



Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

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Sunday Obligation Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm
 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 Joseph Walsh	Director of Religious Ed.....	Margaret Koperski	Rectory Cook
In Residence.....	Father Joseph Finn	Knights of Columbus.....	John Franssen	Food Net Coordinator.....	Kathy Johnson
	Father Andrew Heaslip	Altar Society.....	Anne Schmidt	Maintenance.....
	Father Stephen Cooney	Funeral Dinners.....	Sally Williamsen	Housekeeper.....	Barb Janssen
Parish Secretary.....	Teresa Macias	Legion of Mary.....	Calvin Kroon	Pro-Life Coordinators.....	Marv Ward
Music Director	Jane Plettner	Seven Sisters Apostolate.....	Rachel Trevizo	Sue Kouma Johnson

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

This Weekend's Mass Intentions		
Saturday Dec. 4	12:10 PM	Leonard Kadavy+
	4:00 PM	Cecil Carpenter+
Sunday Dec. 5	8:00 AM	People of The Parish
	10:00 AM	Jonathan Tepe
	12:30 PM	Mary Dang+
	5:00 PM	Mary Trieck+

This Week's Activities			
Monday Dec. 6	6:00 pm	Legion Rm	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	Church	Pro-Life Rosary
Saturday Dec. 11	11:30 am	Flynn Hall	Food Net
Sunday Dec. 12	8:00am, 10:00 am	Flynn Hall	Egg Roll Sale

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Monday Dec. 6	12:10 PM	Adam Miller
	7:00 PM	Karen Gaul
Tuesday Dec. 7	12:10 PM	Lisa Miller
	4:00 PM	Susan Sand
Wednesday Dec. 8	7:00 AM	People of The Parish
	12:10 PM	Isabel Bara
	7:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
Thursday Dec. 9	9:00 AM	LaDonna Kadavy+
	7:00 PM	Agnes & Elwin Everitt+
Friday Dec. 10	12:10 PM	Mary & Paul Sand+, and Christy Fellows+
	7:00 PM	William & MaryJane Schnase
Saturday Dec. 11	12:10 PM	David Kadavy
	4:00 PM	Todd Carpenter+
Sunday Dec. 12	8:00 AM	People of The Parish
	10:00 AM	Special Intention
	12:30 PM	Tim Janssen+
	5:00 PM	Judy & Avery Bennett

Next Week Serving Schedule: Dec. 11/12		
Saturday 4:00 PM	Acolyte	Ron Grose
	Reader	Melinda Pearson
Sunday 8:00 AM	Acolyte	Richard Brunner
	Reader	Rosemary Jones
Sunday 10:00 AM	Acolyte	Randy Ksionzek
	Acolyte	Kevin Aylward
	Reader	Bernice Polivka
Sunday 12:30 PM	Acolyte	Richard Mallam
	Reader	Kathy Johnson
Sunday 5:00 PM	Acolyte	Tim King
	Reader	Mike Neuman
	EME	Ron Grose

Last Week's Church Support: Nov.28	
Weekly Envelopes	\$3,088.00
Loose Plate	\$1,604.72
Collection Total	\$4,692.72

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Baru 5:1-9; Psa 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-11; Luke 3:1-6
Monday	Isa 35:1-10; Psa 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Isa 40:1-11; Psa 96:1-13; Matt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Gen 3:9-20; Psa 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-12; Luk 1:26-38
Thursday	Isa 41:13-20; Psa 145:1-13; Matt 11:11-15
Friday	Isa 48:17-19; Psa 1:1-6; Matt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-11; Psa 80:2-19; Matt 17:9-13
Sunday	Zeph 3:14-18; Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luk 3:10-18

Saint Mary's Prayer List
Ernie Polivka, Alice Gyhra, Zerita Hendricks, Ray Navratil, Ida Gomes

Church Bell Schedule:	Dec. 6-10
09:00	"Ave Maria"
12:00	"Immaculate Mary"
15:00	"Oh Virgen De Guadalupe"
18:00	"Salve Regina"

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of Mary

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

We encourage all those who are able, to come and celebrate our parish and diocesan feast day with our Bishop.


