF SVDP SOCIETY  
5:30 PM: †ELAINE KODAD/ MIKE & BARB DEMUTH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

8:00 AM: †CORINA KRISER/ CLARK & DIANE KRISER  
10:00 AM: FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

**LAY MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, December 21| 5:30 pm**

Acolytes: Tom McHale/ Volunteer  
Servers: Creighton Olson, Hunter Hartmann  
Lector: Rich Bohac  
Greeters: Craig & Alex Saalfeld Family  
Cantor: Karen Coufal

**Sunday, December 22| 8:00 am**

Acolytes: Jason Clark, Matt Koranda  
Servers: Liam Clark, Volunteer  
Lector: Linda Liska  
Greeters: Glen & Theresa Hain  
Cantor: Clare Bierbaum

**Sunday, December 22| 10:00 am**

Acolytes: Don Biggs, Jeff Krenk  
Servers: Dakota Leiting, Zach Masek  
Lector: Chuck Kotera  
Greeters: Tim & Marilu Fichtner  
Cantor: Jen Policky

# Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024

## COLLECTIONS

What is God asking of me?

Our response to the Lord last week

Tithing: \$ 7,986.00 E-tithing: \$ .00  
Other: \$ 1675.00

### 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>

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DECEMBER

- 16 K of C Meeting—7:00 pm
- 22 Baptism—2 pm
- 23 Penance Service— 5pm
- 24 Masses 4 pm & 10pm
- 25 Mass 9am
- 29 Baptism
- 30 RCIA—7 pm

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC

There will be special Christmas music approximately 20-30 minutes before each Christmas Eve & Day Masses. Please come early for these Masses to enjoy the beautiful Christmas music.

## MESSAGE FROM MSGR. TUCKER

Dear Parishioners,

During this Advent season we have encouraged you to go to confession. The sacrament prepares our heart to receive Jesus on Christmas Day. It tidies up the soul, making it a welcome sight for Jesus to come in. If you have not been to confession in a long time do not worry. Fr. Hottovy and I welcome you to the sacrament and Jesus gives tremendous peace and joy as He forgives your sins. We have confessions every morning Monday through Friday beginning at 6:40 am (prior to the 7 am Mass). We also have confessions on Saturday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm (prior to evening Mass) and 30 minutes prior to the Sunday Masses. We will have our Penance Service on Sunday, December 22 at 5 pm and there will be 9 priests hearing confessions. Priests from the Seminary and the surrounding area are gracious enough to come and hear confessions. We will also have the sacrament available on Monday, December 23 from 5 until 7 pm. Please take the opportunity to make a good confession before Christmas!

This weekend we have our Gather and Grow commitment weekend. I am truly grateful for the hard work and the time and talent of parishioners that has helped us get to this point in the campaign. Over the last four months I have thought a lot about the reasons for this campaign and the direction the parish leaders are supporting in this effort. I am more and more convinced that this is the right direction for us as a parish. There is more to do to stabilize and grow the school population, to enliven parish life, and grow as a community in love with God and serving Him, but this is one of the steps in that direction. I am fully supportive of these efforts, and I will be patient in getting to the end, supported by the grace of God and the advice and support of the parish community. Please continue to pray for the Gathering and Growing of St. Vincent's and together let us commit ourselves to His will for us! God Bless you. -Msgr. Tucker

## From PCCW:

It is time to collect PCCW dues for 2025. Your annual dues of \$10.00 along with County Fair Pie Booth income is what helps us pay our dues to the deanery and diocese, funds our annual projects and buys the needed supplies for the sanctuary & kitchen.



PCCW will be sponsoring "Family Bingo Night" again on Saturday, January 11, 2025 after the 5:30 Mass. If you could make a small donation of \$5 to help PCCW buy Bingo Prizes; it would be much appreciated. Both your dues & Bingo donation can be dropped off in the narthex or at the church office. Special envelopes are provided. Please submit by Jan 11, 2025.

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

## Advent Penance Service Sunday, Dec 22nd, 5 PM

(Several priests will be here for this service)

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2024

Christmas Eve Masses—4 pm and 10 pm (Dec 24th)

Christmas Day Mass—9 am (Dec 25th)



### Baptism

Congratulations to Beckham Noah Bishop, son of Michael & Taylor Bishop, who was baptized on Sunday, December 8, 2024. May Beckham always live as a child of God the Father.



## 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:

2022-2023: \$21,160

2023-2024: \$26,800

2024-2025: \$26,750

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!

Gr. 1-4 CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. Gr. 5-8 will have classroom parties. Students should meet in classrooms, as usual, at 7:00 p.m. Children in the program will receive Goody Bags to take home & Gr. 5-8 will enjoy pizza during their parties—all compliments of the Knights of Columbus.

## Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

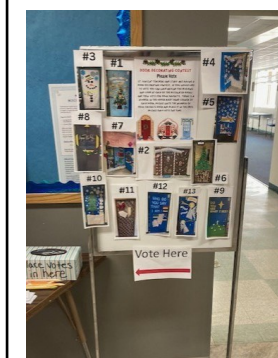
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### Monetary Gifts

God Bless you for all your gifts to the parish this year! Please remember that any monetary gift given to the parish that would need to be reported for 2024 tax donations will need to be in the church office by 4:00 pm on Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>. All gifts given for the Solemnity of Mary that are received at the vigil Mass or Holy Day will be counted for 2025. The Gather & Grow campaign is in full swing and for those of you who have give support so far, will be able to see these donations on the annual tithing statement. May your gifts be returned to you seven times over for all you do to support God's Holy Church!



## Firehawk News

The teachers and staff had a lot of fun decorating their doors for Christmas. Please help us determine a winner by voting for your favorite door. There is a sign set up in the narthex (North wall) for you to see the doors and cast your ballot. This is the final weekend of voting, so get your vote in! Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas!!!