

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

This Weekend's Mass Intentions		
Saturday Apr 25	Private 4:00 PM	Justine Gaul St. Mary's Servers & Priests
Sunday Apr 26	Private	Moises Fernandez+
	Private	People of The Parish
	Private	Rachel Miller
	Private	Wayne Rowe+

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Monday Apr 27	Private	L. Dee Miller
	Private	Kamale Farah+ & Sara DeCamillo+
Tuesday Apr 28	Private	Souls in Purgatory
	Private	Marlowe Halbur+
Wednesday Apr 29	Private	Larry Mahl+
	Private	Joseph Quan Nguyen+
Thursday Apr 30	Private	Souls in Purgatory
	Private	Don Gaul and Mary Frisch
Friday May 1	Private	Michele and Kurt Wetzstein
	Private	Special Intention
Saturday May 2	Private 4:00 PM	Elizabeth Quigley+
	4:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday May 3	Private	Jan Ratzlaff+
	Private	Tim Janssen+
	Private	Mark Dowd
	Private	Peter Burke

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Acts 2:14-33; Psa 16:1-11; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Psa 119:23-30; John 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1; Psa 31:3-21; John 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1-8; Psa 66:1-7; John 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Psa 66:8-20; John 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Psa 117:1-2; John 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Psa 116:12-17; John 6:60-69
Sunday	Acts 2:14-41; Psa 23:1-6; 1 Pet 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Saint Mary's Prayer List

Dianne Elsken, Louise Kulwicki, Teri Pope-Gonzalez, Zarita Hendrichs, Ernie Polivka, Pat Bartels, Nora Kehr, David Otte, Chan Nguyen, Mary Perkins, Whitney Watson, Jessica Pendleton, Mike Meacham, Christina Powell, Denise Roesler, Dorothy Kalin, Alice Herrera, Alice Ghyra, Victims & Researchers of COVID-19

This Week's Activities			
Monday Apr 27	7:30 pm	Flynn Hall	N.A.
Saturday May 2	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net

Last Week's Church Support: Apr. 19	
Weekly Envelopes	\$4300.00
Loose Plate	\$ 245.00
Collection Total	\$4545.00

St. Mary's News/Area News

The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will have a "virtual" meeting by computer on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The executive board is getting things organized and noticed some members are not on the email list; daily Prayer Intentions are sent, as well as occasional activity updates. Members not receiving emails from our officers are asked to contact John Franssen or Duane Thoene to update an email address. A link will be sent by email prior to the meeting, and is as simple as opening the link and joining. There is no cost. Please contact a board member with questions.

We will now be able to accept electronic giving through our Diocesan Online Giving site. The site can be reached by going to the Diocesan website's "Donate" page, or <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>.

We are now live-streaming Sunday Mass from St. Mary's on Saturdays at 4:00 pm. You can find the livestream on our Facebook page, our webpage, or by going to Youtube directly and searching for Fr. Dietrich's Youtube channel.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center (IH MCC) offices have transitioned to "virtual" due to #COVID19. The social distancing we're all experiencing due to the pandemic comes with a unique set of mental health challenges including isolation. However, know that you are not alone. Our trained clinicians are here for you via our telehealth counseling services. Visit our website for details and to reach out to us. We're here for you. <https://www.immaculateheartcounseling.org/>

Cristo Rey Parish is looking for a bilingual coordinator for the Catholic schools. The position requires an organized person who can work with the parents of the Spanish speaking children in the city of Lincoln who go to the Catholic schools. This is a paid 20hours a week position. If interested, please call Fr. Ramon Decaen at 402-937-5103.

Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's

I have, for many years, said that what energizes me in my priestly ministry is primarily what happens in the parish on Saturday and Sunday. Not that I don't enjoy the meetings, the marriage preps, even the correspondence and paperwork which come with being a pastor; but what "gives me energy," what I'm always looking forward to, what I miss the most when it's not there, is being with the congregation on the weekends. I have still been enjoying the prayers, the music, the familiar surroundings of the live-streamed Mass; but it's far from the same without all of you here. I know that I'm sharing the experience with many of you in your homes; but I am so looking forward to sharing Mass together again with you in the church.

Today, though, I mostly want to communicate to you some things happening in the parish, and also, what things are not happening and why.

First off, I want to thank all of you who have been bringing by or mailing your church support envelopes. Thanks to your thoughtful stewardship, we are weathering the financial storm associated with this quite well. It may mean the delay of certain projects; however, we are keeping up fine with ongoing expenses. It has made me more aware of the need to always be watching the spending. Probably the worst loss has been from the lack of loose plate contributions; visitors here were giving us upwards of \$2,000 a week. But we will recover from that loss, too.

Next: Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's Charity and Stewardship Appeal. As I type this, we just today reached our parish goal! That says a lot about the generosity of a parish when the pastor doesn't even have to prod, push, beg, or bother people repeatedly in order for us to reach our goal. However...if you did not receive a mailing from us and would still like to participate in CSA this year, call us at the office (402-435-2125). All pledges now will be acknowledged by the diocese, but will come back to Saint Mary's in the form of rebates.

Right now, we've been blessed in as much as, to my knowledge at least, none of our parishioners have contracted the COVID-19 virus. We do have one parishioner whose father is stricken with it; please keep him and their family in your prayers.

The one thing we have been able to keep doing is hearing confessions, which take place outside my office window at the usual times. We've been blessed with pretty good weather (at least no storms or downpours while people are standing in line). I have become more attuned to the wind—and there's a lot of it in Nebraska this time of year—blowing in my window when I hear confessions, and blowing our confession sign, placed outside the side door, over just about every other day.

We hope those of you with internet access have been able to find our parish Mass each weekend. We will continue to live-stream not only for as long as the church is officially "closed" but for as long as there are restrictions on the number of people who are able to gather. We will inform people when it is time to start bringing everybody back into the pews—hopefully very soon.

Fr. Doug Dietrich