

Shepherd's Thoughts (January 19, 2025)

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Prophet Isaiah gives us in the first reading a beautiful description of God's spiritual union with His people by using the imagery of the bridegroom who rejoices in his bride. And that is exactly how God did as He rejoices in His people Israel. "No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse" (Is 62:1-5). Moreover, it gives us a clear picture as to how God brings about restoration to His children from oppression.

May this be a constant call to all the fathers in the family that they too may become the primary protectors of their wives and children taking care of them with unconditional love and respect like our loving Father in Heaven.

God's promise of salvation to His people is indeed His wonderful deed that He has done to all generations. He has bestowed upon us unimaginable blessings. Therefore, Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10). In gratitude to Him, may we become instruments of spreading His goodness, as the responsorial Psalm invites us, to always announce His salvation day after day and give glory due His Name!

Moreover, in the second reading, God reveals to us His marvelous deeds by sharing with us the "different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit, different forms of service but the same Lord and different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone" (1 Cor 12:4-11). In this manner, we become co-sharers of these divine gifts to everyone.

In our family, where unity is fostered, love is nurtured, respect is honored, we can always find an empty space wherein all of these are almost running out. It is with hope that each family should need an utmost prayer that this emptiness may be filled with God's grace amidst struggles and difficulties in life.

Like Mary in the Gospel today, we should be prompt enough to see the needs of others as she herself took the initiative and said, "Do whatever he tells you". This gesture embodies Mary's profound trust that God's intervention is always at hand to help us and fill in the void within us.

Jesus' first miracle at the wedding at Cana in Galilee", as the beginning of his signs and revelation of his glory" (Jn 2:1-11) only manifests that in every difficult situation in our lives, we need His presence and the intercession of our Blessed Mother who knows what is best for us.

Empty jars of wines may symbolize our longing for God. May these temporal and spiritual emptiness in our hearts be filled with God's grace that we may joyfully serve Him and continually inspire others to live in harmony, in love and respect with each other.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya
Administrator

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Jan 18th, Mass

† For the People

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Jan 18th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Jan 19th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 19th, Mass

† For the People

Sunday, 11:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 19th, Baptism

of **Cynthia Amelia Hanna**, daughter of Tyler & Jannie Hanna

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 21st, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 22nd, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 23rd, Mass

† For the People

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 24th, Mass

† Kim Riedy, Lisa Baudhuin

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Jan 25th, Mass

† Harris & Evelyn Massart

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Jan 25th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Jan 26th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 26th, Mass

† Kevin LeFevre, † Cody Cochart

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 28th, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 29th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 30th, Mass

† For the People

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 31st, Mass

† Dcd. mem. William Naze family

Sanctuary Light

Jan 12-18: In mem. Mel & Arlene Beaurain

Jan 19-25: In mem. Andy Barta



Sacrificial Offerings

Dec 31-Jan 7, 2025: \$1681.50



St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

Jan 6-12 Sales: \$2100.00

Gross profit: \$107.98

FYTD profit: \$3656.27

For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at Havel27sm@gmail.com.

Liturgical Ministers:

January 18th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chriss Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

January 19th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Amanda Barta

Comm Distributors: Sandy Maccoux, Jason Jandrin

Servers: Lainey Barta, Natalie Brunette, Carlene Pribek

January 25th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chris Vincent

Communion Distributors: Chris Vincent, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

January 26th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Tammy Barta

Comm Distributors: Tammy & Jerry Barta

Servers: Vivian & Dominic Barta, Kennedy Berceau

Parish News

Poinsettia: If you purchased a poinsettia flower(s) for Christmas – you may take the poinsettia(s) home.

Father Rex's Shepherd Hours in Rosiere: on Thursday & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month.

Interested in Sharing your Talents: We currently have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

Cemetery Maintenance – Trimming/Weed

Eating: We have an opening for Trimming/Weed eating at our Lincoln site starting in Spring. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

RE Classes: K-11: Classes on January 22, and 29, 2025.

Confirmation: Confirmation Candidates for St Peter & St Hubert; St Francis & St Mary; Holy Name of Mary – Please pray for our youth!

Ethan Alexander	Brandon Charles	Caden Pierre
Charley Anderson	Lucas Conard	Danielle Schinktgen
Marissa Annoye	Drew Dauost	Jacob Staats
Braylen Berg	Ethan DeNamur	Blake Werner
Devin Buhr	Kelsey Johnson	Will Verhagen
Tyler Challis	Mason Paye	

Special thanks to Sue Johnson & Al Shefchik for helping prepare the candidates for Confirmation. Thank you to our Parishioners for their prayers and support.

Confirmation is **Sunday, Jan 19**, 4:00 pm at St Mary Church, Luxemburg.

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!!: Our next Bingo date is **January 26 at 1PM** in the Lincoln church basement. The cost is \$10 for six cards, or \$2 each. Please consider

joining the fun! Future dates: February 16, March 2 and April 13.

Scrip: Don't forget you can use gift cards for your everyday expenses.

The Wisdom of the Saints: January 20: "There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already born for us, and does not now bear for us." -St. John Paul the Great

Area News

Exercise Class for Seniors: Monday, Jan 13 through May 19, from 9-10am, fun speakers & events after class, St. John's Lutheran Church, Luxemburg, suggested \$3 donation, Diane 920-609-2765

WinterFest: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish-Humboldt, Saturday, Jan 25 at Eddie Whipp's Dining Hall, 5073 WI-29, Poland. Doors open 3 pm; Chicken Dinner 5:30 pm; Dinner Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door; Dinner Tickets available at St. Thomas the Apostle–Humboldt before or after Masses or at the Parish Office; Live Auction 6 pm; Raffle Drawing 8 pm.

Pope Francis' Intention January 2025: FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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Parish Office

**Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday
8 – 11 am & 12 – 4 pm**

Parish email: lincolnrosiere@gmail.com

Gospel Readings for Week of January 19, 2024

Monday, Jan 20: Mark 2: 18-22 (St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr)

Tuesday, Jan 21: Mark 2: 23-28 (St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)

Wednesday, Jan 22: Mark 3: 1-6 (Day of Prayer for the Legan Protection of Unborn Children)

Thursday, Jan 23: Mark 3: 7-12 (St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin)

Friday, Jan 24: Mark 3: 13-19 (St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor)

Saturday, Jan 25: Mark 16: 15-18 (The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle)