

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule			Intentions	
Date / Feast	Time	Location	Mass offered for:	Mass offered by:
Mon., Dec. 16	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	†Jade Schoneberg	Trish Zimmerman
Tues., Dec. 17	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	†Regina Cline	Suzie Schoneberg
Wed., Dec. 18	7:15 a.m.	Sutton	†Rita Schriener	Joan Hultman
Thurs., Dec. 19	8:00 a.m.	Grafton	†Patsy & Arlene O'Connor & All Deceased & Living Family Members	Jean O'Connor
Fri., Dec. 20	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	†Deb Buerer	Kirk & Marie Pope
Sat., Dec. 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sutton	All Deployed Service Members & Their Families	
	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	†Deceased Family Members of Henry & Sophia Bergen	Max & Julie Bergen
Sun., Dec. 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sutton	†Cecilia Tone	Jim & Cecilia Van Kirk
	11:00 a.m.	Grafton	The People of St. Mary's & St. Helena's	

Confession

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

Confessions during Advent	Saturday, Dec. 21 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Grafton)
Penance Service	Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2-3 p.m. (Sutton)

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>	
Katelin Friesen	Erik Gonzales	†Timothy Pariset	Mass for the Dead Once a month, Mass will be offered for all the faithful departed of our parishes.
Frances Fessler	Jean Laffitte	†Randy George	
Dale Gibson	Pam Hofmann	†Richard Yaeger	
Cheryl Brown	Carol Fessler	†Maria Flores	
Darren Anderson	Kathy Sneed	†Rodger Johnson	
Bill George	Liz George	†Pat Finnegan	
Tate Ross	Megan Hinrichs	†Jade Schoneberg	
Bill F. Holoubek	Scott Borders	†Dwayne Jakub	
Mary Johnson	Thayer Overturf	†Dorothy Yaeger	
Nora Schwank	Maria Miranda	†Leota Griess	
Traci Ebert	Rhonda Cloet	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Jean O'Connor	John, Josh & Jed Sharky		
Madalyn McKeone	Juan Castanada		
Teresa Ayala	April Lemkau		
Cinda Zimmer			
<i>Please pray for the following seminarians during December</i> Dale Alder, Joseph Allen, James Beran, Jonah Brox and Peter Foley			

Parish Announcements

- There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Sutton.
- Anyone who wishes to contribute to the poinsettia fund for the altar in memory of a loved one can simply put an envelope in the collection basket clearly marked "Poinsettia Fund", make their check out to the Altar Society and include the name of the person(s) remembered.
- Sutton Federated Church has a Blessing Box mini-pantry on their north circle drive. The Blessing Box has been stocked with non-perishable food (cereal, pasta, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, pancake mix, macaroni and cheese, dry soup mixes, etc.) along with non-food items such as toilet paper, hats and gloves. "Take what you need. Give what you can. Be blessed."

Around the Diocese

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 1st and the cost is \$25 per ticket.

Ministry Schedule

Mass Times	Acolyte	Reader	Servers	Gift Bearers / Greeters
Daily Mass Dec. 16-21	---	---	Connor Hinrichs & Jesse Mohnike	---
Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.	Mike McLaughlin	Cheryl Simonsen	Alex Castorena & Aidan Jones	Kevin & Barb Chelewski
Dec. 22 at 9:00 a.m.	Neal Schlautman	Gabe Skalka	Eli & Ty Skalka	Linus & Rhonda Cloet
Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m.	---	Richard Hoarty	Shane Fessler	---

Collection

	St. Mary's	St. Helena's	Special Collections
<i>Weekly Envelopes</i>	1,230.00	<i>Will be available next weekend</i>	February: Catholic Press
<i>Loose Plate</i>	143.05		March: Combined
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	255.00		April: Holy Land
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	35.00		May: Bishop's CSA
<i>Total Collected December 7 & 8</i>	\$1,663.05		

The Week Ahead

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Third Sunday of Advent	9 am Mass			7:15 am Mass	8 am Mass (Grafton)		9 am Mass
	11 am Mass			6:30 pm CCD			10 am Coffee time
	5:30 p.m. Knights mtg. (Sutton)	5:30 pm Mass	5:30 pm Mass	7 pm Night Fever w/ Bishop Conley	7 pm Parish Councils & CCD Teachers' Party	5:30 pm Mass	3:30-4:30 pm Confessions (Grafton)
							5:30 pm Mass

Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide.

Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to assisted suicide. But the same polls show that people's views shift when they learn about its dangers—especially the dangers for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care. Consider that, in Oregon and California, some patients' health insurance offered to pay for assisted suicide, but not treatment. And in states where assisted suicide is legal, often no psychiatric evaluation or treatment is required. Additionally, assisted suicide fosters discrimination by creating two classes of people: those whose suicides we spend millions of dollars to prevent and those whose suicides we assist and treat as a positive good.

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