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**November 26, 2023**

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**33<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, November 27**

6:45 a.m. +Bob McAlevy

8:10 a.m. +Paul Mestl

**Tuesday, November 28**

6:45 a.m. +Alberta Carpenter

8:10 a.m. +Tracee Smith

**Wednesday, November 29**

6:45 a.m. +Monika Michaels

8:10 a.m. +Josephine Rohan

Noon (Latin) +Celebrant's intention

**Thursday, November 30**

6:45 a.m. +All Souls Day intentions

8:10 a.m. +Rick & Dorthie Lantefield

**Friday, December 1**

6:45 a.m. +Celebrant's intention

8:10 a.m. +Betty Meisinger

**Saturday, December 2**

8:00 a.m. +Celebrant's intention

4:00 p.m. +Ruth Wassinger

**Sunday, December 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

8:00 a.m. +Manfred Kuhn

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## Confessions:

**Mondays & Fridays, 7:15-7:45am**

**Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm**

**Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am**

**Head Count last weekend: 572**

**Contributions for November 19, 2023**

<b>General Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,432.35</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 13,029.00</b>
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,200.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$ 150.00
Teachers/Staff	\$ 70.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$ 250.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$ 40.00
Cloistered Nuns Online Giving	\$ 285.00

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Dec 2 (at 9:00am): Halac, Haller, Hall, Hall, Halmes, Hamling, Hammons, Hanneman

**Beginning next Sunday,** after the Saturday 4pm and the Sunday 8 & 10:30 Masses, we will begin the custom that we have at the weekday Masses: Directly after the last song (or when the priest has processed out at the end of Mass, if no song), we are asked to kneel and together recite the prayer:

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine!

All praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment Thine.

(Said three times.) You are invited to stay and pray in silence your own thanksgiving prayers after this prayer that is said together. They can be as short or as long as you prefer. Please refrain from talking loudly to others until you get to the Commons area. We want great fellowship in our parish, so please stay for a cup of coffee and donut after Mass and enjoy one another's company in our Commons.



## Christmas Giving Tree

*Let's give joy to a family in need.*

Please return your wrapped gift with the tag attached and place it under the Giving Tree in the Church Commons by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Some upcoming dates:

Nov 27 – Adult Choir Practice begins for Christmas Eve 9pm Mass

Dec 8 – Holy Day of obligation, Immaculate Conception

Dec 9 – Knight Before Christmas, Songs & Stories 6-8pm, open to all

Dec 9/10 & 16/17 – Bible Study info & sign-up table in the Commons

Dec 14 – Knights' presentation for older boys & parents, "Boys becoming Men" (See Knights' notes on page 2.)

Dec 17 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses

Dec 17 – Penance Service, 3:30pm, with many priests from our deanery

December – Christmas schedules will be posted soon

Jan 10 – Bible Study begins for Wednesdays 10-11:30am

Jan 11 – Bible Study begins for Thursdays 7-8:30pm



## The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist and let Him change us, He will then change others through us.

Current open Adoration Hours are: Sundays at 1am & 3pm; Mondays at 2am; Tuesdays at 1am; Wednesdays at 3am; Saturdays at 2am, 3am

Open Holy Hours, which until they are taken permanently, are covered by people filling in their name on the Adoration Table for the upcoming week, or by the day captains calling substitutes. Questions? Call Traci, 297-2295.

**Pecans, and a Prime Rib / Spiral Ham raffle:** It's that time of year! The Catholic Daughters are selling pecans, and more(!), after Masses. New this year is the Prime Rib / Spiral Ham raffle.

## Attention: Acolytes, Readers/Lectors, Altar Servers

Please contact Joe DiSomma before December 6 for your availability for the Christmas and New Years' Masses. joedisomma1013@icloud.com

**Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio:**

How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit [spiritcatholicradio.com/advent](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent) as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com)

**Christmas Choir rehearsal**

Please share your talent in the choir for the **9:00pm** Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be Mondays at 6:30pm beginning November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested or have questions, contact Larry Jensen, 740-9734, or Laurie Hajek-Jones, 679-2457, or just bring your voice on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Praising the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ is one of the greatest joys.

