

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 20, 2022



Domenico Fetti, *Moses before the Burning Bush*, 1613-14. Oil on canvas.
Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

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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 build communion in Jesus Christ, with Mary our Mother and guide.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

St. Mary Parish Survey

Beginning next weekend (March 26) the St. Mary's Survey will be available on SurveyMonkey and all parishioners, high school age and older, are invited to take the survey and share their thoughts, dreams and needs. This survey is anonymous. No names are asked. No access exists to link the survey results with the computer or author of the responses. We want it to be anonymous because we want you to be free to speak your heart, about the good things and the bad, about your dreams and your needs, about the most important things in your life and how you hope the parish community can be part of your journey.

I've used survey tools in other pastoral assignments during my priesthood. I recall a survey we distributed shortly after taking up the responsibility for Catholic Social Services in 1991. We surveyed the diocesan priests and offered the option, if they desired, to identify themselves. One of the questions we asked was: what is the image of Catholic Social Services? Msgr. Witt took the survey and answered that question, "CSS doesn't have a bad image. It has no image." Good, I thought. Then let's create one. And we did.

The survey we did in Hastings in 2014 was different. We asked about health needs in our parish community. This survey was anonymous, like the one we are offering members of St. Mary's. We designated a "Survey Sunday" weekend on the

fall calendar of the parish and asked parishioners to fill out the survey during the homily. I can tell you it was one of the most privileged moments of my life among St. Cecilia parishioners. That day, they preached the homily. That day, they shared their faith journey with me. That day, I listened. And we built something beautiful from their survey responses because we built it from the information we collected, from the data that was given us, from the thoughts, and needs and hopes of the people of the parish.



The survey we are offering the parish later this month is part of the information gathering we are doing in order to develop a vision for St. Mary's parish. Already we have formed and surveyed a planning team, from which came the new mission statement for the parish. This was vetted through town hall meetings we held in January and became the conceptual framework of our survey. The next phase of this information gathering is the survey, to be followed, sometime in the early summer, with focus groups. John Ferrone will take the information we provide in the survey, organize it thematically, and con-

duct focus group discussions that will help us discover how these themes can be addressed in pastoral priorities, ministry initiatives and organizational structures of the parish. Our vision statement is being built from these listening tools, from the hopes and the dreams and the needs of us all.

A few ground rules: once you open the survey in SurveyMonkey, you cannot "save" and exit SurveyMonkey, and then come back later to finish it. You'll need to complete the survey in one sitting—or at least keep the site open—until you are finished. Anticipate about 20 minutes or so to complete the survey. Every person, high school age and older in the household, is invited to complete the survey. For some, this may mean four or more people living together under one roof may complete the survey. No problem. We hope to hear from everyone.

The survey is both anonymous and optional. No one is required to take it and not every question asked within the survey must be answered. It's an open invitation: would you be willing to give your opinion on a variety of questions we think will help us build a vision for St. Mary's parish? We hope you will say yes to this invitation, and we treasure the gift of your time and input in this effort.

God bless you.

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, March 19/20

12:10 pm David C. Meierger
 4:00 pm †Leo Dowd
 8:00 am Samuel & Rose Pendleton
 10:00 am John Bellavia
 12:30 pm †Karen McCoy
 5:00 pm People of The Parish

Monday, March 21

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 pm †Janet Malovec

Tuesday, March 22

12:10 pm Josiah Miller
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 23

12:10 pm †Theresa Seiker
 7:00 pm †Joseph Cuong Nguyen

Thursday, March 24

12:10 pm †Lorraine Drell
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 25

12:10 pm †Karen McCoy
 7:00 pm †Joseph Quan Nguyen



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 23

4:15 pm CCD

Friday, March 25

6:30 PM Stations of The Cross
 5:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry in Flynn Hall

Saturday, March 26

11:30 am FoodNet

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 26/27

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte Ryan Regnier
 Reader Ron Grose

Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Bill Green
 Reader Steve Daly

Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Luis Fernandez
 Acolyte Chris Hanzl
 Reader Bernice Polivka

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Paul Edwards
 Reader Kadi Lukesh

