

Dear Parishioners,

We plan on livestreaming Sunday Mass from Saint Mary's on Saturdays at 4:00 pm. Go to our website ([www.stmarylincoln.org](http://www.stmarylincoln.org)) or to our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stmarylincoln](https://www.facebook.com/stmarylincoln) to either join in the live stream or to watch the recorded version afterwards. The link for Mass on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm is: <https://youtu.be/-BcAXfWXREg>

As part of trying to get our livestreaming up and going, I was forced to open another Facebook account. I began with "friend requests" of all those whom I recognized as parishioners. First things first; let me get this live streaming thing nailed down. Right now, I would not even know how to post "hi, how are you"; that's how far behind the Facebook curve I am. Please do not take personally any lack of response to friend requests, lack of comments on posts, or whatever it is that people do on Facebook. I'll get there; please just give me some time.

Virtually all parish events and meetings have been canceled until further notice. (Legion of Mary, Choir, Parish Council, etc.)

**Food Net** will continue, as it is a necessity. It will however, be revamped to allow only a handful of people in at a time.

**Confessions** are being heard at their usual times, but instead of in the church, they are being heard outside the pastor's office window. Look for signs and directions between the church and rectory.

**Communion calls** to the sick have been curtailed until further notice unless there is a genuine danger of death, in which case the priest should still be informed immediately.

**Mass Intentions:** Although everything is shut down, we will still be scheduling Masses as we normally do (in the hope that the Coronavirus threat is resolved sooner rather than later). These Mass intentions are being said by the priests in private Masses; some will have to be rescheduled.

**Church support:** The church may be empty, but our expenses go on. We are exploring different possibilities for on-line giving in the future; right now, for those whose income has NOT been disrupted by the Coronavirus, we ask you to consider sending in your support through the regular mail.

**Holy Hours:** Parishioners are still allowed, and in fact encouraged, to make visits to the church to pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The church is being kept locked; however, we have keys made for people to check out (leave another key, car or house, with us to ensure the church key comes back). We are allowing people in the church for prayer between 10 am and 8 pm.

Please continue to check our Facebook and web pages for continuous updates, or you may call the rectory with any questions at 402-435-2125.

Blessings to you all,

Fr. Dietrich