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Holy Eucharist  
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preparation. Call the office & speak to the  
priest for an appointment.  
**Third Sunday of  
Advent**  
December 14, 2025

Mass Schedule & Intentions		
Day/Date	Time/Place	Name of Intention
Sun - Dec 14	8:00am Mitchell	For the People of St. Theresa's & Christ the King



Lectors

Lectors for December

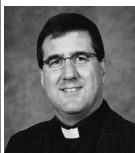
December 7 ~ Ronna Leider  
December 8 ~ Kevin Poncelet  
December 14 ~ Kevin Poncelet  
December 21 ~ Ronna Leider  
December 24 ~ Colby Wilkins  
December 28 ~ Ed Mc Nulty  
December 31 ~ Chris Lovato

Eucharistic Ministers December

December 7 ~ Juile Wilkinson & Lupe Sanchez  
December 8 ~ Jean & Kevin Poncelet  
December 14 ~ Jean & Kevin Poncelet  
December 21 ~ Harold Kaus & George Urdiales  
December 24 ~ Ronna Leider & Harold Kaus  
December 28 ~ Ronna Leider &  
December 31 ~



Eucharistic Ministers



Hello. It is the Sunday of joy. We must stop and fell joy and gratitude for the Lord is coming!!! Have you noticed how often in Scripture there is a call to be together. In Scripture there is a call to community. These days where do find support? Where do you find community? Jesus would heal then he would send folks to tell their friends. You see Jesus calling folks together to follow him. There is a call this weekend to be patient. Practical words of wisdom. In both Gering and Mitchell it has been a joy to hear our children practicing for their Holiday programs. Such joy and excitement. I love the sights and sounds of these day. In Gering thanks for your support of a December goal (\$105,000). In Mitchell thanks for your work with outreach to the community and putting together holiday baskets. It is good to see how we care. Peace Fr. Todd

St. Theresa's Christmas Dinner  
We will be having our Christmas Dinner after the Reconciliation Servies, December 21st. All are welcome and we are asking that all families with the last names starting with A-L to bring a salad and M-Z to bring a dessert, please! The meat, potatoes, rolls, drinks & tableware will be provided. Maybe we can get a jolly old soul to join us, let Karen know on that one PLEASE!!

The Mass is the Church's prayer at which all of our needs and hopes and thanksgivings are lifted to God. We are happy to receive requests for specific intentions at Mass. If you would like to have a mass prayed for your intention, be it memory of a loved one, a special need, a celebration or a particular occasion in life, please contact the parish office or drop the 'Mass Intention' envelope in the collection basket at the weekend mass.

Our Sunday Offering to God			
Church	Adult	Youth	
St. Theresa's	\$946.00	\$13.00	
2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal			
Church	Goal	Received	Outstanding
St. Theresa's	\$4,687.00	\$720.00	\$3967.00

TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday; Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5b,6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday; Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday; Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Thursday; Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Friday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Saturday; Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday; Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



Pray for the healing of: Paul Pieper, Blanca Bair, Corrina Gutierrez, & Carol Murphy.

Up coming Events

Ladies Monthly Luncheon

The ladies of the Parish are invited to the Ladies Monthly Luncheon, it will be held Thursday, December 18 @ 11:30 @ The Firehouse in Lyman. All are invited and bring a friend.

Altar Servers Training

There will be Training for new Altar Server Dec. 17th at 6:00 p.m. . This ministry will be for girls and boys grade 4 and up.

Youth Group Reconciliation

Fr. Todd will have Reconciliation for Ronna's group on Dec. 17th during youth group.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Training

Dec. 21 Mitchell Parish 4 p.m. Fr. Todd is asking all current Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to do a refresher along with any parishioners wanting to do training. Stay for the Reconciliation Service and then the Christmas Dinner!!

Steubenville

Calling all high school students currently in grades 9-12! Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville of the Rockies June 19-21, 2026, to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. Find out more at gidiocese.org/Steubenville. Registration opens February 1, 2026, with an early bird rate of \$399 through February 8, 2026.

May your hearth be warm, your holidays grand and your heart held gently in the good Lord's hand.

— Unknown

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Matthew 11:2-11

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Reflection

John wasn't expecting this. He was expecting a fierce, military leader—someone who would bust some heads and make some waves. So when he sends his men to ask Jesus if He's really "the one," Jesus replies with words John likely knew well, drawn mostly from Isaiah. It's not about winning a war, John. It's about winning souls. It's about healing minds, hearts, and bodies. It's about proclaiming good news to the poor. This is the Kingdom John was sent to announce—a revolutionary idea then, maybe even more so now.

Where Did You See the Light Today?

How might God be calling you to recognize the Kingdom in unexpected ways?

Whisper-Prayer

Jesus, surprise me today with your quiet, healing joy.

— ACST Catholic

Health & Wellness

Mindful Eating

Mindful eating can help you enjoy food more and reach your health goals. Try:

- Taking note of the color, texture, and smell of your food before taking a bite. What do you notice that you haven't noticed before?
- Chewing each bite entirely before having another bite. Notice how the food's taste and texture change with ach chew.
- Enjoy an entire meal free of distractions. Just you, your thoughts, and your food.

Want a way to help give back this Christmas?

The Knight of Columbus could use your help wrapping gifts!! Bring a pair of scissors and practice your wrapping skills to the Knight s Hall @ 1719 1st Ave, Scottsbluff, December 16-18. Show up anytime after 5:00 pm and stay as long as you can. All the unwrapped gifts collected must be wrapped before delivery.

Christmas Schedule

Reconciliation Servies

Sunday Dec, 14th ~ St. Agnes 3:00pm  
Sunday Dec, 14th ~ Christ the King 6:00pm

Reconciliation Servies

Sunday, Dec 21st ~ St. Theresa's 5:00pm

Christmas Eve

Christ the King ~ 4:00 pm  
St. Theresa's ~ 5:00 pm  
Christ the King ~ 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

Christ the King ~ 9:00 am

New Years Eve (Solemnity of Mary)

St. Theresa's ~ 5:00 pm

New Years Day

Christ the King 9:00 am

Daily Prayer for Priest

God of Mercy and Holiness hear the anguished cry of your people for holy priests to shepherd them. Fill their hearts with enlighten zeal, that they minister worthily in you presence, be faithful to your Church always and come at last to love You with a never ending love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.