

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church



A Chapel of the Diocese of Lincoln, NE
served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP)
dedicated to the Traditional Latin Mass and
Sacraments according to the 1962 Missal of
Pope St John XXIII



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors! Please join us for Coffee and Cookies in the basement following the 10:30am Mass.

Today – Music CDs on Sale: After the 10:30am Mass, OLGS Seminarian Daniel Alloy will be selling CDs of orchestral music which he composed and produced this past summer as a fundraiser for his seminary expenses.

Today: the Montag family is hosting a farewell (cake and coffee) for Ben in the basement following the 10:30 Mass. Congratulations and best wishes to Ben as he enters Clear Creek Abbey on Dec. 8.

Fri Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception of BVM is a Holyday of Obligation. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass under pain of mortal sin, even if unable to attend their regular church. There will be a Low Mass at 7:00am and a Sung Mass at 6:00pm. A reception will follow; please bring a dessert to share. Please note that the 4:00pm Friday Devotions will not be held this day.

Next Sun Dec 10 – Bake Sale: The St. Dominic Savio Youth Group will hold a Bake Sale after both Masses. Proceeds will help to provide funds for Youth Group activities.

Next Sun Dec 10 – Catholic Coffee House Series on the Protestant Reformation continues with Bob Sullivan speaking on apologetics at Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O Street, 7:00pm.

Sat Dec 16 – Rorate Mass: The 7:00am Mass will be the Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin in Advent sung by candlelight. It is rather beautiful and well worth attending. There will be a reception in the social hall afterwards. Muffins and pastries provided; feel free to bring other items to share if you wish.

Calendars, Ordos and Portraits are available for collection in the vestibule.

Christmas Flower Donations: Envelopes are in the vestibule. The 8:30am Mass on Christmas Eve (Sunday) will be offered for the donors' intentions.

Sunday Coffee Social: One family is needed to cover the third Sunday every month. We also need substitute families who can occasionally help as needed. Please contact Rebecca Montag at remontag@montagmfg.com

FSSP SFX Mission Trips: Registration is open for 2018. There will be four trips: two in Mexico (Holy Week and July), one in Peru, and one in the Dominican Republic. See the new website and promotional video at www.sfxmission.com.

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Sr. Frances, O.C.D., Elise Clarke, Jennifer Wachter, Michael Ostry, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Patrick Hornback, Mr. Whitfield, Ruth Phelan, Barbara McMeekin, Fr. Phillip Gerard Johnson.

Rite Expiatis: On St Francis of Assisi (cont.)

We have seen how the Seraphic Father, motivated by the idea of perfect poverty which had taken complete possession of his soul, made himself so small and humble as to obey others (it would be better to say almost everyone) with the very simplicity of a child, for the reason that he who does not deny himself and give up his own will, certainly cannot be said to have renounced all things or to have become humble of heart. St. Francis by his vow of obedience consecrated gladly and submitted fully his will, the greatest gift which God has bestowed on human nature, to the will of the Vicar of Jesus Christ.

What evil they do and how far from a true appreciation of the Man of Assisi are they who, in order to bolster up their fantastic and erroneous ideas about him, imagine such an incredible thing as that Francis was an opponent of the discipline of the Church, that he did not accept the dogmas of the Faith, that he was the precursor and prophet of that false liberty which began to manifest itself at the beginning of modern times and which has caused so many disturbances both in the Church and in civil society! That he was in a special manner obedient and faithful in all things to the hierarchy of the Church, to this Apostolic See, and to the teachings of Christ, the Herald of the Great King proved both to Catholics and non-Catholics by the admirable example of obedience which he always gave. It is a fact proven by contemporary documents, which are worthy of all credence, *"that he held in veneration the clergy, and loved with a great affection all who were in holy orders."* *"As a man who was truly Catholic and apostolic, he insisted above all things in his sermons that the faith of the Holy Roman Church should always be preserved and inviolably, and that the priests who by their ministry bring into being the sublime Sacrament of the Lord, should therefore be held in the highest reverence. He also taught that the doctors of the law of God and all the orders of clergy should be shown the utmost respect at all times."* That which he taught to the people from the pulpit he insisted on much more strongly among his friars. We may read of this in his famous last testament and, again, at the very point of death he admonished them about this with great insistence, namely, that in the exercise of the sacred ministry they should always obey the bishops and the clergy and should live together with them as it behooves children of peace.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun Dec 3 8:30 am 10:30 am	First Sunday of Advent Annetta Whitney+ (Mulholland Family) <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon Dec 4 7:00 am	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor Thomas Frink+ (Michael Dycus)
Tue Dec 5 8:00 am	Feria of Advent Closure of PP Abortion Clinic, S 48 St.
Wed Dec 6 7:00 am	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor Elise Clarke
Thu Dec 7 8:00 am	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor Shirely Bauer+ (DeeAnna Fix)
Fri Dec 8 7:00 am 6:00 pm	Immaculate Conception (<i>Holyday of Obligation</i>) Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (EJ) <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sat Dec 9 8:00 am	Feria of Advent Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sun Dec 10 8:30 am 10:30 am	Second Sunday of Advent Larry & Donna Rauert (Rauert Family) <i>Pro Populo</i>

Confessions: for 20 mins before weekday Masses, 30 mins on Sunday.

The Rosary: 30 mins before each Sunday Mass.

Dolor Rosary: 20 mins before the end of Exposition.

Baptisms: Please contact the rector at least four weeks in advance.

Marriages: Please contact the rector at least six months in advance.

Please consult the website for more information.

Weekly Collection

November 26:	\$1737.00
Counters for Dec 3:	Rex Mulholland and Phil McNeely
Ushers for Dec 3:	Anthony Montag and Joseph Montag
Counters for Dec 10:	Nick Lemme and Matt Rauert
Ushers for Dec 10:	Troy Butcher and Dan Fix