

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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**Sunday within the Octave of the
Nativity
December 31, 2017 – January 6, 2018**



Parish Groups & Contacts

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

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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.

Congratulations to David and Jennaya Arias on the birth of their son Savio who was baptized and received into the Church last Friday.

Today, Dec 31 - A Plenary Indulgence can be gained for the public recitation or singing of the *Te Deum*: this will be sung after the 10:30am High Mass.

Tomorrow, Jan 1 - A Plenary Indulgence can be gained for the public recitation or singing of the *Veni Creator Spiritus*. This will be sung before the 8:00am Mass.

The Octave Day of Christmas, Jan 1 is not a Day of Obligation this year. There will be one Mass offered at 8:00 am.

Next Sat Jan 6 - Feast of the Epiphany: there will be a Sung Mass at 8:00am.

Next Sun Jan 7- Fundraiser Waffle Breakfast after the 10:30am Mass. Waffles, and toppings, fruit, & egg bakes will be served. Proceeds will go toward the new parish social hall! Come for waffles and stay to join in singing Christmas Carols!

Mon Jan 8 – Knights of Columbus Meeting at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. The Officers meeting begins at 6:30pm, the regular meeting at 7:00pm.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held this Friday, Jan 5, 2018. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Epiphany House Blessing: Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Today is the last day to sign up.

Catechism Classes will resume in January.

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

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.)

Is there anyone who cannot see that all these virtues proceeded from the one and same fountain of divine love? In truth, as Thomas of Celano writes, “he was ever afire with divine love and longed to perform deeds of great heroism; walking with a strong heart in the way of the divine commandments, he eagerly desired to reach the highest perfection”; and St. Bonaventure testifies that “he seemed like a burning coal alive with the fire of God’s love.” Wherefore there were those who “seeing him raised so rapidly to a state of intoxication of divine love” burst into tears. This love of God he poured out in love for his neighbor, and conquering himself loved with a special tenderness the poor and, among the poor, the most miserable of all, the lepers, whom as a youth he had so abhorred; he dedicated completely both himself and his disciples to their care and service. He also wished that a brotherly love similar to his own should reign among his disciples; because of this his wish, the Franciscan Brotherhood grew to be “a noble edifice of charity, from the living stones of which, gathered from every part of the world, there was built a dwelling for the Holy Ghost.”

It is Our pleasure, Venerable Brothers, to detain you somewhat more at length in a study of these his sublime virtues, for the reason that, in our times, many infected by the false spirit of secularism, habitually attempt to strip our saintly heroes of the true light and glory of their sanctity. These writers view the saint merely as models of human excellence or as professors of an empty spirit of religion, praising and magnifying them exclusively because of what they have done for the progress of arts and sciences, or because of certain works of mercy which they have accomplished and which have proven helpful to the fatherland and to mankind. We do not cease to wonder how an admiration of this kind for St. Francis, so false and even contradictory in itself, can in any way help his modern admirers who devote their lives to the search for riches and pleasure or who decked out in finery frequent public places, dances and theaters, or who roll in the very mud of voluptuousness, who ignore and cast aside the laws of Christ and His Church. In this context the following warning is very significant: “He who pretends to admire the good works of a saint must at the same time admire the homage and love due to God. Therefore, either imitate that which you praise or do not permit yourself to praise that which you do not care to imitate. He who admires the good works of the saints must also distinguish himself by the holiness of his own life.”

Liturgical Calendar

Sun Dec 31 8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity Allington & Speer Families (Peter Allington) <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon Jan 1 8:00 am	Octave Day of the Nativity Eleanor McCarthy
Tue Jan 2 8:00 am	Most Holy Name of Jesus Closure of PP Abortion Clinic, S 48 St.
Wed Jan 3 7:00 am	Feria in Christmastide Elise Clarke
Thu Jan 4 8:00 am	Feria in Christmastide Clarence Dycus+ (Michael Dycus)
Fri Jan 5 8:00 am 5:15 pm	Feria in Christmastide (First Friday) <i>Exposition/Adoration until 5:00pm</i> Fr. Stewart, FSSP (EJ)
Sat Jan 6 8:00 am	Epiphany of Our Lord (First Saturday) Alicia Arango (Marci Azaroff)
Sun Jan 7 8:30 am 10:30 am	The Holy Family Sofia Arango (Marci Azaroff) <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

December 24:	\$1596.00
December 25:	\$1585.00
Counters Dec 31:	John Quinto & Troy Butcher
Ushers Dec 31:	Dan Fix & Troy Butcher
Counters Jan 7:	Phil McNeely & Anthony Montag
Ushers Jan 7:	Anthony Montag & William Montag