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9:00 am every Sunday



Weekday Mass Schedule:
7:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule
4:30 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday

Confessions:
Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm
Sundays 8:00-8:30 am
or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
First Saturdays/Sundays
between weekend Masses.

St. James Catholic Church December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

RCIA For those wishing to learn more about their faith, or those of another faith considering joining the Faith, **please contact Fr. Gross by email or phone (see contact info above).**

New Parishioners & Visitors

We are grateful you are here! In our parish community, all families and individuals are welcome! If this is your new parish, you are asked to pick up a registration form in the back of the church on the bulletin board and return and place it in the collection basket.

Mass Intentions			
Monday	Dec 28	No Mass	
Tuesday	Dec 29	7:00 am	†Julius and Isabelle Tvrdy
Wednesday	Dec 30	7:00 am	†Bob Rice
Thursday	Dec 31	4:30 pm	†Tom Hagemann
Friday	Jan 1	7:00 am	Special Intention
Saturday	Jan 2	4:30 pm	†Irene Hollst
Sunday	Jan 3	9:00 am	For the Parish

Bulletin Submissions You may offer submissions to the bulletin by calling the rectory by noon on Wednesday or email: office@stjamesmead.com or fr.gary-gross@lincolndiocese.org

December 19-20 Collections

Adults	4960.00
Second Collection	246.00
Online Giving	<u>667.00</u>
Total:	\$5923.00

Parish Notes

GREETERS BEFORE MASS: The council would like have volunteers sign up to greet parishioners and visitors before each mass. It would be for 20 minutes before each mass. Greeters can be single, couples and families. It is a great way to meet new people and make people feel welcomed to our community. We would ask people to sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. It involves no long-term commitment because it would only be for the times you sign up and can change every week.

*****PLEASE READ*****

PARISH FINANCES: I'm truly grateful for all the sacrifice everyone is making to support the Church, especially during the COVID crisis. As we approach the end of the year, I ask that continue to strive to meet your own individual goal of support. We no longer receive JOY OF THE GOSPEL rebate checks since those ended in October. We also were not able to hold our annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST which supports many of our ministries and expenses. Our average weekly collection before COVID was \$4,800-5,000 weekly, but since COVID last March it averages \$2,600 weekly which is just under 50% deduction. So any assistance would be grateful in order to look at needed projects and programs for the future.

SUNDAY COUNTERS We need 1 couple or 2 individuals and 2 subs to assist with counting the collection after Sunday Mass. We have teams that rotate so its not every week. Please consider giving, 20 minutes is all it takes.

The annual Mass of Holy Innocents will be celebrated on **Monday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at **6:30 pm** with Mass at **7:00 pm**. This year, the Mass will take place at **Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church** due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. The Cathedral is located at 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 **before 5:00 pm on Friday, Dec. 18th**. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Catholic tradition prays for those who have gone before us. Each Mass includes prayer intentions for the whole church, living and deceased. Within these prayers, there is a place to recall a particular person/s or a special intention.

We honor them by remembering that they were a gift from God to us; we are grateful for the gifts they gave us and the inspiration we carry into our lives; we pray for the reparation of any sins they may have committed and the purification of their souls.

You can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago, you can even remember all your deceased family, friends and benefactors at one Mass. The intentions do not have to be just for the dead: they make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday; anniversary; in thanksgiving for a prayer answered; an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma. We desire the Lord's support for them in their need.

Mass intention envelopes can be found in the back of the church on the table. Suggested offering is \$10.00. Just fill one out and place it in the regular collection basket or drop off at the office.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

Thursday, December 31st
 4:30 pm

Friday, January 1st
 7:00 am