

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 30, 2022



The Church stands for life; in each human life she sees the splendor of that "Yes," that "Amen," who is Christ Himself (from St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortia*, n.30).

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14th & K Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

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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

Town Hall Meeting

We held the first Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, January 23rd. About 45 people were in attendance. The meeting area looked great. The tables were arranged in a theatre style to allow participants to see one another, covered with a nice centerpiece arrangement of flowers, a Marian statue or other devotional items; guests were served with sandwiches and sweets, as well as drinks (water, coffee, tea); babysitting was also available. It was a great show of hospitality. After an introduction on what we had accomplished to date, John Ferrone invited Ron Votipka and Melinda Pearson to share some specifics of what we had done and what this process means to them. We broke into small groups and participated in a guided discussion on the mission statement: how it sounded as a whole, and the four key action words that will guide our endeavors: worship, serve, proclaim and help. We considered the different nuances of these words and the practical manner in which they could be operationalized. Notes were taken, and John will compile, synthesize and identify the nuggets among these comments that will help us move our visioning process forward.

Another great fruit of this type of process is the relationships and budding friendships that arise from an experience like this. You can tell whether a process like this works. People stick around after it is over and enjoy side conversations, or maybe one more cookie. That's what happened. Thank you to all who participated. Great stuff.

Year End Contributions

As promised, year end contribution statements were mailed this week. Parishioners make several contributions to or through the parish but this statement does not include your gifts to the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations or your gift to the Charity and Stewardship Appeal. You will receive an end of the year statement from the Chancery for these gifts. Furthermore, gifts given to the restoration of our church are accounted differently in our system. I have written a personal thank you to all who have contributed directly to this appeal and these letters should be kept by the donor as a record of their donation. Contact me (Fr. Walsh) if you need assistance from the parish with any tax related contribution records.

The School

One of the questions asked during the Town Hall Meeting was 'what are we going to do with the school?' This gives me an opportunity to share what I know about this question.

Currently, we are using the school for CCD on Wednesday afternoons. We are allowing the Lincoln Police Department to use it for training, on occasion. We have the heat on during the week to protect the building but we need space heaters in the CCD classrooms to keep them warm enough for the teachers and kids. We don't want to put any more money into the mechanical system of this building than necessary and so far, what we are doing is adequate.

Several years ago, a facility audit was conducted on the school and it was determined that to renovate it was cost prohibitive. The building will need to be taken down.

What will replace it? This is a great question, and it will surface throughout our visioning process. The first question is: what are our ministries? What are the things we want to do to fulfill our mission? From these questions will flow the answer to the type of facilities we need to serve our ministries and community.

So, there is an answer out there for what to do with the school, but we're not yet ready to answer it. As we talk, think, and learn more about who we are as a parish and what we should be doing, this answer will emerge. John Ferrone will give us plenty of opportunity to do these things, through the parish survey that follows our Town Hall Meetings and the focus groups he will conduct.

Shortly after arriving in the parish, I mentioned that Bishop Conley was interested in us removing both the school and the rectory and developing the property as a multi-use facility. An example of something which could be done was presented to some members of the parish during the final years of Fr. Dietrich's pastorate. This idea is still on the table, but requires that we complete our visioning work first, and allow this to direct our facility planning.

God bless you all.

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, January 29/30

12:10 pm Denise, Scott, and Family
 4:00 pm Fr. Andrew Heaslip
 8:00 am People of The Parish
 10:00 am Fr. Joseph Walsh
 12:30 pm Domanic Chuong Trant
 5:00 pm Aliesia McCoy

