

St. Teresa Parish

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule: Dec. 20-28
+ = *repose of the soul of*
Pro Populo = for the people

The Pink Sisters' Chapel | 1040 S. Cotner Blvd
Open 7am-8pm. The 7am Masses listed (7am PS)
is said at the Chapel and is open to the public.
(The Sunday Masses are private).

Day	Time	Intention
	7am PS	Casandra Scully
Sat 12.20	8:15am	+Bill Kozisek
	4:00pm	Rita Vennard
	7am PS	In thanksgiving & for good vocations
Sun 12.21	8am	Pro Populo
	10am	+Brad & Charles Rickel
	Noon	Derek Shane Schmid
Mon 12.22	6:30am	Mary & Lee Volkmer
	7am PS	+Charles Hannaseh
	8:15 am	+Delphine Stepanek
Tue 12.23	6:30am	+Art Matous
	7am PS	Marina Bringe
	8:15am	+Charles Stepanek
	6:30am	Kathy Pedersen's ill family members
Wed 12.24	7am PS	Auxiliary Board Members
	8:15am	+Bernard & Alice Brugman
	4pm	Jackson Family
Thu. 12.25	12am	Poinsettia Donors
	9:30 PS	For World Peace
	8am	+Gerald E. Svoboda
	10am	Pro Populo
	12pm	+Richard A. Aksamit
Fri 12.26	6:30am	Kee Family Intentions
	7am PS	King's Men, Ladies & Youth of the Eucharist, Lay Adorers & helpers
	8:15am	+Fred McCormick
Sat 12.27	7am PS	Jacob James Love
	8:15am	+Tony Bermudez
	4:00pm	Pro Populo/Shower of Roses
Sun 12.28	7am PS	Special intentions of the Adoration Sisters
	8am	End to abortion & Increase in adoption
	10am	John McDermott
	Noon	Derek Shane Schmid

Parish Office Holiday Hours & Bulletin Deadline

Offices will be closed Dec. 24th - Jan. 2nd for the Christmas season. The Rectory will reopen on January 5th. Please also submit bulletin requests for the weekends of Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th to Mary Schmit by Dec. 22nd. Thank you!

Welcome in Baptism

We welcome Anthony Thomas Moise Bevins, the son of Robert & Laura Bevins, who was baptized here at St. Teresa's on Sunday, Dec. 14th. We also welcome Jack Farwell Sykes, the son of Trevor & Rory Sykes, who was baptized here at St. Teresa's on Sunday, Dec. 14th. We also welcome Simon Francis Ruhl, the son of Mark & Sidney Ruhl, who was baptized here at St. Teresa's on Sunday, Dec. 14th.

Christmas Decorating

Men's club invites workers to help decorate inside the church at 1pm on Sunday, Dec. 21st (after Noon Mass). We will transport and assemble boxes of trees, hang lights and wreaths.

Christmas: Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation where all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Mass times are Wed., Dec. 24th at 4pm, Thurs., Dec. 25th at Midnight, 8am, 10am, and Noon.

Midnight Mass Preludes

Anyone attending Midnight Mass on Dec. 25th is invited to come early for preludes beginning a half hour before Mass.

Thank You from the Mills Family

To the priests, parishioners and Legion of Mary of St. Teresa, Thank you for all your prayers, love and support on behalf of the family of Grace Mills. God Bless, Ave Maria!

Solemnity of Mary: Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary on Jan. 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. Mass times are Wed., Dec. 31st at 5:30pm, Thurs., Jan. 1st at 8:15am, 10am, and 6:30pm.

St. Teresa Volunteers - Safe Environment Recertification in January

Dear volunteers of ministries at St. Teresa's. It's that time of the year again for the annual safe environment recertification training through the CMG Connect platform. It is important to stay diligent in our training renewal to ensure safe environments for everyone. The safe environment training recertification must be completed in January 2026, with a deadline of January 31, 2026. Per the safe environment policies of the Diocese of Lincoln, all Volunteers whose duties include contact with minors are required to be current in their Safe Environment Training, which includes all Lectors, Acolytes, & Ushers. To complete the training beginning January 1, 2026, go to CMGconnect.org and log into your account to complete the 2026 renewal module that will be located in your required training. If you have questions or need assistance with logging in, please email Mary-Schmit@cdolinc.net or call the parish office at 402-473-5790

