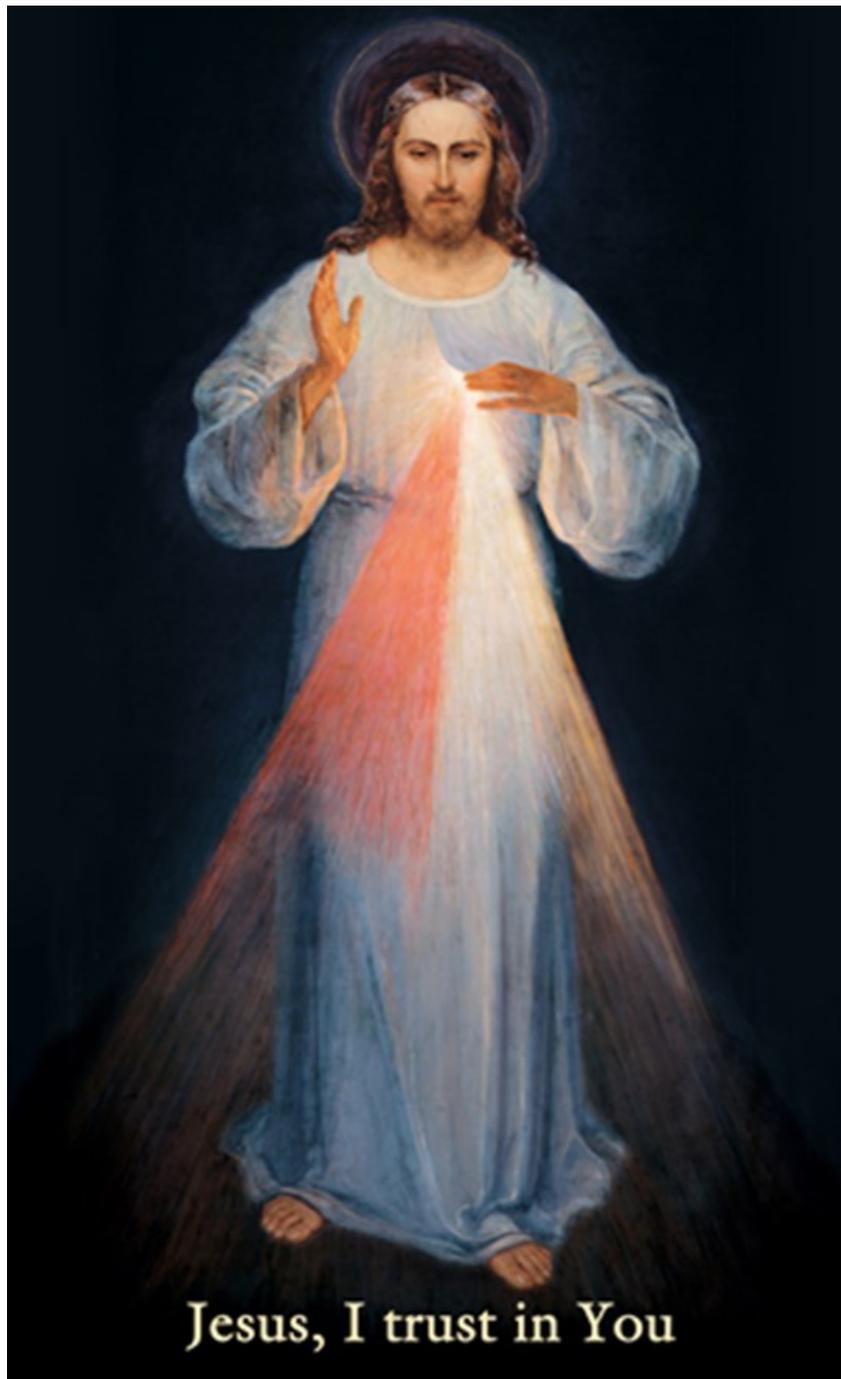


Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 24, 2022

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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..... Muggs 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

Divine Mercy

Join us for the Hour of Mercy on Sunday, April 24 at 2:30 pm. We will spend an hour, contemplating and experiencing the mercy of Jesus, and forming our hearts to be people of mercy. A plenary indulgence is attached to this devotion, which is the complete remission of the temporal punishment due to sin for those who: contemplate this gift, pray for the Holy Father and receive communion and the sacrament of confession near this date. Please take advantage of Divine Mercy!