Monday, January 31

12:10 pm Domanic Tint
 7:00 pm Denise, Scott, and Family

Tuesday, February 1

12:10 pm John Kilts
 7:00 pm Maria Nhung†

Wednesday, February 2

12:10 pm Joshep Luong†
 7:00 pm Anne Ryt

Thursday, February 3

12:10 pm Aliesia McCoy
 7:00 pm Denise, Scott, and Family

Friday, February 4

12:10 pm Bob & Connie Munguia's 50th Wedding Anniversary
 7:00 pm Tomas Silva



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 2

4:15 pm CCD

Saturday, February 5

11:30 am FoodNet

Sunday, February 6

Beginning of Catholic School's Week

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 5/6

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte John Franssen
 Reader Pat Walbrecht

Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Richard Brunner
 Reader Steve Daly

Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Luis Fernandez
 Acolyte Ron Grose
 Reader Margaret Scheideler

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Marv Ward
 Reader Kathy Johnson

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Tim King
 Reader Mike Kluck

Sunday, EME



Parish Support

JANUARY 16

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,166.00
Loose Plate	\$1,416.37
Faith Direct	\$4,623.06
Collection Total	\$10,205.43



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-
7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps
86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk
2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-
12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk
6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/
Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
[1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

JAN. 31-FEB. 4

- 09:00 Come Creator Spirit
12:00 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
15:00 From All That Dwell Below The Skies
18:00 Let All Things Now Living

St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Tuesday:** NA
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Friday:** NA
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being “immaculately conceived.” Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the “immaculate conception.” The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as “full of grace” (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new “arc” — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the “New Adam.” This passage sets up Mary, then, as the “New Eve.” Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more “original” than our sin!

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS



We will have the blessing of the throats on February 3, the Feast Day of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Mass times are
12:10pm
7:00pm



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



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 Campaign. The art work on the card was created 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.



Foodnet
Tummy fill, not landfill

What is Foodnet? Foodnet, Inc. is a group of local volunteers from many different churches and other non-profit organizations with goals of stopping the waste of food and providing food for those in need. The Foodnet organization has been serving the greater Lincoln area since 1985 and receives donations from more than 100 local businesses, institutions, and care facilities. Without this partnership Foodnet would not exist. The organization motto is "Tummy Fill Not Landfill." Thankfully, we have been able to continue our work throughout the pandemic. St. Mary's offers Foodnet every Saturday at 11:00am in Flynn Hall.

KNOW THE KNIGHTS

Congratulations to the following recipients of Knights of Columbus recognition for the month of January 2022: Parishioner (POM) Barb Janssen, Family (FOM) Al and Barb Allan Family, and Knight (KOM) Marvin Ward. Certificate presentation TBA.



Recent activities include removing decoration in the church from Christmas, Council free throw contest, March for life, One Rose-One Life campaign & 5th Sunday Rosary.

Unfortunately due to pandemic concerns the annual Pancake Breakfast has been postponed for this year.



SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The **Seven Sisters Apostolate** is a group of St Mary's Altar Society members who volunteered to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a holy hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest. It is comprised of seven women, with each one selecting one day per week to pray, Monday through Sunday, preferably before the Blessed Sacrament, for one year. St Mary started in June 2018. To learn more about this exciting opportunity please contact Rachel Trevizo at 402-613-9838



Pray for Our Seminarians

Cody Alan Hein from St. Mary Parish in David City, entered the St. Gregory The Great Seminary in 2020, and is currently a College 3 student. His parents are Edward and Gwendolynne Hein, and he has 1 brother.

Isaac Karol Wahlmeier from St. Michael Parish in Hastings, entered the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 2018, and is currently a Theology I student. His parents are Patrick & Debra Wahlmeier, and he has 8 brothers and 4 sisters.

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

February 12th, 2022, the **Retreat for Moms of Young People** will be happening at the Good Counsel Retreat house. Fr. Ben Holdren and Bekah Knobloch will be giving a series of talks for moms of younger children. This is a daylong retreat and babies are welcome. For more info and to sign up: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/ymretreat>

Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week **Surviving Divorce** program begins on **February 7, 2022- 7-9pm**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the program and includes the **Surviving Divorce** personal guide and materials. Register at 402-473-0620 or familylifeoffice@cdolinc.net

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.