**This week's featured Seminarians:** Bradley Moss who entered seminary in 2018, and is now in Theology 2 at St. Charles Borromeo; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

**Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Nov 28: Monica Yankus, Dec 4: Sandy Fischer, Dec 5: Amy Kotera, Dec 11: Sandy Kerns, Dec 12: Deb Warga, Dec 18: Bonnie Seyfer, Dec 19: Megan Hanneman

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264 / [www.KofC1966.org](http://www.KofC1966.org)

**Keep Christ in Christmas** – The Knights will be selling Christmas Cards in the Commons after Masses until they are all gone. Proceeds from the sales go to support our many charities, and the religiously-themed cards help us all keep Christ in Christmas!

**Boys becoming Men** – We know boys are eager to learn more about becoming men as they mature. The Knights of Columbus can be a valuable part of that learning and maturing process. The Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> *Into the Breach* presentation and discussion are age-appropriate for boys who are teenagers or who have been confirmed. Boys and parents, please join us from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Sanctuary and St. Joseph's Room. (On the second Thursday of each month we both pray the Rosary AND learn more about becoming a stronger Catholic man.)

**Next Parish Rosary** – Thursday, Dec 14, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. We will pray for our local intentions and for the Pope's monthly intention: for persons with disabilities. "We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation." -Pope Francis

**December General Meeting** – Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning with our *Into the Breach* faith development at 7:00pm. The business meeting follows at 7:30pm, both in St Joseph's Room.

**A Knight Before Christmas** – Come one, come all! Songs & stories of the Yuletide season presented in Coffee House style by The Old Krusty Minstrels & Friends. Open to all and will be appropriate for all ages. Saturday, December 9, in the Commons. The program starts at 6:00pm and will run until about 8:00pm. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided, starting about 5:00pm, following evening Mass.

**Winter Coat Drive** – The generosity of a local merchant gives us an additional opportunity to collect serviceable winter coats to help those in need. Your Knights will officially collect them from the public during the Victorian Christmas on Main on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look for more information about collection opportunities in the Commons in the coming days or see Coat Drive Chairman Jeff Scanlan.

**This Advent**, Bishop Conley is recommending to all diocesan parishes to take up a collection for "**Hope of the Poor**", a small group who work in the Omaha, Nebraska and Mexico City, Mexico areas. Because my husband and I were very recently on a Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, in conjunction with a Mission Trip with "Hope of the Poor", Fr. Timmerman asked me to give you a little idea of what we saw with Hope of the Poor. -Sue Stevens

Hope of the Poor reaches out and serves some of the most forgotten, neglected, and abandoned people in Mexico City. I very much didn't know what to expect on a mission trip – I admit that I was going more to see the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and to pray as often as I could there, in the Basilica and on Tepeyac Hill! But I found experiencing the two together (Pilgrimage and Mission Trip) was a great blend. It is still playing in my mind. Something will suddenly remind me of a scene with a person or persons that I met on the mission trip. I guess that attests to how it moved me, unexpectedly and deeply.

I was very impressed with the methods and caring of the small team of Hope of the Poor. They can do little to help the government change, but they can help individuals. To them, the people they were helping were not a faceless group of people all in the same tragic boat. The team saw, and showed us, their individuality. This group not only gives food and blankets to the poor, but they also give them help to improve their particular situation. They help them to: quit and stay off drugs, to get away from prostitution, to be able to send their children to school, to find employment. When funds come available to Hope of the Poor, an apartment can be rented to give them a home in a safe place. A previously-helped "Mom" type of person oversees their progression. And the individuals themselves work toward all of that while learning about God through seeing Him in the actions of the team, and through RCIA classes, if they wish to attend! God is a very good partner when you are looking for hope! Many come to desire baptism and the sacraments. Please check out more at [www.hopeofthepoor.org](http://www.hopeofthepoor.org) and in Bishop Conley's article, The Eucharist and the Hope of the Poor in the Nov. 17 Southern Nebraska Register. Hope of the Poor works under Cardinal Carlos Aguiar Retes and is an official apostolate of the Archdiocese of Mexico.

Throughout Advent, there will be special boxes at the inside the Sanctuary, south wall by the windows, if you'd like to financially aid their efforts. Prayers are also needed!

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and they shall be created;  
and You shall renew  
the face of the earth.  
O God, who by the  
light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
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