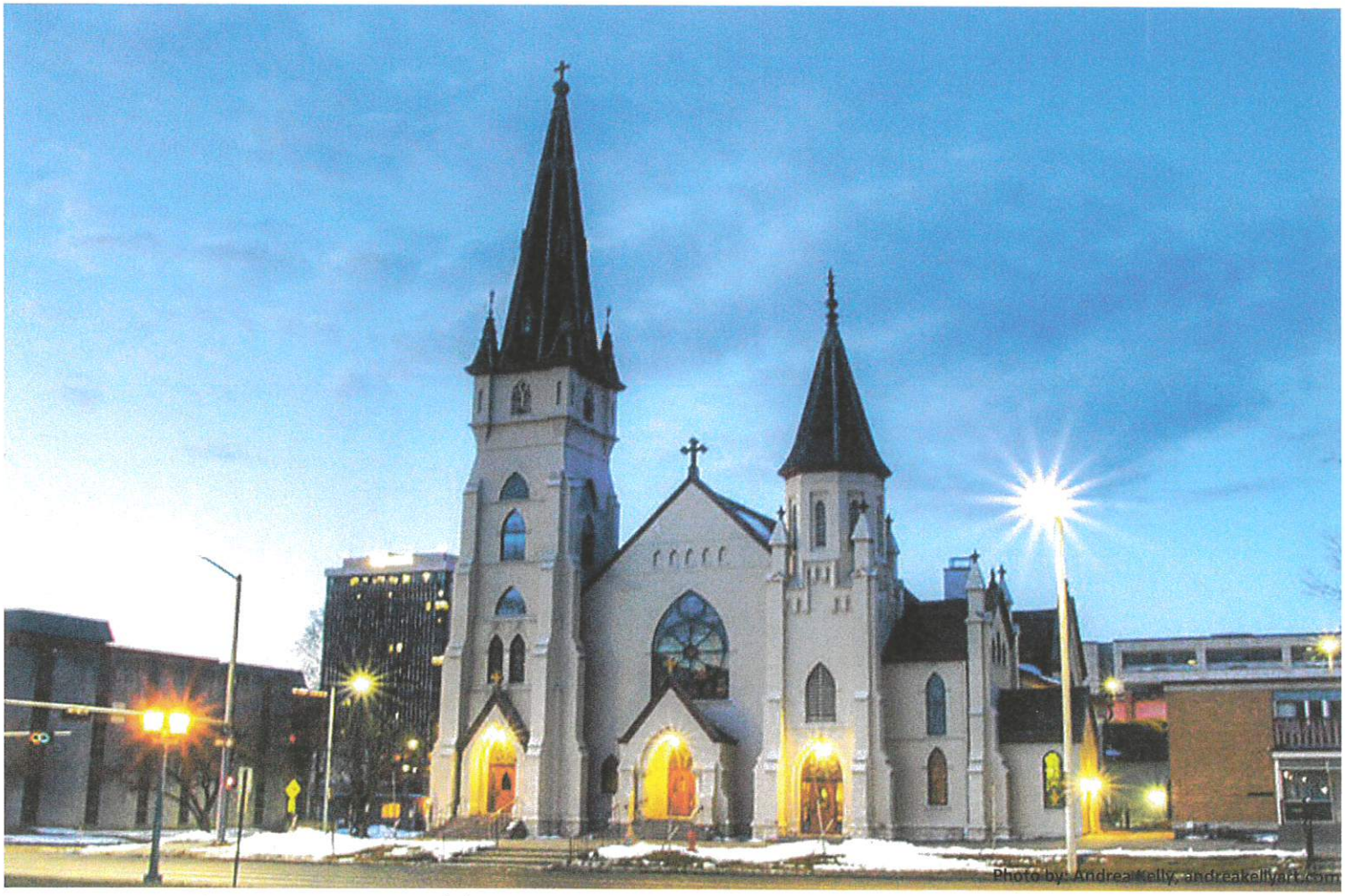

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Sunday Obligation Masses:
Saturday 4:00 pm (Livestreamed)
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm

