



Sacred Heart Church-St. James Parish

Crete, NE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



Online
Giving

Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:15 am English; 5:30 pm Spanish

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm English; 7:00 pm Spanish

Sunday: 9:00 am English; 11:30 am Spanish

Stream Masses here: <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCrete>

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Confessions:

Before all weekend Masses, Wednesdays from 6-7pm, and by Appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS *Dominic Ian Winter* from St. Joseph, St. Mary, Lincoln, who is in Theology 3 at Mount St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

For Christmas Mass times and Confession times, please see the schedules posted on both entrances to the church and on the parish Facebook page.

Vocations Mobile and Online Giving If you would like to give online, please talk to Fr. Stoley. Or if you'd like us to mail in your card, just bring it to the office or place it in the collection basket. Thanks for your generosity!!!!

As you are all well aware by now, Covid has prevented many from being able to come to Mass. Often times, if one cannot come to Mass, one cannot tithe. We are down nearly 50% in our giving. While we are not in trouble currently, we will be soon. If you have been wanting to give but cannot because you can't leave the house, try online giving. Just scan the QR Code at the top right corner of the page. It is easy to sign up and it can be programed to be a one-time or recurring gift. Thank you for your stewardship and generosity!

Due to increased Covid cases, the diocese is requiring us to allow no more than 50% capacity in the church for Mass. Remember, however, that the Parish Hall has been open for seating for the past few months. There is plenty of room to spread out, and even if we have 100 people in the Hall, we will still be under 50% capacity. If the church looks pretty full, please make your way to the hall.

The 48th Annual Nebraska Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021. The outdoor event begins on the north steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. where there will be speakers and greetings from elected officials. The Walk will proceed to the Newman Center at 16th & Q Street. Keynote speaker, Sarah Zagorski will give testimony to her challenging childhood and why every life matters. For more information, go to www.nebraskarighttolife.org or call 402-438-4802.

Servers and acolytes may return to duty at the altar. Masks will be required in the Sanctuary and service will be somewhat modified, but we can go over that on the fly. Thanks!

As we enter cooler weather, keep in mind that the climate will change drastically. If it is unsafe for you to travel in snow and ice do not come. If you are in doubt, ask yourself: "Could I go to work, the store, or a party in this?" If the answer is yes, come to Mass. If not, stay home, especially if you are fall risk. We will still be streaming Masses anyway, so there really is not excuse.

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions for December – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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LDCCW (Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) recognizes the work of women in the church. Our local PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women), also known as Altar Society, is part of the Crete Deanery. There are 13 deaneries in the Lincoln diocese. The purpose is to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy under the bishop's direction. Some of the activities important to the PCCW include purchasing altar supplies, encouraging participation in retreats and religious youth camps by funding 1/2 of the cost, offering support to promote faith, and giving aid to the needy. Some activities include cleaning church, serving funeral meals, and supporting pro life (like the Diaper Drive). Every woman is a member. The meetings are on the second Wednesday (skip July & August) at 6:30 in the hall. Thanks to everyone who helps our parish family. Consider picking an area of your expertise to be of service. Contact officers if any questions. Officers- Charlotte James, Barb Lorenz, Sue Juricek, and Deb Polacek.

PCCW Group 6 is in charge of **CLEANING CHURCH IN DECEMBER**. The leader is Carol Murphy, 402-418-1538. Thank you for your help. Please come Saturdays at 9am and help them keep our church clean and beautiful. It takes about an hour for a crew of five people.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA has funds available for rent, utilities, and emergency cash assistance help. We have funds set aside for every region of southern Nebraska, not just the towns where we have offices. So please, if you know of anyone that needs help please have them call in for assistance. There is an application process for those wanting to receive assistance. Lincoln area, please call (402) 327-6211 on Mondays beginning at 9 a.m. We have a bilingual English/Spanish speaker at this number.

MASS INTENTIONS	WEEKLY SUMMARY (Sunday – 12/13/2020)														
<p>Monday, December 21 8:15 am Annie Timan 5:30pm Joseph and Idella Lorenz+</p> <p>Tuesday, December 22 8:15am Jerry Zeims 5:30pm John Vlasin+</p> <p>Wednesday, December 23 8:15am Poor Souls in Purgatory 5:30pm Candido Vicente Vasquez+</p> <p>Thursday, December 24 8:15am Mary Maurin+ 5:00pm Henry Bals-bday SBW 7:00pm Peace in the World 11:00pm Mary Maurin+ anniv.</p> <p>Friday, December 25 9:00am Nadine Siedhoff Summers+ 11:30am People of the Parish</p> <p>Saturday, December 26 5:00pm Jeanne & Gerald Laurenroth (65th Anniversary) 7:00pm Aurelia Ibarra</p> <p>Sunday, December 27 9:00am People of the Parish 11:30am Lorena Islas+</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Adult Envelopes:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,695.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose checks outside of envelopes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">765.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose Cash:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">935.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online Giving</td> <td style="text-align: right;">153.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Deposit: (weekly)</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>300.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total deposited</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,928.25</td> </tr> </table> <p>Immaculate Conception \$265.00; Christmas Offering \$45.00; Donation \$420.22; Masses \$540.00; Nov. Candles \$1,229.00; Building Fund: \$900.00; Operating Balance = \$68,496.03 (after ALL Deposits & Bills of \$13,421.19 paid); Payroll/Bills Due Estimate: \$24,700.00.</p> <p>We need about \$8,500 per week in tithes in order to sustain the parish. Please do what you can. Thank you for your generous stewardship!</p>	Adult Envelopes:	\$2,695.00	Loose checks outside of envelopes	765.00	Loose Cash:	935.00	Maintenance:	80.00	Online Giving	153.25	Direct Deposit: (weekly)	<u>300.00</u>	Total deposited	\$4,928.25
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	<p>You can LEAVE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE GRAY STEEL BOX in front of the podium in church. It is emptied weekly. You can also use text-to-give: text the word GIVE to 402 303-3122 and follow instructions at the link you get back. Or, you can use our new QR code at the top of the bulletin for online giving if you'd like to use that.</p>														