

**Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Mass Schedule		Intentions		
<i>Date / Feast</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mass offered for:</i>	<i>Mass offered by:</i>
Mon., Dec. 2	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	Children with Special Needs	
Tues., Dec. 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	All Priests	St. Mary's Altar Society
Wed., Dec. 4 <i>St. John Damascene</i>	7:15 a.m.	Sutton	†Jade Schoneberg	Trish Zimmerman
	7:00 p.m.	Sutton	CCD students, teachers & families	
Thurs., Dec. 5 <i>Mass for the Dead</i>	8:00 a.m.	Grafton	†Patsy & Arlene O'Connor & All Deceased & Living Family Members	Jean O'Connor
Fri., Dec. 6 <i>St. Nicholas / First Friday</i>	7:15 a.m.	Sutton	†John & Matilda Lederhos	Suzie Schoneberg
Sat., Dec. 7 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	No Morning Mass			
	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	†Scott Bardne	Suzie Schoneberg
Sun., Dec. 8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sutton	†Blake Smith	Jim & Cecilia Van Kirk
	11:00 a.m.	Grafton	The People of St. Mary's & St. Helena's	

**Confession**

St. Mary's (Sutton)	Saturday 5:00-5:20 p.m. and Sunday 8:20-8:50 a.m.
St. Helena's (Grafton)	Sunday 10:45-10:55 a.m.

**The Holy Rosary**—15 minutes before Mass at St. Mary's (Sutton)

**First Friday Mass & Adoration**—On the First Friday of each month, Mass is offered at 7:15 a.m. at St. Mary's in Sutton. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available until 1:00 p.m., closing with Benediction.

**Prayer Chain**

<i>For the Sick:</i>		<i>For the Faithful Departed:</i>	
Matt & Carli Cloet Family	Jean Laffitte	†Timothy Pariset	<b>Mass for the Dead</b> Once a month, Mass will be offered for all the faithful departed of our parishes.
Cheryl Brown	Pam Hofmann	†Randy George	
Darren Anderson	Carol Fessler	†Richard Yaeger	
Bill George	Kathy Sneed	†Maria Flores	
Tate Ross	Liz George	†Rodger Johnson	
Bill F. Holoubek	Megan Hinrichs	†Pat Finnegan	
Mary Johnson	Scott Borders	†Jade Schoneberg	
Nora Schwank	Thayer Overturf	†Dwayne Jakob	
Traci Ebert	Maria Miranda	†Dorothy Yaeger	
Jean O'Connor	Rhonda Cloet	†Leota Griess	
Madalyn McKeone	John, Josh & Jed Sharky	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Teresa Ayala	Juan Castanada		
Cinda Zimmer	April Lemkau		
Erik Gonzales			

*Please pray for the following seminarians during December*  
Dale Allder, Joseph Allen, James Beran, Jonah Brox and Peter Foley

**Parish Announcements**

- Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska will have a Donation Drive at George's 66 Gas Station on Mondays, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. See flyer on bulletin board for details.
- If you wish to receive a contribution statement BEFORE the end of the year, please contact our bookkeeper, Lindsay Anderson (contact info is listed on the front of the bulletin). Contribution statements will still go out after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to all parishioners.
- 2020 Catholic Calendars are available at St. Mary's right now. St. Helena's shipment has not arrived yet.

**Around the Diocese**

St. Michael's (Hastings) will host a Forty Hours Devotion December 6 – 8 led by Fr. Christopher Goodwin. Eucharistic Adoration will span continuously from Friday evening until Sunday evening. Please mark your calendar for this event of renewal and healing.

The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 28. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel (Lincoln). If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5 p.m. on Dec. 19.

Join Dan Burke for an Into the Deep pre-Lenten mini-retreat to discover the depths of prayer. All are welcome at St. Michael Catholic Church (Hastings) from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1. Mass will begin 8 a.m. and registration is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch provided. Register at Avila-Institute.org/events for \$20 early bird special! Register after January 1<sup>st</sup> and the cost is \$25 per ticket.

**Ministry Schedule**

<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Gift Bearers / Greeters</i>
Daily Mass Dec. 2-7	---	---	David & Johnny Hajny	---
Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.	Bryan Roemmich	Jennifer Johnson	Clay Claus & Maury Bautista	Don & Dawn Claus
Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m.	Neal Schlautman	Jess Hinrichs	Joe & Jake Hinrichs	Alyce Leininger & Pat Bourke
Dec. 8 at 11:00 a.m.	---	Richard Hoarty	---	---

**Collection**—will be available next weekend.

**The Week Ahead**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
First Sunday of Advent	<b>9 am Mass</b> Coffee & rolls	Parade of Lights (Sutton)		<b>7:15 am Mass</b>	<b>8 am Mass for the Dead</b> (Grafton)	<i>First Friday &amp; Feast of St. Nicholas</i>	<i>First Saturday</i>
	<b>11 am Mass</b>			4:15-6:30 pm Practice & Pizza Party		<b>7:15 am Mass</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> (Guard Duty Weekend)
	2-6 pm Hall reserved	<b>5:30 pm Mass</b>	<b>5:30 pm Mass</b>	6:30 pm CCD		3:45-5:30 pm Practice	
	7 p.m. Altar Society Party			<b>7 pm CCD Mass</b>			<b>5:30 pm Mass</b>

## An Adoption Love Story

Read the full version at  
[respectlifeprogram.org/adoption-love-story](https://respectlifeprogram.org/adoption-love-story).

Having children and raising a family had always been our expectation. We soon learned, however, that our chances of becoming pregnant were small. It wasn't long before we started talking about the possibility of adoption. I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would have loved a biological child. But with prayerful discernment, we decided to start the process. On Christmas Eve, Bill\* and I left the hospital with Andrew. It didn't take long before there was no doubt in our minds that he was our son, the greatest gift from God! We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew.

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