

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"



JANUARY 2, 2022
The Epiphany of The Lord

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14th & K Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Rectory: 1420 K Street

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday | 8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday | by appointment only

Church Hours:

Monday-Friday | Church doors are locked , except during Mass and Confession times.
Saturday | doors unlocked 11am-8pm.
Sunday | doors unlocked 7am-8pm.

Parish Staff & Committees:

Pastor Fr. Joseph Walsh
In Residence..... Fr. Joseph Finn,
..... Fr. Andrew Heaslip,
..... Fr. Stephen Cooney
Parish Secretary..... Teresa Macias
Music Director..... Jane Plettner
Director of Religious Ed..... Margaret Koperski
Knights of Columbus John Franssen
Altar Society Anne Schmidt
Funeral Dinners Sally Williamsen
Legion of Mary Calvin Kroon
Seven Sisters Apostolate Rachel Trevizo
Restoration Chair Ted Czerniak
Finance Council..... Bernice Polivka
Rectory Cook David Nguyen
Food Net Coordinator Kathy Johnson
Housekeeper Barb Janssen
Pro-Life Coordinators Marv Ward,
..... Sue Kouma Johnson

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.

Adoration:

Our church doors remain locked during the weekdays, but parishioners may get a passcode for the keypad of the church for adoration daily between the hours of 9:00am – 4:00pm. Please visit or call the rectory for more information.

The Mission of St. Mary's Catholic Church is to worship, serve, and proclaim Jesus Christ, with the help of our Blessed Mother.

Thank you.

God reward your goodness to the priests of St. Mary's this Christmas. We enjoyed your cards, your family pictures, your kind words. Thank you and we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

I thoroughly enjoyed the decorating and preparation of the church for Christmas. Thank you to the Knights, volunteers and our parish staff who prepared our church for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Lots of love, attention, and tradition went into this effort. Very nice.

Special thanks to the priests of our parish, our choir, organist, and cantors as well as the many people who served as readers, lectors, acolytes, ushers and servers for the Christmas liturgies. It takes many hands to achieve the solemnity we want for the Lord. We did a very good job.

The Christmas season formally ends in the Church calendar with evening prayer on Sunday, January 9 (the Baptism of the Lord). You might think about extending it a bit more to February 2nd, which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. That date marks the end of the 40 day purification period required by law following His birth, and His presentation in the temple. It concludes the infancy story we know of Him from Sacred Scriptures. Just a thought.... It's harder and harder to part with Christmas!

A Short Reflection on 2021

We are turning the last page of the 2021 calendar this weekend, and my first six months as pastor of St. Mary's. Here are a few thoughts I have about the beginnings of our journey together.

The Conversation has Begun.

With the assistance of John Ferrone, we have begun the conversation in the parish about ourselves and our role as a downtown parish in the heart of the city of Lincoln. For me, this has been an exploratory period of open conversation, sharing ideas, and listening. I've watched people take leadership roles, do activities they might have otherwise refrained from attempting, and produce some successes. A town hall meeting will be held in January, followed by a parish-wide survey and then a series of focus groups in the spring. Within the next six months, we will have answers to the questions: who are we? What is our role? How will we go about achieving it? We will also have a governance structure created to help us oversee and manage the vision we create. It takes three to five years to change a culture in an organization. We've made great strides in the past 6 months.

The Battle is Spiritual. Several weeks ago, I began offering a special prayer each day for the spiritual protection of our parish. It is a prayer that engages the priesthood and the power of Christ within me to drive away Satan and the spirits of darkness. Initially, it was a bit scary.

I'm standing in the face of Satan and telling him to desist in his activities, leave us, and stop deceiving us with his lies and false promises. But it is the priesthood of Jesus, in which I share, that enables me to do this. And the more I see of the darkness around us, the more certain I am that this is the great challenge of our time—hell has become unleashed against the Church and the souls that belong to Christ. We priests need to stand for Christ, in the breach, and protect our flock and the Church. Pray for your priests. With your spiritual and personal support, we will be trustworthy of the work of our time.

Mary wants it. The mystery of the Incarnation, in which Mary shared so intimately, is this: Jesus Christ is the Son of God in the flesh who "pitched His tent among us." We belong to Him. The world belongs to Him. And Mary is His special agent to continue unfolding this mystery in every age. For us, on 14th and K Streets in downtown Lincoln, this means she wants her small community of helpers to maintain her shrine, serve the stranger, and live the message of Jesus' gift to the world and His invitation to share in His victory. St. Mary's is more than a church. It is a living embodiment of the Incarnation and her motherhood to this community.

It's been a great six months. Thank you.

