PARISH NEWSLETTER & LITURGICAL BULLETIN

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Mass Schedule January 3 – January 9

Monday 8 a.m. Regene Beggs
Tuesday 8 a.m. Elizabeth Kaczka
Wednesday 7 a.m. - Utica – Adam Underwood
Thursday 8 a.m. Peg Schernikau
Friday 8 a.m. (BC) Ruth Schmeits Family
Saturday: 5 p.m. – Sacred Heart – All People
Sunday: 9 a.m. – St. Patrick's – Schrick & Washburn Families

Confessions this Week – Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's before Mass; call to set another time to meet in person or at the confessional. Weekly exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church on Friday mornings 7-8 a.m.

Sacred Heart
Lector/Acolyte: Don Pfeiffer
Statue: Jerry Pariset

St. Patrick's
Acolyte: Matt Howe
Lector: Ron Tomes
Music: Angie & Mari
Rosary: Ann Kosek
Statue: Colin & Jennifer Bargen

Stewardship Report

Sacred Heart

Tithe	1488.00
Plate	93.00
Hall Rent	90.00
First Offering	10.00
Christmas Offering	953.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Total	$2654.00

St. Patrick's

Tithe	5185.00
Plate	101.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
First Offering	2595.00
Building Fund	70.00
Total	$7971.00

Crisis Pregnancy Centers: York 402-362-2273, 613 Grant Avenue, Suite 1A & Lincoln 402-466-2609; Birthright at 4770 Linden St.; in Lincoln, 402-423-0533 *Women's Care Center at 5632 S. 48th St.* and Crisis Pregnancy Center 402-483-4247

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Patrick Church on First Wednesday 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. and at Sacred Heart Church on First Friday from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thank You to all who helped with the decorations, singing, extra liturgical duties, etc. as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord. May the Good News go out to all in the world! Thank you for your prayers, gifts, and cards too – *Msgr. Huber*

CCD Classes and Godteens will resume this Wednesday, January 5.

Classes on the Faith will be offered for eight weeks on Sunday mornings 11 a.m. to 12 noon (begin January 9) at Beaver Crossing and Saturday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (begin January 8) in Utica.

Tree Removal around the rectory was done recently. This project cost will be about $3,100. Five hundred dollars has been donated so far. If you are interested in picking up some wood for your own use, please contact Jere Leif.

Bible Study of John's Gospel meets on Tuesdays with a session at 1:30 and at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions or plan to attend, email patvavra@live.com.

Formed.org is a great resource for all; it includes prayer, spirituality, catechetics, daily reflections, movies, books, and other audio resources. All should sign up for this and try it. Go to **signup.FORMED.org** and then enter the parish zip code 68313 and click on Sacred Heart (this works for both parishes). You then enter your name and email address to get access to the materials.

January is Dedicated to Christian Unity, asking God for the gift of unity to overcome the scandal of division among believers in Jesus. After the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for his own, "that they may all be one" (*Jn 17:21).* Let us note, however, that the Lord did not command that his disciples be united. No, *he prayed* to the Father for us. This means that we are unable to achieve unity by our own strength, our own arguments and our own influence. Unity is above all a gift, a grace of God to be requested through prayers.

In fact, we know that we are incapable of preserving unity even within ourselves. The Apostle Paul, too, felt a painful conflict within himself: wanting the good but being inclined toward evil (cf. *Rm 7:19).* He had thus grasped the root of so many divisions that surround us –between people, in families, in society, between nations and even between believers – it is inside us. The true remedy begins by asking God for peace with Him and for grace love to our neighbors and ourself, to cooperate in reconciliation, and the bond of unity which comes from the Holy Spirit.