Daily Masses:
Monday - Saturday 12:10 pm,
Monday - Friday 7:00 pm
(See bulletin for changes)

Holy Day Masses:
4:00 pm Vigil (day before Holy Day)
7:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm (day of Holy Day)
(See bulletin for Christmas, New Years, & Holy Week)

Confessions:
Saturday 11:00 am, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday - Friday 11:30 - 12:00 Noon*
(See bulletin for Christmas, New Years, & Holy Week)

Baptism & Marriage:
Please contact the Pastor six weeks before the baptism date and six months before the wedding date. All parish/ diocesan requirements must be met before the ceremonies take place.

Parish Staff & Organization Heads:

Pastor ..... Father Douglas Dietrich
In Residence ..... Father Joseph Finn
Father Andrew Heaslip
Father Stephen Cooney
Parish Secretary ..... Teresa Macias
Music Director ..... Jane Plettner-Nielson

Director of Religious Ed ..... Margaret Koperski
Knights of Columbus ..... John Franssen
Altar Society ..... Margaret Scheideler
Funeral Dinners ..... Sally Williamsen
Legion of Mary ..... Calvin Kroon
Rectory Cook ..... Gloria Gilroy

Food Net Coordinator ..... Kathy Johnson
Maintenance ..... Don Faughn
Housekeeper ..... Barb Janssen
Pro-Life Coordinators ..... Mary Ward
..... Sue Kouma Johnson

7th Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

This Weekend's Mass Intentions		
Saturday May 15	12:10 PM	Teresa Winter
	4:00 PM (Livestream)	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday May 16	**8:00 AM**	Pam Ratzlaff+
	10:00 AM	Fran Dowd+
	12:30 PM	Lee Miller+
	5:00 PM	People of The Parish

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Monday May 17	12:10 PM	Jane Wooten+
	7:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday May 18	12:10 PM	Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 PM	Mary & Chris Tepe
Wednesday May 19	12:10 PM	Nick Kadovy
	7:00 PM	Fr. Evan Winter
Thursday May 20	12:10 PM	Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 PM	Jonathan Rowe+
Friday May 21	12:10 PM	Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 PM	Ethan Tepe
Saturday May 22	12:10 PM	Jonathan Rowe+
	4:00 PM (Livestream)	Calvin & Mary Kroon
Sunday May 23	**8:00 AM**	Jacob & Malinda Ratzlaff
	10:00 AM	Fr. Cooney
	12:30 PM	People of The Parish
	5:00 PM	Jonathan Rowe+

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Acts 1:15-26; Psa 103:1-20; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19
Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Psa 68:2-7; John 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; Psa 68:10-21; John 17:1-11
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; Psa 68:29-36; John 17:11-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30-23:6-11; Psa 16:1-11; John 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13-21; Psa 103:1-20; John 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-31; Psa 11:4-7; John 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11; Psa 104:1-34; 1 Cor 12:3-13; John 20:19-23

Church Bell Schedule:	May 17-21
09:00	"This Joyful Eastertide"
12:00	"Christ The Lord is Risen Today"
15:00	"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"
18:00	"At The Lambs High Feast We Sing"

This Week's Activities			
Monday May 17	6:00 pm	Legion Rm	Legion of Mary
	6:35 pm	Church	Pro-Life Rosary
Saturday May 22	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net

Next Week Serving Schedule:		May 22/23
Saturday 4:00 PM	Acolyte	Ryan Regnier
	Reader	Melinda Pearson
	Webcam	Hannah Regnier
Sunday 8:00 AM	Acolytes	Bill Green
	Reader	Steve Daly
Sunday 10:00 AM	Acolyte	Luis Fernandez
	Reader	Margaret Scheideler
Sunday 12:30 PM	Acolyte	Paul Edwards
	Reader	Kathy Johnson
Sunday 5:00 PM	Acolyte	Al Allen
	Reader	Mike Kluck