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Al Allen
 Reader Bev Thompson

Sunday, EME

Marv Ward



MARCH 6

Weekly Envelopes	\$5,311.00
Loose Plate	\$2,812.23
Faith Direct	\$5,747.87
Collection Total	\$13,871.10



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

MARCH 21-25

- 09:00 O Sacred Head Now Wounded
12:00 Lift High The Cross
15:00 Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong
18:00 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross



ST. OSCAR ROMERO | MARCH 24

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday: NA
Tuesday: NA
Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Thursday: NA
Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Saturday: NA
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name for the marks of the wounds on the feet and hands that resemble the crucifixion of Christ?

Answer: Stigmata



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

PRIEST VESTMENTS

Question: Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Answer: Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus



During the season of Lent, St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 9704 is offering a "Time of Spiritual Reflection" for all parishioners and Catholics to spend a couple hours listening to God's word. Please come and enjoy time with our Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament, listening to bible readings, going to confession, praying the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and spending quiet time with our Lord, Jesus!

When: Sunday, March 20, 2022, from 1:30-3:30p.m
Where: St. Mary's church



Stations of The Cross are every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6:30pm before the 7pm Mass.

Pray for Our Seminarians

Paul Charles Mach from St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln NE, entered the St. Gregory the Great Seminary in 2019 and is currently a College IV student. His parents are Keith & Mary Mach. He has 1 brother and 3 sister.



ST. MARY HISTORY 101

St. Mary's served as the Cathedral (meaning seat of the Bishop) to the city until 1965 when the new cathedral of the Risen Christ was dedicated at 33rd and Sheridan Street. St. Mary's status was then changed to a parish church. The original "Cathedral Rectory" cast iron sign is still visible on the current rectory building.

To Be Continued...



St. Mary's Church Welcomes new parishioner
Seth Dwyer

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



FISH FRI—Join us every Friday of Lent in Flynn Hall from 5-7pm. We will be serving Baked or Fried Fish, Mac-n-cheese, Tuna Casserole, with a choice of potato, pickle, rye bread, drinks, and dessert.



Foodnet
Tummy fill, not landfill

FOODNET: Each Foodnet site is assigned local sources who have agreed to donate close-dated and perishable items. Currently, Foodnet at St Mary's relies upon two Russ's Market stores, Whole Foods and one HyVee store for donations every week. Occasional donations also come from Starbucks, the Pepsi warehouse and a few local gardeners/farmers. Donors provide mostly perishable foods such as fruits, vegetables, dairy products, desserts, bread, etc. These are items not usually found at a dry goods food pantry, but are still in demand. Other items donated may be close-dated or may have slightly damaged packaging.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a presentation by Bob Sullivan entitled **Communicating the Gospel of Life to a non-Christian culture**, on Sunday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in Finnigan Hall, at St. Patrick Church in Lincoln. Mr. Sullivan, a practicing attorney in Wahoo, is a contributor to the SNR in the Lincoln diocese and a regular guest on KVSS catholic radio. After Mr. Sullivan's presentation, there will be a Q & A session. Admission is Free



Join an **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** April 18 led by Fr. Coulter to visit several churches in SE Nebraska and NE Kansas, including St. Mary's in St. Mary, NE and St. Mary's in St. Benedict, KS. Depart from St. Patrick, Lincoln at 7:30am, Mass & prayers during the day, return by 5:30pm. \$50 includes lunch, snacks and charter bus. Limited seats. Make your reservations early at: www.frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact: frcoulter@gmail.com or 402-786-2705.



EMMAUS INSTITUTE
BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies will present its spring seminar, **"A Biblical Journey Through Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday"**, on Saturday, April 9, from 9am-1pm at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln. Refreshments and lunch provided. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net.



Marian Mantle Silent Strength Prayer Group. We meet at 4:00 pm on March 22nd at Cathedral of the Risen Christ, in Rectors Hall in the lower level of the Cathedral. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross will be said as well as petition prayers for our prodigals and members. Mass is at 5:00pm. Contact kneugeba@gmail.com for more information