

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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Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord December 24 - 30, 2017



Parish Groups & Contacts

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors!

The coffee social after the 10:30am Mass is cancelled for today.

Fr. McCarthy wishes for all the St Francis associates a peaceful and joyful Christmas season celebrating the birth of Our Lord.

Parish Volunteers: Fr McCarthy offers sincere thanks to all those who throughout the year freely give of their valuable time, without whom this church could not function, including in no particular order: those who care for the altar, choir, MCs and altar servers, office volunteers, collection counters, ushers, those who staff socials after Mass, those who clean the church, those who provide meals, those who do maintenance jobs, those who help out in any number of hidden ways. May God reward your zeal.

Thank you to all who helped with cleaning and decorating the church, making it beautiful for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord; may God bless you!

The Blessing of Wine: There is a blessing of wine on the feast of St. John the Evangelist, done in his memory and honor, who without harm drank poisoned wine offered by his enemies. The blessing will be done after the 7 am mass on Dec 27. Those wishing to have wine blessed, please place your bottles before St. Joseph's altar, before, or immediately after Mass.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held 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!

2018 Offering Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Epiphany House Blessing: Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

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

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.

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.)

We must speak also of the "beauty and cleanliness of purity" which the Seraphic Father "loved singularly," of that chastity of soul and body which he kept and defended even to the maceration of his own flesh. We have already seen that as a young man, although gay and fashionable, he abhorred everything sinful, even in word. When later on he cast aside the vain pleasures of this world, he began to repress the demands of his senses with great severity. Thus, at times when he found himself moved or likely to be influenced by sensual feeling, he did not hesitate to throw himself into a bush of thorns or, in the very depths of winter, to plunge into the icy waters of a stream.

It is also well known that our Saint, desiring to call back men so that they would conform their lives to the teachings of the Gospel, used to exhort them "to love and fear God and to do penance for their sins." Moreover, he preached and invited all to penance by his own example. He wore a hair shirt, he was clothed in a poor rough tunic, went about barefoot, he slept resting his head on a stone or on the trunk of a tree, ate so little that it was barely sufficient to keep him from dying of starvation. He even mixed ashes and water with his food in order to destroy its taste. He passed the greater part of the year in fasting. Besides all this, no matter whether he was well or ill, he treated his body with the greatest severity; he used to call his body "my brother the ass"; nor could he be induced to give himself any relief or rest, not even when, as during the last years of his life, he was suffering greatly, the sufferings of one nailed to a cross, for he had become like unto Christ because of the stigmata which he bore. Neither did he neglect to inculcate austerity of life in his disciples, and, in this only did "the teachings of the Holy Patriarch differ from his own actions," he advised them to moderate a too excessive abstinence or punishment of the body.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun Dec 24 8:30 am 10:30 am	Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord Intentions of Poinsettia Donors <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon Dec 25 Midnight 8:30 am 10:30 am	Nativity of Our Lord (<i>Holyday of Obligation</i>) <i>Pro Populo</i> Bishop Conley Pope Francis
Tue Dec 26 8:00 am	St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr Closure of PP Abortion Clinic, S 48 St.
Wed Dec 27 7:00 am	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist Reversion of Ted Kessler (Kessler Family)
Thu Dec 28 8:00 am	Holy Innocents, Martyrs Jerry Vilda+ (Joann Vilda)
Fri Dec 29 4:00 pm 5:15 pm	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity <i>Exposition/Holy Hour</i> Louise Joséphine Pepino+ (John Pepino)
Sat Dec 30 8:00 am	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity Shirley Bauer+ (Dee Anna Fix)
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>

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.
Please consult the website for more information.

Weekly Collection

December 17:	\$2646.80
Counters Dec 24:	William Montag & Joseph Montag
Ushers Dec 24:	William Montag & Joseph Montag
Ushers Dec 25 (12:00am):	Dan Fix & Troy Butcher
(8:30am):	Bill Bergfeld & Michael Bruns
(10:30am):	Anthony Montag
Counters Dec 31:	John Quinto & Troy Butcher
Ushers Dec 31:	Dan Fix & Troy Butcher