St. T | Weekly Calendar: Dec. 21-28

Sun 12.21	1-4pm: Christmas decoration setup (CH) 4:30-5:15pm: CK Sister's Vespers (CH) 4pm-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration
Mon 12.22	9am-9pm: Eucharistic Adoration
Tue 12.23	6-8pm: Scouts (KH) 9am-7pm: Eucharistic Exposition
Wed 12.24	Parish Office Closed <i>No Eucharistic Exposition</i>
Thu 12.25	Parish Office Closed <i>No Eucharistic Exposition</i>
Fri 12.26	Parish Office Closed 12-9pm: Private Event (KH) <i>No Eucharistic Exposition</i>
Sat 12.27	9am: Legion of Mary (MR) <i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Sun 12.28	1pm: Baptisms (CH) <i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i>

St. Teresa School News

Dec. 22-Jan. 5: Christmas Break
Jan. 6: Classes Resume

2026-2027 School Enrollment

This Christmas Season, we're reminded that one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is the gift to learn about God's truth, beauty & goodness through Catholic education. Enrollment for the 26-27 school year opens in January, and we'd love to help you secure a spot for your child. Call for a school tour and classroom visit at 402-477-3358! Wishing you and your family a warm and happy Christmas Season!

Simple Ways to Support our School

Best Choice UPC: Save your Best Choice brand UPC (proof of purchase) from the product's label and turn them into the small white box in the vestibule or at the school. Each label returns 3¢ to our school.
SCRIP: Use Scrip to purchase your Christmas gifts! Go to <https://stlfschool.org/support/scrip> for a Scrip order form.
Aluminum Cans: Drop off your cans in the fenced area south of the Rectory by the Church parking lot. Money from these cans goes towards purchasing new books for Saint Teresa School Library.

Parish Directory Update

We apologize for the delay in getting our Parish Directories delivered in a timely manner. The company has re-printed twice for edits, and we are still in the process of communicating with them to update us on an estimated delivery time. Thank you for your patience. Questions can be sent to Rosie Polak at RosiePolak@cdolinc.net

Collection Report			
Week ended	December 13, 2025		
Adult Envelope	\$	27,879.17	
Loose Plate		850.05	
	\$	28,729.22	
2025	Actual	Budgeted	Cum. YTD
-	Sunday	Sunday	Above(Below)
2026	Collection	Collection	Budget
Jul	99,794	105,000	(5,206)
Aug	101,468	105,000	(8,738)
Sep	88,678	84,000	(4,060)
Oct	89,735	84,000	1,675
Nov	97,144	105,000	(6,181)
Projected weekly tithing based on total prior year giving \$21,000*.			
*A balanced budget for FY 2025/2026 was submitted to the diocese.			

St. Teresa Thrift Shop

Open Fridays 4-8pm & Saturdays 9am-3pm
366 N 48th Street, Suite 400
The Thrift Store made \$3670 last weekend.
We will also be closed on Dec. 26th & 27th.

Pink Sisters Open Holy Hours

Mon. - 9:45am
Wed. - 6:30pm
Thurs. - 7:30pm
Fri. - Noon, 2pm
Sat. - 4pm
Sun. - Noon, 6pm
Call Tabby at 402-499-6028 to sign up.

St. Teresa Open Holy Hours

Tues. at 1pm
Wed. at 6pm
Thur. at 1pm
Fri. at 10am & 6pm.
Sign up here:
<https://stlfschool.org/sacraments-worship/eucharistic-adoration>

Knights of Columbus Snow Removal

St. Teresa's Knights of Columbus will once again be offering free snow removal for our elderly/homebound parishioners. If you are in need of this free service, please contact Jeff Knievel at 402-499-3978.

Marian Camp 2026

The Marian Sisters summer camp for 2026 will open for registration on January 10, 2026. Visit mariansisters.org for details!

LDCCW prayer sign-up for fallen-away Catholics

Blessed Advent Greetings! The LDCCW (Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) invites all St. Teresa's parishioners to pray for the return to the Church of our youth and all fallen away family members. Our Lincoln Deanery is responsible for praying for this intention throughout the month of January. If you wish to join us in praying the St. Monica prayer, please sign up for one or more days on the blue calendar at the adoration station. Multiple names may be signed up per day. The prayer to St. Monica is below, as well as prayer cards by the church exits. Thank you & God bless!

