

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

A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living.

Though we often think of having a Mass said for those who have died. Masses can be offered for those who are still alive. The Council of Trent says that Mass may be said “for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities.” In other words, if you know someone who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf, there is no need to delay in doing so.

You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration

Again, most people remember to have a Mass said for the death of a loved one and a few may think to have a Mass offered for a special intention or friend who is suffering, but rarely do we think of having a Mass offered for a celebration! Is there a better way to show our gratitude to God? Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered!

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.

We are getting low on Mass Intentions so please send in your requests.

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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 November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent

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	Nov 30	No Mass	
Tuesday	Dec 1	7:00 am	†Bob McAlevy
Wednesday	Dec 2	7:00 am	†Shelly McEvoy
Thursday	Dec 3	7:00 am	†Lauren Kuhr
Friday	Dec 4	7:00 am	†Tom Hageman
Saturday	Dec 5	4:30 pm	For the Parish
Sunday	Dec 6	9:00 am	†Ellie Sabata

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

November 21-22 Collections	
Adults	1325.00
Second Collection	101.00
Online Giving	<u>797.00</u>
Total:	\$2223.00

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.

**Christmas Flowers** — On the table by the bulletin board you will find envelopes for Christmas flowers. Remember a loved one during this special time of year with a memorial contribution, which will be displayed over the Christmas season. Our Parish Council of Catholic Women will purchase Christmas flowers for the beautification of the church with the money donated. Suggested donation amount is \$15.00.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet at 6:30 on Mon. Nov. 30 at St. Wenceslaus starting with the MEMORIAL mass for our deceased members. Meeting will follow mass. This is also the night to bring grocery items for the Marian Sisters. We will practice social distancing and wear masks.



Eucharistic Adoration is next weekend!

December 5-6  
from 6:00 pm Saturday to  
8:30 am Sunday

We will continue to do a Facebook Live streaming of the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. Find us at [www.facebook.com/St.James.Mead](https://www.facebook.com/St.James.Mead)



Saint James Advent Mission

As a parish family this advent, let's prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord by spending extra time in His presence. This year let us present extra visits/prayer/penance during the advent season as a parish-wide gift to our Lord on Christmas Eve. (Our gift will be above our weekly requirements, such as Sunday Mass). Gifts to the baby Jesus include attending a daily Mass, spending some time at all night adoration, confession, or a 15-minute visit with Christ in church during the week. The visual sign of this gift will be a strand of yarn added to the manger. On Christmas Eve the strings of yarn that are collected will then be placed under the baby Jesus in the Nativity Scene. The more yarn under the baby Jesus the softer His bed and the greater our gift to God as a parish family. The manger and yarn will be located in the vestibule during advent.

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