

Mass Schedule

<i>Date / Feast</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Intentions</i> <i>Mass offered for:</i>	<i>Mass offered by:</i>
Mon., Dec. 23 <i>St. John Kanty</i>	7:15 a.m.	Sutton	†Jade Schoneberg	Trish Zimmerman
Tues., Dec. 24	No Morning Mass			
	9:00 p.m.	Grafton	†Patsy & Arlene O'Connor & All Deceased & Living Family Members	Jean O'Connor
	Midnight	Sutton	The People of St. Mary's & St. Helena's	
Wed., Dec. 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sutton	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	Suzie Schoneberg
Thurs., Dec. 26 <i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	No Daily Mass			
Fri., Dec. 27 <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	No Daily Mass			
Sat., Dec. 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	No Morning Mass			
	5:30 p.m.	Sutton	The People of St. Mary's & St. Helena's	
Sun., Dec. 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sutton	†Deb Buerer	Monte & Kim Lemkau
	11:00 a.m.	Grafton	Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Adams	Madjil Clark

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

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	Cinda Zimmer	†Timothy Pariset	Mass for the Dead Once a month, Mass will be offered for all the faithful departed of our parishes.
Frances Fessler	Erik Gonzales	†Randy George	
Dale Gibson	Jean Laffitte	†Richard Yaeger	
Cheryl Brown	Pam Hofmann	†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		
<i>Please pray for the following seminarians during December</i>			
Dale Allder, Joseph Allen, James Beran, Jonah Brox and Peter Foley			

Parish Announcements

Reminder: a Penance Service will be available Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2-3 p.m. at St. Mary's.

The January & February ministry schedule will be published next weekend. Please let Tracy know of any dates that will not work for you or your family. Thank you!

Adoration of our Lord will be available on Dec. 31st from 7 p.m. to Midnight at St. Mary's. Sign-up sheets are available at both entrances of the church.

Attention St. Helena's Altar Society: annual dues are \$10 and should be paid by Jan. 1. Checks can be written to our treasurer, Mary Fessler, and be given to her or left in a marked envelope in the collection.

Upcoming Events for Knights of Columbus (Sutton / Harvard)

- Christmas Party for all Knights and Spouses on Sunday, Jan 5 at Gary's in Grafton. Social at 5:30 p.m. and supper at 6:00 p.m.
- Pancake Feed on Sunday, Jan. 12 serving from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall
- Nebraska Walk for Life on Saturday, Jan. 18 in Lincoln. Pro-Life Mass St. Mary's (14th & K) at 9 a.m. Walk begins at State Capitol at 10 a.m.
- Free Throw Championship – Local Level on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. at Sutton High School Gym. Open to boys & girls ages 9 through 14.
- One Rose – One Life Weekend: Saturday Jan. 25 & Sunday Jan. 26

Around the Diocese

Join us for a free showing of the movie *Unplanned* at 2 p.m. on both Sunday, Jan. 12 and Sunday, Jan. 19. The movie will be shown at the Hastings Museum Theatre, located at 1330 N Burlington Avenue. Seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the show. You can get a FREE POPCORN with your Student ID. Due to the movie's rating, parents must be present with any minor age 16 and under. This event is sponsored by South Central Nebraska Right to Life and Wellspring Pregnancy & Health Center.

"Unplanned brings you an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. All Abby Johnson wanted to do was help women. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation. Until the day she saw something that changed everything."

Join Dan Burke for an Into the Deep pre-Lenten mini-retreat to discover the depths of prayer. All are welcome at St. Michael's (Hastings) from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1. Mass begins 8 a.m. and registration is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch provided. Register at Avila-Institute.org/events for \$20 early bird special!

Ministry Schedule

<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Gift Bearers / Greeters</i>
Dec. 24 at 9:00 p.m.	---	Richard Hoarty	Shane Fessler	---
Midnight Mass	Bryan Roemmich	John Haag	Eli & Ty Skalka	Neil & Wanda Cloet
Dec. 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Jim Jones	Shannon Drudik	Ethan Drudik & John Sheridan	Paul & Sheryl Drudik
Dec. 28 at 5:30 p.m.	Cal Stuhmer	Doug George	Max & Tony Castorena	Betty Mertens & Jean Erthum
Dec. 29 at 9:00 a.m.	Nao Trejo	Jason Hajny	Tyson & Landon Scheidemann	David & Shannon Drudik
Dec. 29 at 11:00 a.m.	---	Jack Galusha	Shane Fessler	---

Collection	St. Mary's	St. Helena's	Special Collections
Weekly Envelopes	1,840.00	733.00	February: Catholic Press
Loose Plate	134.25	41.00	March: Combined
Christmas Flowers	55.00	75.00	April: Holy Land
Utilities	200.00	---	May: Bishop's CSA
Total Collected December 14 & 15	\$2,229.25	\$849.00	

The Week Ahead

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Fourth Sunday of Advent	9 am Mass 11 am Mass	7:15 am Mass	9 pm Mass (Grafton)	9 am Mass (Sutton)	No Daily Mass	No Daily Mass	No Morning Mass
	2-3 pm Penance Service		Midnight Mass (Sutton)				5:30 pm Mass
	Hall reserved		Hall reserved	No CCD			

Healing within Marriage from an Abortion

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/healing-in-marriage.

When Susan's* husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. It is scary to tell a spouse or fiancé(é) about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy.

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"Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission" for January and February will now be at Dawson Hall at John XXIII Building (3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln) from 7-8:30 pm. The presenters are: January 19, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions.

A 3-part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Spiritual Warfare at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30 pm. Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." Series will be January 21, Our Identity in Christ; February 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 24, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. To register please visit:

<https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare>.