Saint Mary's Prayer List

Dianne Elsken, Louise Kulwicki, Teri Pope-Gonzalez, Zarita Hendrichs, Ernie Polivka, Pat Bartels, Nora Kehr, Richard Thomas, Chan Nguyen, Christina Powell, Denise Roesler, Dorothy Kalin, Alice Herrera, Alice Gyhra, Victims & Researchers of COVID-19, Marv Ward, Mary Perkins, Teresa Gonzalez, Stephen Oborny, Kadi Lukesh, Pat Duff

Last Week's Church Support:	May 9
Weekly Envelopes	$3866.00
Loose Plate	$2234.14
Collection Total	$6100.14

Silver Jubilee

Father Dietrich's Jubilee
May 25, 2021 ~ 5:30 PM

Help Congratulate Fr. Dietrich for his 25th Jubilee of Priesthood beginning with Mass at 5:30 PM and dinner to follow. The Altar Society is providing salads/cake, and the Knights of Columbus are cooking spaghetti/garlic bread. Fr. Dietrich is preparing his famous sauce.

All are Welcome!

St. Mary's Parish News

Please note that we have an important insert in this week's bulletin concerning the Mass dispensation.

Volunteers NEEDED!!

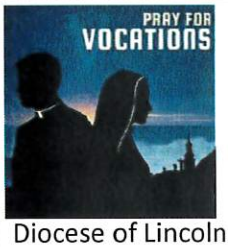
In order to continue to livestream our weekend Masses, we need more volunteers to run the webcam. If you are able and willing to volunteer for ANY Mass (Not just the 4pm), please call the rectory at 402-435-2125 or email at stmarylincoln@gmail.com.

Free Couch! The rectory has a free full-size couch for the taking. If interested, please call the rectory at 402-435-2125 or stop by to schedule a time for pickup. You will need to haul, and it will take at least two people.

St. Mary's Sign-up Weekend for the Traveling Madonna will be May 22-23, 2021. Please sign up to have the Pilgrim Virgin Fatima Statue delivered to your home for one or two weeks. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule of the church.

Please join us for a PRO-LIFE ROSARY every Monday night at 6:35 here at Saint Mary's. Planned Parenthood takes the lives of 15-25 BABIES every Tuesday in Lincoln.

Area News & Events



Sr. Pia Marie from St. Peter Parish in Lincoln, NE, is currently a Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Sr. Faustina from Shenandoah, IA is currently a Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Sr. Joan Kolbe from Wall, SD is currently a Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Please join us for a Date Night Series co-hosted by the Emmaus Institute on "Marriage in Scripture". These free nights will have appetizers, drinks, a short talk, and time for couples to discuss. May 20 th , June 17 th , and July 22 nd from 7-9 (talk is at 7:30) May 20 th will be held at the Newman Center in Lincoln, future locations TBD. No RSVP required.

Are you experiencing an unplanned pregnancy? The Women's Care Center is here to help! Find it online at www.womenscarecenter.org.

Now offered in-person AND virtually via livestream! Discover how the great mystery of Christ's love can restore passion, purpose and intimacy in your marriage. In Unveiled, a retreat led by the John Paul II Healing Center, you'll engage topics grounded in Church teaching. This retreat is open to singles discerning marriage, dating and engaged couples, and couples who have been married for many years! The Newman Center – St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church is hosting this Unveiled retreat July 15-17, 2021. Learn more and register for this experience www.jpiihealingcenter.org. Email Stephanie & Jude Werner at for more info at UnveiledLincoln@gmail.com.

Registration is now open for **SKY Camp** (rising grades 5th-9th), Catholic Adventure Camp (rising grades 4th-6th) and the Tekakwitha Games (rising grades 5th-9th). For info/registration, go to www.campkateri.org.

Area Employment/Jobs

CSS is hiring a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner to join the team at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center. Seeking a compassionate, positive, and mission driven team member. The LMHP will provide clinical services to our clients, consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Services include, but are not limited to, professional counseling, clinical assessment/problem identification, treatment planning, and case management for clients of all ages. The full job description and application instructions are available at cssisus.org/careers. Position open until filled.

