



St. Libory's Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to
Weekend Mass.

Weekday Mass Times:

Wednesday: 5:45 P.M.

Thursday: 6:00 P.M.

Friday: 6:45 A.M.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday - Tuesday: No Daily Mass

Wednesday (Jan 20): 5:45 P.M.

Jim Kasson t by Alda & Joe Boehle

Thursday (Jan 21): 6:00 P.M.

Ellen Goerl t by Marilyn Placke

Friday (Jan 22): 6:45 A.M.

Zeplin Family t by Allen & Jean Deaton

Saturday (Jan 23): 4:30 P.M.

Jim Wieck t by Bob & Pat McCoy

Sunday (Jan 24): 9:00 A.M.

For All Parishioners

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

Saturday, January 23rd, 4:30 P.M.

Lector: Beth Kozisek

Sunday, January 24th, 9:00 A.M.

Lector: Bob Bogus

OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

(January 9 & 10)

Sunday Offering: \$2,088.70

Solemnity of Mary: \$65.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$15,898.00

Total Raised: \$20,002.00 Total Received: \$18,602.00

Donor Goal: 86

Current No. of Donors: 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Jan 27 – Religious Education classes resume at 6:30 P.M.

*Feb 5 – Friday of Adoration begins with 6:45 A.M. Mass & concludes with 12:00 P.M. benediction.

*Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday, Mass at 6:45 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

*Feb 17 - No Religion Class (Ash Wednesday).

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

I have been getting questions about the Covid vaccine that is now being distributed. The first question concerns the morality of how the vaccine was produced. There have been reports that aborted fetal tissue is used in the production of the vaccine. This has been investigated and here is the information as best as I can describe it.

The two available vaccines out are made by Pfizer and Moderna. It's my understanding that no fetal tissue was used in the manufacturing of these vaccines, but Pfizer did use such tissue in the testing of their vaccine. This is not moral and shows a disrespect for human life. The moral issue being considered is am I participating in that sin by reception of the vaccine? This is a worthy consideration, and it needs prayerful consideration.

What we have here is a confrontation with two paths of which there is evil to consider on both paths, secondary participation is the disregard of human life by reception of a scandal tainted vaccine or disregard of human life by being a potential carrier of the Covid virus to a person for who it will be deadly. Catholic moral teaching says that in this type of situation you choose the path that serves the "greater good". By greater good the Church does not mean numbers but the higher moral principle. In this case, the avoidance of carelessly exposing someone to death would be the higher moral principle.

Now, this is not saying that it is immoral to not receive the vaccine, but one is still morally responsible not to carelessly spread something that could be deadly. This can be done by other means, good hygiene and looking out for others that are vulnerable. In my vocation of working regularly with vulnerable people, I have elected to receive and have received the first dose of the vaccine by Moderna.

Other than the morality of receiving the vaccine there are also health issues to consider. There are potential side effects. Please keep in mind that these vaccines have been fast tracked and have not undergone the normal two-year process. The reason for the two years is that sometimes it takes months for adverse side effects to show up. This lengthy part of the trial has not been done. There could be bad side effect yet to be discovered. I advise you to do some research on your own and by all means, ask questions of your health provider. I am not indorsing that everyone gets vaccinated. I don't think there is enough quality information available to make that call. Pray about it and remember, you have the Holy Spirit to guide you. Fear is not from the Lord. He will give you peace in your decision.

Yours in Christ our Lord. Fr. Sid.

THANK YOU - I want to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, donations, and kind words you have given me. I enjoyed serving at your Mass's. You are in my thoughts and prayers as I start my next semester of classes and discernment.
Adam Bauer

PRAYER CHAIN CALL LIST - Are you interested in praying for others? The Prayer Chain Call List is being updated. If you want to join the call list, please contact Yvonne Wichmann or Cate Wieck **by January 29**.
Yvonne Wichmann: 308-894-3477; Cate Wieck: 308-687-6140; or catewieck@gmail.com.
The updated list will be mailed to all callers by February 5.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – We plan to resume in person Religious Education learning on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 P.M. Look forward to seeing everyone then.

FIRST FRIDAY OF ADORATION – First Friday Adoration will be on Friday, February 5th with 6:45 A.M. Mass & concludes with Benediction at 12:00 P.M. Please sign up at the back of the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Mass at 6:45 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

RELIGION CLASS – There will be no Religious Ed on Wednesday, February 17th due to Ash Wednesday.

NEBRASKA CATHOLIC PARISHES - Ron Sack and Chase Becker of Omaha (known as The Nebraska Church Guys) are working on a book that will feature all of Nebraska's Catholic Parishes, past and present. They need your help. In order to make the book more complete, they would like to engage parishioners to help them by supplying stories, photographs, etc. on the Catholic churches, convents, rectory's, and schools that once existed in Howard County. This includes the parish of St. Libory and the other five parishes (St. Paul, Farwell, Paplin, Elba, and Warsaw). Both stressed that even the smallest of stories can have a big impact on how the history will be recorded. Sack is a native of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. He can be reached at 13015 Irving Plaza, Omaha, NE 68154, sttronn@gmail.com, 402-440-0823.

FORMED – If you haven't checked out the FORMED website, you need to. There have been a lot of new additions of faith inspiring movies and studies. If you have never registered, you will need to as a parishioner of St. Libory and use the password: J6K3PK. You can also share the password with anyone interested.

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS – We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our visitors. Registration forms for all new members may be found at the back of the church or contact Fr. Sid.