

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

A Blue Valentine
(For Aline)

Monsignore,
Right Reverend Bishop Valentinus,
Sometime of Interamna, which is called Ferni,
Now of the delightful Court of Heaven,
I respectfully salute you,
I genuflect
And I kiss your episcopal ring.

It is not, Monsignore,
The fragrant memory of your holy life,
Nor that of your shining and joyous martyrdom,
Which causes me now to address you.
But since this is your august festival, Monsignore,
It seems appropriate to me to state
According to a venerable and agreeable custom,
That I love a beautiful lady.
Her eyes, Monsignore,
Are so blue that they put lovely little blue reflections
On everything that she looks at,
Such as a wall
Or the moon
Or my heart.
It is like the light coming through blue stained glass,
Yet not quite like it,
For the blueness is not transparent,
Only translucent.
Her soul's light shines through,
But her soul cannot be seen.
It is something elusive, whimsical, tender, wanton, infantile, wise
And noble.
She wears, Monsignore, a blue garment,
Made in the manner of the Japanese.

It is very blue—
I think that her eyes have made it more blue,
Sweetly staining it
As the pressure of her body has graciously given it
form.
Loving her, Monsignore,
I love all her attributes;
But I believe
That even if I did not love her
I would love the blueness of her eyes,
And her blue garment, made in the manner of the Japanese.

Monsignore,
I have never before troubled you with a request.
The saints whose ears I chiefly worry with my pleas
are the most exquisite and maternal Brigid,
Gallant Saint Stephen, who puts fire in my blood,
And your brother bishop, my patron,
The generous and jovial Saint Nicholas of Bari.
But, of your courtesy, Monsignore,
Do me this favour:
When you this morning make your way
To the Ivory Throne that bursts into bloom with roses
because of her who sits upon it,
When you come to pay your devoir to Our Lady,
I beg you, say to her:
"Madame, a poor poet, one of your singing servants yet
on earth,
Has asked me to say that at this moment he is especially
grateful to you
For wearing a blue gown."

Joyce Kilmer

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

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

Planning the Restoration Project

At our most recent Finance Council meeting, I was asked how the planning is being done for the church restoration project. The following is our story, to date, in managing this project.

The Diocese has developed detailed policies to govern restoration projects and raising major capital funds. At our first meeting of the Church Restoration Committee in July, 2021, Msgr. Perkinton (chair of the Diocesan Building Commission—called the DBC) was present and we reviewed these policies. Our group agreed that we would follow these policies and to date we have done so.

We began our restoration project with a request of Bishop Conley for permission to conduct a facility audit. This permission was granted. Clark Enersen conducted the study and presented it to us (the Restoration Committee and the parish) at an open meeting on November 30, 2021. This study has become the “schematics” of the project, a summary of the scope of the work needed and estimated costs to complete it.

I requested permission to raise “start-up” funds for the project in September and permission was granted from the Bishop. To date, we have raised around \$200,000, not including a pledge of an additional \$20,000.

The Diocesan Building Commission (DBC) serves the Bishop by providing professional review of building plans. We met with them on December 20, 2021 and shared the Clark Enersen

facility audit. At that meeting, we noted that the gutters, downspouts and flashing are a major contributor to water infiltration into the building, and we asked permission to take care of them. The DBC recommended that we expand the project to include addressing water infiltration at the foundation on the west side of the building. Clark Enersen developed a project for caring for the downspouts, gutters and flashing, addressing the foundation problems on the west side of the building, renovating the west side confessionals and sound proofing the east confessionals. This was presented to the DBC on January 17, 2022 and given approval by the Commission. Later that day, the parish’s Restoration Committee reviewed the plan and approved it. We will showcase this project to the parish next week and ask for comment. Providing there is general agreement in the parish for this project, we will ask the Bishop for permission to proceed with this plan.

The next step in the process is hiring an architect. Clark Enersen is very knowledgeable of our facilities, having built the rectory in 1956, served as the architect for the 1962 church renovation, managed the 1983 ramp additions, conducted the facility audit of the school in 2018 and the church audit in 2021. On February 7, we received an Agreement for Provision for Limited Professional Services from Clark Enersen. This is an updated schematic of the restoration project, and an offer from Clark Enersen to provide architectural services to the parish for the entire \$6 million project. The Restoration Committee and the Finance Council will review this proposal and determine whether we will accept it. Upon acceptance, we will

write the Bishop and ask permission to hire Clark Enersen.

There are several additional steps in the review and permission process: permission to conduct a capital campaign feasibility study, review and approval of the detailed design and construction documents, permission to conduct the capital campaign, approval of final design deliverables, and then permission to commence the restoration work. Much work ahead, but it is a great process.

Finally, how does the parish visioning work we are doing fit into this planning? The Visioning Process plays a critical role in the church restoration project. Through our town hall meetings, surveys and focus groups, we will clarify the essential ministries of St. Mary’s and the changes we would like to see in the church building. These will be communicated to the architects over the course of the next 6 months and become part of the restoration plans of the church.