St. Monica Prayer:


O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blesse Monica's loving tears moved You to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters too. May we also grieve for our sins and win the grace of Your pardon through the intercession of this Loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Monica, pray for us!

Parish Ministry Schedules
Current schedules are available on the Parish Website at <https://stlfschurch.org>. From the Home Page, go to Parish Life>Liturgical Ministries>
† Acolytes † Lectors † EMHC † Altar Servers

Upcoming Retreats by Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House
www.goodcounselretreat.com | goodcounsel@cdolinc.net | 402-786-2705

Dates	Retreat Master	Topic
Jan. 16-18	Bishop Robert Finn	Friends of Christ in the Midst of the World - Men's Retreat

Members of St. Teresa Parish: PCCW or Men's Club will pay for half of the cost of a standard retreat once per retreat-year! (Ignatius retreats are non-standard.)



S.T.A.G.E. Student Theatre Presents:

Lil Red and the Cowboy Who saw the Light on Jan. 2nd & Jan. 3rd at 7pm & Jan. 4th at 2pm. In addition, the musical melodrama, *The Good, The Bad, and The Fuzzy* on Jan. 9th & 10th at 7pm or Jan. 10th & 11th at 2pm. Both performances will be at The Sacred Heart Center for the Arts at 540 B, 31st Streets. Reserve tickets at stage4kids.com

Spirit Catholic Radio 3 Days of Christmas Music

Tune into Spirit Catholic Radio 102.7 on December 29th, 30th, and 31st for our 3 days of Christmas music! Scan to listen!



Battle for the Family

You and your family are living in the midst of spiritual warfare. But God wants to equip you and give you power. St. Michael's parish in Lincoln is hosting a three-part series on Battle for the Family, including teaching, discussion and prayer. Thursday nights from 6-7:30pm in the St. Michael commons area on January 8, 15, & 22.

Pink Sisters First Friday Holy Hour

Join us Friday, Jan. 2nd at 7:15pm at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. Singing will be led by Singing will be led by the Anima Christi Singers (Mike Zeleny). Please help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese.

Schoenstatt Shrine

The Schoenstatt Shrine is open daily from dawn to dusk, 340 State Hwy 103 in Crete, NE. Receive a Jubilee Indulgence for the 100th Anniversary of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary by visiting our shrine between now and Nov. 4th, 2026. To obtain the indulgence, the usual conditions must be fulfilled: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. You can also call 402-826-3346 for info on how to reserve a time for your group to use the shrine or receive a tour.

Lincoln Catholic Medical Association

All healthcare workers are invited to the Lincoln Catholic Medical Associations Christmas Dinner Party on Jan. 10th at 7pm at the UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall at 320 North 16th St. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code by 12/24/25.



St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Plattsmouth Hiring Now

St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Plattsmouth is hiring for a 2025-2026 Principal. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, educational philosophy (one page), two letters of recommendation, official college transcripts, teaching certificate and list of references all electronically to Fr. Sean Timmerman at fr.sean-timmerman@cdolinc.net

Victim Assistance Coordinator Needed

The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln is seeking a Victim Assistance Coordinator to provide outreach, advocacy, and pastoral care to individuals and families affected by sexual abuse by Church personnel. This as-needed position requires a background in psychology, social work, or counseling and a commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church. To apply, please send a cover letter and resumé to Marsha Bartek at marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org or 3400 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, NE 68506.

2026 Camp Kateri Summer Camps

All summer camps are open & ready to be filled for 2026! Experience freedom, joy & adventure! Campers will hike, zipline, ax throw, shoot archery, compete & more in the beauty of creation. Visit our website for more info! www.campkateri.org

Diocese of Lincoln Vocations

Week of Dec. 21, please pray for Sr. Joy Le, a Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, from North American Martyrs. Please also pray for Daniel Stara, a seminarian at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Propaedeutic Stage, from St. Mary's in David City, NE.

St. Teresa Parish Office 402-477-3979

Mon-Thu: 9am-4pm | Fridays: Closed
Jeanne Kee: Financial Secretary
Billing, Giving, Financials
Mon-Thu, 9-4 | Jeanne-Kee@cdolinc.net
Mary Schmit: Parish Secretary
Records, Sacraments, Scheduling, Bulletin
Mon., Tue., Thu: 12-4pm
Wed. 8am-12pm
Mary-Schmit@cdolinc.net