Teacher Opening – **St. Patrick** School in Lincoln is looking for a dynamic, faith filled 6th grade + Jr. High Religion teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Please send application and resume to: Kristine-Placek@cdolinc.net or call the school office to inquire: 402-613-1294

North American Martyrs Parish looking for a full time, Evangelization Director. Experienced, energetic, faith filled, Catholic self-starter to coordinate adult and youth ministry in the parish. Includes working with the Youth Ministry and Evangelization Committees to organize various kerygmatic adult programs, Bible studies, Parish Retreats, Mission trips, etc. Send resume to Fr. Brian Connor, 1101 Isaac Drive, Lincoln, NE 68521 or email fr.brian-connor@cdolinc.net for more information.

St. Teresa's Thrift Store If you are interested in volunteering during our open hours from Friday 4-8 or Saturdays 9-12 or 12-3, please contact Renee Cunningham at 402-610-3153 or reneeannecunningham@gmail.com. We are also in need of volunteers to help prepare and price items for sale.

CSS of southern Nebraska seeks a positive, energetic, creative, and mission motivated leader for the position of Volunteer and Food Market Coordinator. This person will oversee the Food Market at CSS and recruit volunteers for the agency. Job descriptions and instructions are available at www.csshope.org.

Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more info, or application, please go to www.campkateri.org.

Cathedral school is looking for teachers for 7th Grade, Language Arts and Technology. Send cover letter and resume to carl-bilotta@cdolinc.net and jenny-bykerk@cdolinc.net.

A reminder to all:

The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation ends after this weekend. NEXT WEEKEND, beginning with the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday, May 22nd, all Catholics in the diocese of Lincoln will again be bound to attend Mass on either Sunday or at one of the anticipated Masses on Saturday evening.

Not every diocese dispensed their people from the Mass obligation during the pandemic, but many did, including the dioceses of Nebraska. The reason for the dispensation was to encourage greater prudence. Although, because of health concerns, there was virtually no reason why most everybody could not have excused themselves from attending Mass, it was felt that people would feel more comfortable staying at home if the obligation had formally been lifted.

In fact, as we return to greater levels of "normalcy" at this point of the pandemic, people should still exercise great prudence. The pandemic isn't over; COVID is still going around. It is largely accepted that those who are vaccinated are safe from the virus. However, there are still those either with particularly fragile heath or caring for those with very fragile health who have to exercise greater prudence and care as they weigh the decision as to whether it is time to return to Mass. That, though, would be the case even if there was not a pandemic going on. There are other illnesses than COVID out there; they are mostly not a threat, but they can be a threat for those with compromised immune systems.

Remember that the Mass obligation means that all those who could reasonably be expected to attend Mass have an obligation to do so. Illness, and the threat of spreading illness, is always a legitimate reason to excuse oneself from Mass. Having to travel great distances can also excuse one. Legitimate demands of one's job (being scheduled to work during all available Masses, with no real options to change one's work schedule, and needing to have the job) is legitimate as well.

While not wanting to encourage scrupulosity, we also do not want to encourage laxity, either. If one excuses themselves from Mass for reasons of illness, or distance, but then find it possible to partake of other activities, they were probably kidding themselves. They certainly aren't convincing anyone else. If you can spend an hour at the mall or go to a movie, you could get to Mass. If you walk past the church to get somewhere, you could have walked to church. And as far as work goes, Masses are offered throughout the day in Lincoln on Sundays, from 6:00 in the morning to 6:00 in the evening. If you are working less than a ten hour shift, you can make it to Mass. Putting sports activities, family gatherings, studying, or recreation ahead of offering God the worship due him is simply a matter of disordered priorities. Father Heaslip has written a very good series of articles which have appeared in the Southern Nebraska Register about the Sunday Mass Obligation. It would serve people well to spend time reading those articles and better understanding the reasons behind the obligation.

I look forward to seeing most of our parish family back in the pews beginning on Pentecost. If you have any concerns or questions about the obligation, please feel free to call me.

Fr. Doug Dietrich

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