

# 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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## Second Sunday of Advent December 10 – 16, 2017



## Parish Groups & Contacts

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**St. Martha's Guild:** (Care of Altar, vestments, linens, flowers and hospitality)

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**Confraternity of Christian Mothers:**

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**St. Dominic Savio Youth Group**

Andrew & Cambria Watson      Email: [ahcr.watson@gmail.com](mailto:ahcr.watson@gmail.com)

**Les Petites Maries** (girls ages 7-11)

Mrs. Grace Factor      Email: [gracemarierose@gmail.com](mailto:gracemarierose@gmail.com)

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

**Today – 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.

**Today – 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.

**Next 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.

**Next Sat Dec 16 – Church Cleaning** following the Mass and reception. Come help clean the church in anticipation of Christmas. If you are not able to come, please consider completing a cleaning task when you are able to. Check the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the basement.

**Congratulations** to Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Factor on the birth of their son Henry Benedict who was baptized and received into the Church last Monday.

**Please Pray for the recently deceased:** Alfredo Iuranich, Thomas Rinkevich, Shirley Bauer.

**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](mailto:remontag@montagmfg.com)

**FSSP SFX Mission Trips:** Registration is open for 2018. There will be four trips. See the new website and promotional video at [www.sfxmission.com](http://www.sfxmission.com).

**2018 Offering Envelopes** are available in the vestibule.

**Church Windows' Restoration Fund:** If you wish to know the amount of any outstanding pledges to have contributions qualify for the present tax year, please contact the church office.

**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.)***

The most important side of his obedience, however, is shown by the fact that as soon as the Seraphic Patriarch had drawn up and written out the rules of his Order, he delayed not even an instant in presenting himself personally, together with his first eleven disciples, to Innocent III, in order to gain the Pope's approval of his Rules. That Pontiff of immortal memory, moved deeply by the words and presence of the humble Poverello, embraced Francis with great affection and, divinely inspired, sanctioned the Rules presented to him. He also gave to Francis and to his co-laborers the faculty to preach penance. History attests that Honorius III added a new confirmation to this Rule, after it had been somewhat modified, in answer to the prayers of St. Francis.

The Seraphic Father commanded that the Rule and the Life of the Friars Minor should be the following: to observe the "holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ" living in obedience, without possessing any property, and in all chastity, and this not according to one's own whims or individual interpretation of the Rule, but according to the commands of the Roman Pontiffs, canonically elected. For those who eagerly longed "to follow this manner of life. . . they had to be, first, diligently examined by the Father Ministers concerning their Catholic Faith and their reception of the sacraments of the Church; whether they believed all these things and were firm in their intention to profess them until death." Those who had already become members of the Order must for no reason leave except it be "by order of Our Lord, the Pope." To the clerics of the Order it is prescribed that they celebrate "the divine office according to the calendar of the Roman Church"; to the friars in general it was commanded that they should not preach in the territory of a bishop without his permission, and that they should not enter, not even for reasons of their ministry, the convents of sisters without a special faculty from the Apostolic See. No less reverence and docility towards the Apostolic See is shown by the words which St. Francis uses in commanding that a Cardinal Protector should be appointed for the Order: "In obedience, I enjoin the Ministers to ask the Lord Pope for one of the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church to be the guide, protector and corrector of this Brotherhood; so that subordinate at all times and submissive, at the feet of the same Holy Roman Church, and thus firm in the Catholic Faith, . . . we shall observe, as we have faithfully promised to do, the holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

# Liturgical Calendar

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<b>Sun Dec 10</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Larry & Donna Rauert (Rauert Family) <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Mon Dec 11</b> 7:00 am	<b>St. Damasus I, Pope &amp; Martyr</b> Mario Botta+
<b>Tue Dec 12</b> 8:00 am	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Closure of PP Abortion Clinic, S 48 St.
<b>Wed Dec 13</b> 7:00 am	<b>St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> Alfredo Iuranich+ (Anthony Montag Family)
<b>Thu Dec 14</b> 8:00 am	<b>Feria of Advent</b> Olive Keller+ (Michael Dycus)
<b>Fri Dec 15</b> 4:00 pm 5:15 pm	<b>Feria of Advent</b> <i>Exposition/Holy Hour</i> Peter McCarthy+
<b>Sat Dec 16</b> 7:00 am	<b>St. Eusebius, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Karen Frink+ (Michael Dycus)
<b>Sun Dec 17</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Third Sunday of Advent (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>)</b> Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild <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

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December 3:	\$4369.00
Counters for Dec 10:	Nick Lemme and Matt Rauert
Ushers for Dec 10:	Troy Butcher and Dan Fix
Counters for Dec 17:	Dan Fix and John Pepino
Ushers for Dec 17:	Dan Fix and Troy Butcher