We have been blessed in this process. The Diocese has the model for a project like this. We are faithfully following it. Our Restoration Committee and Finance Council are committed, talented and fully engaged. The visioning process will solidify what we need, the architectural firm is one of the best, and people are supportive of this work. May God continue to bless us and help us bring this work to completion. Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, February 12/13

12:10 pm †Bubba Ethangton
 4:00 pm †Jerrold Wayne Hoover
 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 10:00 am †Dennis Denault
 12:30 pm †James Delisi
 5:00 pm People of The Parish

Monday, February 14

12:10 pm Carol Anadale
 7:00 pm †Mary Tinkham

Tuesday, February 15

12:10 pm †Maria DeLaCarmen
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 16

12:10 pm †Lee Miller
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 17

12:10 pm †Jane Wooten
 7:00 pm †Patricia Bartels

Friday, February 18

12:10 pm John Kilts
 7:00 pm †Gerald Dawson



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 16

4:15 pm CCD

Saturday, February 19

11:15 am 2nd Rosary Rally
 11:30 am FoodNet

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 19/20

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte John Franssen
 Reader Pat Walbrecht

Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Alan Pendleton
 Reader Jessica Pendleton

Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Randy Ksionzek
 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

Randy Ksionzek



JANUARY 30

Weekly Envelopes	\$3,941.00
Loose Plate	\$1,383.30
Faith Direct	\$.00
Collection Total	\$5,324.30



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Text "Enroll" to 402-226-1026

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Use the QR code for easy donating!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 14-18

- 09:00 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
12:00 Jesus, Lover Of My Soul
15:00 What Wonderous Love Is This
18:00 God Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us



ST. CONRAD OF PIACENZA | FEBRUARY 19

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
- Monday:** Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
- Tuesday:** NA
- Wednesday:** NA
- Thursday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Friday:** NA
- Saturday:** NA
- Next Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



PRIESTS & MARRIAGE COUNSELING

Question: How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

Answer: If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS



Are you good at woodworking? If so, we are in need of your help for some small woodworking projects. For more info, please call the rectory at 402-435-2125

Calling all Seamstresses!! If you are good with a sewing machine and would like to help with some sewing needs, we need you. For more info, please call the rectory at 402-435-2125.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



ST. MARY HISTORY 101

Did you know...The building that is now St. Mary's Church began in 1886 when the *First Church of Christ* bought two lots of land on the corner of 14th and K St. for \$500. The cornerstone was laid on the southwest corner on July 3, 1888. It is still visible behind the Ten Commandments monument.



Pray for Our Seminarians

Tyler Wade Johnson from Sts. John Parish in Lincoln NE, entered the St. Gregory The Great Seminary in 2019, and is currently a College III student. His parents are Todd & Leah Johnson, and he has 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Patrick Seth Winter from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE, entered the Mount St. Mary Seminary in 2018, and is currently a Theology I student. His parents are James & Cheryl Winter, and he has 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

WELCOME New Members

St. Mary's Welcomes New Parishioners,
Amber Lujan and **Patricia Alfatemi**.

"Therefore Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the Glory of God." ~Romans 15:7



ST. MARY'S 2ND ROSARY RALLY

Sponsored by St. Mary's Pro-Life Committee

When: Saturday, February 19th at 11:15am

Where: On the corner of 14th & K (outside)

Why: In honor of the feast day of Saints Jacinta and Francisco of Fatima, and for our country

What: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, litany, and hymns

Who: EVERYONE!

Please join us!

!Bienvenidos!

Hoang nhênh!



Volunteering at Foodnet: We are very grateful for the current Foodnet volunteers! New volunteers are always welcome to join the Foodnet team. The amount of time per Saturday and the frequency of volunteering is very flexible. The various duties include picking up donated food, carrying in food donations, sorting food, distributing food, setting up and cleaning up. Volunteer opportunities are mainly between 10 am and 1 pm (most food pickups occur before 10 am). You are welcome to visit the distribution any Saturday to see how it works. If you have questions or are interested in joining the Foodnet team, please contact Kathy Johnson at 402-474-2360.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, March 20th **St. Gregory the Great Seminary** is holding its Benefit Banquet to help support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. The "Table of St. Gregory" will begin at 5:00 p.m. with sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Bishop Conley presiding, followed by cocktails and Open House, and concluding with a plated dinner at 6:30 p.m. served by the seminarians. To make reservations or to find out more information, please call the Seminary at (402) 643-4052 or online at betterunite.com/tableofstgregory



St. Patrick's Church will hold a modified St. Patrick's Festival on Saturday, March 12th from 11:00am – 3:00pm. We will have a Raffle and drive-thru meal pickup option only. Two (2) meal options will be available: 1. Corned Beef or 2. Ham. All of the fixings include scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert. Cost will be \$8/Adult and \$5/Child. The Raffle drawing will be at 4:00pm. The Raffle will be live streamed on Facebook at [@StPatrickFestivalLincoln](https://www.facebook.com/StPatrickFestivalLincoln).

St. Joseph School is looking for a faith-filled individual who has experience working with children to serve as a Para Professional with full-time or part-time options. Responsibilities/Duties include: confidentiality; strong communication skills with adults and children; assisting teachers with students individually or in groups; basic computer skills, including Microsoft Office Outlook, Word, Excel, and Publisher; and a working knowledge of printers, copiers, laminators and basic office equipment. Please contact Kevin Naumann if interested in this position and send a resume and references to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.



FEBRUARY 13, 2022, BLESSED SACRAMENT SWEETHEART BAKE SALE - The Blessed Sacrament Altar Society is holding a Homemade SWEETHEART Bake sale on Sunday, Feb. 13th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please stop by & get some Homemade Valentine's goodies. Proceeds go to help pay for items needed for the church altar. 1720 Lake Street, Lincoln, NE.