December 7th, 4:00pm (Vigil Mass)-**Bishop Conley** Celebrating

December 8th, (Feast Day)

7:00am

12:10pm

7:00pm



Notes from the Pastor...

Restoration Committee Meeting Report. On November 30, Clark & Enersen presented the preliminary findings of their facility audit of the church to the committee in an open meeting to the parish that included about 25 additional parishioners. Architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and external (grounds, landscaping, etc) elements of the building were studied. In summary, the architectural firm found our building in remarkable shape for its age. "It has good bones," we were told, and is such a rare and beautiful treasure that it should be preserved—and can be. Almost universally, the damage we are seeing to the church has been caused by water with a failure first of gutters, downspouts and egress systems to get water away from the building, followed by the paint (external and internal) and insulation (particularly in the attic) that causes water to be trapped and undermines the integrity of the building's mortar and plaster components. The mechanical system (HVAC) is still functioning but beyond life expectancy. The electrical is adequate, but depending on the changes made to the mechanical system may need to be upgraded. External issues included the west retaining wall, sidewalks, landscaping and parking lot issues that will also need to be addressed. A "best estimate" price tag was assigned to all of these repair needs. The overall cost of restoration (with some development like an elevator, remodeling the bathrooms, installing a fire alarm system and changing the lights) brought the project cost to between \$5 and \$6 million.

Clark & Enersen will provide us their final report on December 15, 2021. We will make a presentation of this information to the Diocesan Building Commission at their January 17, 2022 meeting, at which time we will request permission to formulate a plan for the restoration of the church. We will also need to go before the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese and request permission to conduct a capital campaign, beginning with a feasibility study. These are the preliminary stages that will position us to request permission to restore the church. The incremental steps of the process we are following reflects the policy the Diocese has developed to help parishes like ours cover all its bases and safely enter into and complete a major endeavor like the one we have before us.

I'm grateful to everyone who has contributed to this effort. That includes the Restoration Committee members, Clark & Enersen, our parishioners, our donors, the diocese, and our Blessed Mother. We've already taken a big step forward. There is much to follow, but we end 2021 with the feeling: we're on our way. Dear Mary, I hope our work pleases you!

Saint Mary's Parish News

We are taking orders for Poinsettia Plants, now through Sunday, December 19. If you would like to purchase one, you can do so by calling the rectory at 402-435-2125, or by emailing stmarylincn@gmail.com. Cost is \$10 each, and can be "In honor of," or "In memory of."



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KNOW THE KNIGHTS

Congratulations to the following recipients of Knights of Columbus recognition for the month of November 2021: Parishioner's (POM) Rachel Trevizo, Family (FOM) Ernie and Bernice Polivka Family, and Knight (KOM) Duane Thoene. Certificate presentation TBA.

Recent activities include the parish spaghetti feed, the Coats for Kids campaign at Catholic Social Services, and the Consecration to the Holy Family Rosary and Prayer.

* Our next meeting is Tues., Dec. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

For those that have been preparing for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, the Consecration Day is on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, Dec. 8, immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. We will gather in front of the Blessed Mother statue in the Church.

Area News and Events

Catholic Daughters of the Americas December meeting and Christmas get together is on December 14, 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall 6044 South Street. Please bring a favorite Christmas goodie and your Holy Family from your nativity scene for a blessing. Guests are cordially welcome.

On December 6th at 7 pm please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores "Grief and the Holidays" from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. More information and registration is at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief>. This event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse and livestreamed, and is free.

The Education Technology department for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lincoln has an opening for a Mobile Device Specialist. For more information, <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/school-employment>. To apply, send letter of interest and resume to jobs@cdolinc.net. No calls, please.

Pray for Our Seminarians

Scott James Nemeč from St. Vincent de Paul, Seward & St. Wenceslaus, Bee, entered the Mount St. Mary Seminary in 2015, and is currently a Theology 3 student. His parents are Mark and Beth Nemeč, and he has 1 brother and 1 sister.

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