Fr. Walsh



Saturday & Sunday, January 1/2

12:00 pm Joachim Nguyent
 4:00 pm Sailas Munguia
 8:00 am John Kilts
 10:00 am Fr. Ramon Decaent
 12:30 pm People of The Parish
 5:00 pm Makeena Hughes

Monday, January 3

12:10 pm Stephen Sand & Pauline Chao & Family
 7:00 pm Denise, Scott, and Family

Tuesday, January 4

12:10 pm An-Ton Dung†
 7:00 pm John Kilts

Wednesday, January 5

12:10 pm Adam Miller
 7:00 pm Makeena Hughes

Thursday, January 6

12:10 pm Juanita Garcia
 7:00 pm Patricia Coxt

Friday, January 7

12:10 pm Lisa Miller
 4:00 pm Denise, Scott, and Family



Church Calendar of Events

Monday, January 3

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting
 6:30 pm Pro-Life Rosary

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting/Dinner

Wednesday, January 5

4:15 pm CCD

Saturday, January 8

11:00 am FoodNet

**Ministry Schedule
 January 8/9**

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte Ryan Regnier
 Reader Ron Grose

Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte George Pavlas
 Reader Rosemary Jones

Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Kevin Aylward
 Acolyte Chris Hanzl
 Reader Melinda Pearson

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Paul Edwards
 Reader Kadi Lukesh

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Al Allen
 Reader Bev Thompson

Sunday, EME



December 19

Weekly Envelopes	\$2,434.00
Loose Plate	\$2,370.61
Faith Direct	\$4,978.22
Collection Total	\$9,782.83



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

January 3-7

09:00 The Coventry Carol
12:00 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
15:00 Angels From The Realms of Glory
18:00 Every Star Shall Sing A Carol



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Saturday: NA
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Question:

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer:

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?*

If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ernie Polivka, Alice Gyhra, Zerita Hendricks, Ray Navratil, Ida Gomes, Richard Fischer



Saint Mary's Parish News



Town Hall about the Future of St Mary's

Don't Forget: The Planning Team is inviting all parishioners to attend our Town Hall meeting to begin discussing our future. Come and...

- ◆ Hear a progress report from the Planning Team
- ◆ Provide input for the parish's future
- ◆ Ask questions and share your opinion

We hope you can attend one of the Town Halls:

Sunday, January 23rd following 10am Mass, in Flynn Hall.

(Refreshments provided. On-site babysitting in the Legion Room available with advanced notice.)

Thursday, January 27th noon brown-bag lunch session, in Flynn Hall.

(Bring your own lunch; beverages and dessert provided)

Thursday, January 27th, 7 p.m., in Flynn Hall.

(Refreshments provided. On-site baby-sitting in the Legion Room available with advanced notice.)

To request babysitting, please email the rectory at stmarylincoln@gmail.com by Sunday, January 16.

Here's why we want you to attend: YOU are an important member of our church family! We've made some initial progress but now we need your input. We want to explain the process of discerning our further path, and invite you to participate in the opportunities to share your insights about the future of St. Mary's. Our future needs all of us to define it.

Parishioners that purchased poinsettias "In Memory" or "In Honor of", may take their poinsettias home after the 5pm Mass this weekend. You may also pick them up at a later date to allow the beauty of the flowers to rest in our Church a bit longer.



Thank You to Kim Hanzl for organizing, and to Kim Mai and her family/friends for making Eggrolls as a fundraiser for our Restoration Fund. They were able to raise **\$3,364.50**. Thank you graciously for your time, talent, and generosity!



Congratulations to the following recipients of Knights of Columbus recognition for the month of December 2021: Parishioner (POM) Ted Czerniak, Family (FOM) Tim & Connie King Family, and Knight (KOM) Richard Bruner. Certificate presentation TBA.

*Recent activities include decorating the church for Christmas.

*Upcoming January activities include the Novena for Life & 5th Sunday Rosary, 1 Rose-1 Life Campaign and March for Life.

* Our next meeting is Tues., Jan. 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Community News

St. Peter Catholic Church and School is seeking a full-time or part-time Custodian. This position is responsible for housekeeping, sanitation, set-up and clean-up for church and school events. The job requires lifting, standing, reaching and moving tables and chairs. For a full job description and/or to submit your resume, please email the Parish Manager Katherine Norman at katherine-norman@cdolinc.net



Holy Hour this Friday, January 7, 2022, at 7:15 pm will be held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. **Singing will be led by the Sursum Corda Choir (Daniel St. Hilaire).** Please help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese, our Seminary, and for us.



Join thousands of pro-life Nebraskans for the **48th Annual Nebraska Walk for Life** held on Saturday, January 29th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the north steps of the State Capitol. Keynote speaker, Ashley Bratcher, the actress that played Abby Johnson in the movie "Unplanned," will share her own pro-life story at the Nebraska Student Union. Pro-life information tables, food and drink will be available. Bake Sale donations are needed; volunteers will be available curbside to collect baked goods from 8-9 a.m. in front of the Student Union the morning of the walk, or call 402-438-4802 to make arrangements. Mass at St. Mary's at 9a.m.



March for Life Pilgrimage: There are 27 spots left for the diocesan trip to Washington, DC. Busses leave from Lincoln and Hastings on Tuesday, January 18, and return on Sunday, January 23 in the evening. Cost for the trip is \$450. Adult chaperones are also needed. For more information, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/m41 or call 402-473-0625.