

Saint Mary Catholic Church

The Old Cathedral"

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 23, 2022



From the *Codex Amiatinus*, a 7th century manuscript of the Bible in Latin. This is a picture of Ezra, the scribe. Located in Medicea Laurenziana, Florence, Italy.

Saint Mary Catholic Church

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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.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Parish Finance Council

We rescheduled our Parish Finance Council meeting due to the illness of one of our members. We've rescheduled the meeting for February 2, 2022. We will share the proceedings of the meeting in the following week's bulletin.

Restoration Committee Meeting.

Our Restoration Committee met on January 17, 2022. We heard updates on some of the projects we are working on:

1. District Energy Corporation (DEC) is pushing our proposal of a feasibility study to link with their energy systems through internal and State level approval channels. We should know our status for the study after January 24th.
2. Sidewalks. We want to seal the new sidewalks from further damage and replace the sealant protecting the foundation of the building. We have one bid for the work and will request a bid from another company. This project is moving forward.
3. Compressor: one of the HVAC compressors went out last summer, and we have received permission from the Diocese to expend \$15,665 and replace it. This work will commence when Star City has the compressor and can get it onto their work schedule.
4. Travis Barrett reported on the meeting with the Diocesan Building Commission which oversees our restoration work. We have been authorized to pursue the architectural plans for the restoration, and to request permission from the Diocese to do a capital campaign feasibility study.

The Restoration Committee is looking into a project to address the water infiltration around the foundation on the west side of the church building, in conjunction with our plan to repair gutters, downspouts and flashing. These are must do projects to avoid further damage to the church. Clark & Enersen will draft a picture of the proposed work and we will share the idea with the parish and offer an opportunity to comment on the project. Look for the project (picture and explanation) in our bulletin in a few weeks.

Thank You

My sincere thanks to everyone who has offered financial assistance, to date, on the restoration project. I reported to the Restoration Committee that as of January 11, 2022, folks have donated \$197,983.13 to our project. We have expensed \$26,410.44 in the following areas: architectural fees, John Ferrone's leadership development work, replacing the ceiling in the kitchen, repairing the front steps of the church, fixing the organ and doing some research on the downspouts. While our balance in the restoration fund is \$171,529, we have \$81,008 in on-going commitments: the compressor, feasibility study for the DEC, John Ferrone's work over the next 10 months, further organ repair, a site survey and the remainder of the contract with Clark & Enersen for the work they did on our facility audit. We have \$90,521 of available cash in the fund.

Thank you all for this support. You have made possible the financial capacity we need to make timely and important decisions, enabling us to keep this project moving forward.

Your generosity is appreciated. Your generosity is producing results.

Pro Life Mass and March

Please consider participating in the Pro Life Events on Saturday, January 29th. St. Mary's will host the Pro Life Mass on the morning of January 29, at 9am. Bishop Hanefeldt is the Principal Celebrant.

Bishop Hanefeldt is a native of Creighton Nebraska. He and his three siblings were raised on a farm near Center, Nebraska along with cattle, hogs and chickens! He spent his summers cultivating corn, raking hay, thrashing oats, fixing fence and chopping thistles. A graduate of High School in 1976, he attended St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated in 1980; he was assigned to Rome to study and received his theology degree from the Gregorian University in 1983. He was ordained a priest in 1984 and for fifteen years, from 1991 to 2006, served as the director of the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life activities for the Archdiocese of Omaha. He returned to Rome in 2009 and for three years served as a spiritual director at the Pontifical North American College. On March 19, 2015, Bishop Hanefeldt was ordained and installed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Grand Island. Bishop Hanefeldt has a warm, engaging personality and a heart deeply committed to the sanctity of life and the cause of the unborn. We are honored to welcome him to our parish.

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, January 22/23

12:10 pm Josiah Miller
 4:00 pm Aliesia McCoy
 8:00 am Fr. Joseph Finn
 10:00 am Humberto Montoya†
 12:30 pm People of The Parish
 5:00 pm Anton Chu Nguyent

Monday, January 24

12:10 pm Fr. Joseph Walsh
 7:00 pm Aliesia McCoy

Tuesday, January 25

12:10 pm Rachel Miller
 7:00 pm Denise, Scott, and Family

Wednesday, January 26

12:10 pm Mike & Jan Berger's Anniversary
 7:00 pm Adolf Barat

Thursday, January 27

12:10 pm L. Dee Miller
 7:00 pm Alphonsus Tu Nam†

Friday, January 28

12:10 pm Dain Miller
 7:00 pm Maria Suy†



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 26

4:15 pm CCD

Thursday, January 27

12:00 pm Town Hall Meeting & Lunch
 7:00 pm Town Hall Meeting & Desserts

Saturday, January 29

9:00 am Pro-Life Mass/Walk For Life
 11:30 am FoodNet

Sunday, January 30

11:00 am 5th Sunday Rosary

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 29/30

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte John Franssen
 Reader Pat Walbrecht

Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte George Pavlas
 Reader Steve Daly

Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Luis Fernandez
 Acolyte Kevin Aylward
 Reader Margaret Scheideler

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Marv Ward
 Reader Kathy Johnson

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Tim King
 Reader Al Allen

Sunday, EME

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Weekly Envelopes	\$5,663.00
Loose Plate	\$2,312.00
Faith Direct	\$0
Collection Total	\$7,975.00



Parish eGiving—Sign up Today!

Enroll online at faith.direct/NE1128

or

Text "Enroll" to 402-226-1026

or

Use the QR code for easy donating!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



IS IT RIGHT TO SUE?

Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** NA
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24-28

- 09:00 Fairest Lord Jesus
12:00 Just A Closer Walk With Thee
15:00 He Leadeth Me
18:00 Where Charity And Love Prevail



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS | JANUARY 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, remains alive today.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS



Today's the Day! Join Our Town Hall Meeting about the Future of St Mary's

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

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

There are two more opportunities to attend, this Thursday:

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ernie & Bernice Polivka, Alice Gyhra,
Zerita Hendricks, Ray Navratil, Ida Gomes,
Richard Fischer, Chris Vandevoorde



Attention All—Check your mailboxes!
Tax Statements for 2021 will be mailed
out to ALL parish families beginning
January 24.



Saturday January 29th
is the Nebraska Walk
for Life beginning in
front of St. Mary's
church and the State
Capital at 10:00 a.m.
Mass will be celebrated
at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m. and members of the St.
Mary's Knights plan to help with the march.



Winterfest 2022 scheduled for Sat-
urday, February 12, 2022, from 5:00
– 7:00 p.m. in Flynn Hall has been
CANCELLED. We will reschedule
for another date, possibly this
spring or summer.



Saturday and Sunday, January 29th and 30th there will
be Prayer cards available on a table and
Brother Knights available for questions
for the annual One Rose – One Life Cam-
paign. The art work on the card was cre-
ated by a student during the 2021
Knights of Columbus Pro-Life poster
contest, and proceeds from this activity
continue to help purchase Ultra Sound
Machines for Nebraska facilities.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Holy Hour this Friday, February 4, 2022, at 7:15 pm will be held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. **Singing will be led by the Newman Center Choir.** Please help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese, our Seminary, and for us.



Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage: Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more! We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 – 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

Join thousands of pro-life Nebraskans for the **48th Annual Nebraska Walk for Life** held on Saturday, January 29th, beginning with 9:00am Mass at St. Mary's, and 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.



Pius X High School will host an open house at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 for eighth-grade students, incoming upperclassmen, and their parents/guardians. Students at Pius X can choose from more than 100+ courses in 13 academic departments. This includes 10 advanced placement courses. Learn more at PiusX.net/explore.