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**CONFESSION TIMES:**  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY WILL BE 20 MINUTES BEFORE 7 AM MASS  
SATURDAY WILL BE FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.  
SUNDAY WILL BE 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

MSGR. ROBERT TUCKER, Pastor  
REV. JAMIE HOTTOVY, Priest in Residence

**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**  
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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
7:00 AM: †Adeline Geis/ Stan & Dee Mitchell  
8:10 AM: †Myrl Kneeland  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
7:00 AM: Priests of the Lincoln Diocese/ C & E Jirovsky  
8:10 AM: †John Lenz/ Randy & Jill Bierbaum  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
7:00 AM: †Ray Krenk/ Jeff & Pam Krenk  
8:10 AM: †Levi Dybdal/ Jon Dybdal Family  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
7:00 AM: †Vernon Policky/ Alice Policky  
8:10 AM: †Don Policky/ Kathy M Policky  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
7:00 AM: †Bernard & Bessie Krska/ Joyce Krska  
8:10 AM: †Lorraine Jirovsky/ Alan & Geraldine Sleight  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**  
8:00 AM: Tom Huber/ Family  
4:00 PM: †Ellen Singleton/ Paul Singleton  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**  
8:00 AM: For All Parishioners  
10:00 AM: †Mike Trainor/ Ken & Mary Meyer

**LAY MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, March 1 | 4:00 pm**  
Acolytes: Dan Pernicek, Volunteer  
Servers: Creighton Olson, Thomas Hackbart  
Lector: Rich Bohac  
Greeters: Thomas & Lynsey Kayton Family  
Cantor: Karen Coufal  
**Sunday, March 2 | 8:00 am**  
Acolytes: Chris Greisen, Jeff Spahr  
Servers: Cale Greisen, Volunteer  
Lector: Jeff Reimers  
Greeters: Tim & Marilu Fichtner  
Cantor: Clare Bierbaum  
**Sunday, March 2 | 10:00 am**  
Acolytes: Tim Masek, Don Biggs  
Servers: Zach Masek,, Jack Owens  
Lector: Ellen Jirovsky  
Greeters: Mike & Judy Adams  
Cantor: Natalia and Rebekah

**There will be NO 5:30 p.m. Mass on March 1st.**  
**For that week only, because of Spirit, the Vigil**  
**Mass will be rescheduled for 4 p.m.**



# Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 23, 2025

## COLLECTIONS

What is God asking of me?

Our response to the Lord last week

Tithing: \$ 6,391.00 E-tithing: \$ .10,930.00  
Other: \$ 1,275.00

### 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

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

#### FEBRUARY

- 24 RCIA—7 pm
- 26 First Confessions—7 pm

#### MARCH

- 1 SPIRIT
- 3 RCIA—7 pm
- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 7 Fish Fry

## K OF C BREAKFAST

Come and join us  
for



Knights of  
Columbus  
Pancake  
Breakfast

Sunday,  
February 23rd

## MESSAGE FROM MSGR TUCKER:

Dear Parishioners,

You will notice this weekend that progress is being made on the new entrance to the confessional and on the niche for the Blessed Virgin Mary. The niche has a long way to go, since the stone we will use is being made by the same company that made the stone in the front of the Church. They will need at least 6-8 weeks to complete that area.

There are questions about the confessional and the reason for this change. The confessional should be operational next week, the reason for this change is due to the direction from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, and our Bishop's response to their direction.

The UCCB gave direction about the sacrament of confession to all Bishops in the United States at their fall meeting in 2023. Generally the UCCB describes access to confession in these terms: "The conference of bishops is to establish norms regarding the confessional; it is to take care, however, that there are always confessionals with a fixed grate between the penitent and the confessor in an open place so that the faithful who wish to can use them freely." In December 2023 our Bishop sent the following message to all parishes his interpretation of the directive from the UCCB. Bishop Conley's direction states, "I would like to draw your attention to one point in particular: the design of our confessionals. I am asking each parish to ensure that there is a permanent barrier between penitent and priest in all permanent confessionals within the Diocese of Lincoln."

I have been in conversation with a number of pastors in the Diocese and with Fr. Caleb LaRue, the Chancellor of the Diocese to determine what we should do with our confessional. The conclusion is what we are currently doing with the confessional. There will still be the opportunity to have a face-to-face confession, but it will be the choice of the penitent to do this by moving a screen back so as to see the priest, yet they will still be a screen between the priest and the penitent. As I have been using the old confession the last couple of weeks I again am reminded of blessings in this approach, and I believe you will experience that too with this new arrangement. It will take some time for us to get used to this change, but I believe it will have many benefits. God Bless you.

Msgr. Tucker



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\*SPIRIT of Mardi Gras will be next Saturday, March 1. We are looking forward to an evening of fun and fellowship. Please remember Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. that Saturday, and the doors to Harvest Hall will open at 5:00 p.m. Any one able to help set up Friday, February 28, would greatly be appreciated. The committee will be at Harvest Hall in the afternoon to set up. We'd like the volunteers to meet around 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon to help out. Thank you!

## SVDP FISH FRY'S

If you are able to  
help with prep or  
cleanup either day,  
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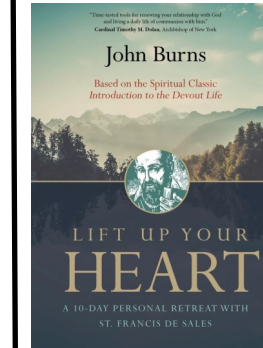
SAVE THE DATES  
March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>



## Can You Help?

We have an open Holy Hour from 1:00-2:00 AM early Tuesday morning. Please text or call Tania at 402-643-5401 to sign up for it.

FIRST CONFESSIONS for those in Gr. 2 SVDP School & CCD will be Wednesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. Parents will sit with their children in church and be guided by the teachers.



## Interested in forming a Lenten Study Group

Please consider forming a group of friends for a Lenten Study using the book **Lift Up Your Heart**. We recommend no more than 10 to a group. Books were available during Lent and more are again available in the Narthex. There are also study guides available in the Narthex or on our website under the Faith Life tab under Bible Studies.

The Seminary will be hosting an exemplification for Knights of Columbus for the degrees of 1, 2, 3, & 4th!!!! On March 23rd!!! More information will be added soon!!!

## Firehawk News Corner



Cindy Wolverton from the Extension Office taught the second graders about simple machines with a wheel and axle. Each of the students made a wind powered car. We tested the cars to see if they were able to move in a straight line. We also tested them to see if they could carry weight. If a car didn't work, we brainstormed to see what might be causing the problem.