An Early Easter Reflection

Our celebration of Easter at St. Mary's, especially the Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter, was the best Easter experience I can remember. I felt connected with the story of our salvation which unfolded in the seven readings and responsorial psalms we heard and sang. When we paused toward the end of this story, and lit the candles of the altar, I knew we were entering into the answer to the longing, the promises and the healing of our souls through the paschal mystery of Christ. This is Christ's time. He is the answer to our suffering, our separation from God, our wandering in the wilderness of life. Christ entered into His passion, died for our justification and rose for our healing, our forgiveness, our reconciliation with the Father. This is ours, for the taking, by embracing Baptism in faith and truth. We grasped it. We took what was offered. We said Yes to God by renewing our promise, re-committing our life to Christ and humbly approaching to drink deep-

ly His Life, the Eucharist, which is now our life too. We are an Easter people. Alleluia is our song. Joyfully we sing of *Christ our life* and our life forever in Him.

Let us preserve, protect, and grow the Easter we received.

Some Thoughts that Arose for our Parish Finance Meeting

Our Parish Finance Council met on April 19, and we discussed our financial performance for the first three quarters of the year. Parish operations (the day-to-day costs of running the parish), are \$78,788 greater than our income as of March 30, 2022. Some of this is timing: we received our endowment income earlier this month, which added \$31,469 to our income. It will be booked as 4th quarter revenue. Last quarter, we spent \$76,155 to pay our assessment for Pius and the grade schools our children attend; this quarter, we will only spend \$25,000. Most other expense items will remain constant, barring any mechanical breakdowns in the church, rectory or school. Revenue isn't projected to change much either, though we will add around \$5,5000 from the net profit of our delightful Fish Fri sales this Lent. Largely, our problem is that I budgeted adult contribution to be about \$70,000 greater than what we are able to achieve. By the end of the year, we will recover half of our present loss, but anticipate an end-of-year deficit of roughly \$35,000.

Suggestions that surfaced during our meeting:

Inform the people about what is happening.

Eliminate the cost of maintaining the school in next year's budget.

Encourage people to sign up for Faith Direct, especially if they are traveling this summer so that their support for the parish will continue.

Trust in the Infant Jesus who knows our needs and loves us.

Here is the good news! We created a "start-up fund" for our church restoration in August, 2021. To date, we have received \$246,338 in cash gifts for this fund; we've expensed \$58,571 of it; we have commitments from the fund of \$54,822 for other expenses; we have a balance on hand for future start-up needs of \$132,943.

Our West Side Improvement Project has received \$366,218 in gifts and pledges (\$147,188 in cash gifts already). Once pledges are honored, we have what we need to complete this project.

In other words, in the last 9 months, we have raised in gifts and pledges \$612,556 to restore our church.

That's our entire 2021-2022 budget! The Infant has answered our prayers. So too have many of you.

Thank you to everyone for everything you are able to do to care for St. Mary's church and parish. God bless you.

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, April 23/24

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory
 4:00 pm †Michael Drell
 8:00 am †Martin Perez
 10:00 am †Carolyn Eastman
 12:30 pm Josiah Miller
 5:00 pm People of The Parish

Monday, April 25

12:10 pm John N Canning Sr.
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 26

12:10 pm Rachel Miller
 7:00 pm †Wayne Rowe

Wednesday, April 27

12:10 pm L. Dee Miller
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 28

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

Friday, April 29

12:10 pm †Msgr. James Dawson
 7:00 pm †Margaret Kouma



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 24

10:00 am First Communion

Monday, April 25

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

Tuesday, April 26

7:00 pm Restoration Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 27

4:15 pm CCD

Saturday, April 30

11:30 am FoodNet

Sunday, May 1

10:00 am May Crowning

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 30/May 1

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte John Franssen
 Reader Ron Grose

Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Sam Sico
 Reader Steve Daly

Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Kevin Aylward, Randy Ksionzek
 Reader Bernice Polivka

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Marv Ward
 Reader Kadi Lukesh

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Tim King
 Reader Mike Kluck

Sunday, EME

Randy Ksionzek

Parish Support

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APRIL 10

Weekly Envelopes	\$2,644.00
Loose Plate	\$2,642.02
Faith Direct	\$.00
Collection Total	\$5,286.02

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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: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk
16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn
3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,
13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

WHO CAN OFFER ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

Question: Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy);
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and
Martyr

Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Tuesday: NA

Wednesday: NA

Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St.
Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Friday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Pius V, Pope

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the
Worker



ST. PEDRO DE SAN JOSE BETANCUR | APRIL 25

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of *posadas*, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to

Kia Trinity Liermann

On making her Profession of Faith, receiving her First Communion, and Confirmation on April 16, 2022.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. ~ Proverbs 3:5-6



Do you like to sing but aren't able to commit to a weekly choir rehearsal? Do you like cantors to help sing at every Mass? Please consider becoming a cantor! Currently cantors practice about half

an hour before the scheduled Mass time to practice the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and verse, and the hymns being sung at the Mass. The ability to read music is not necessary. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Music Director, Jane at 402-440-1895. A voice message can be left or send a text message. She'd love to hear from you!



Thank you from the St. Mary's Council #9704 of the Knights of Columbus to everyone who contributed to the Solidarity for Ukraine fund raiser. Your generosity and a donation from our council has enabled us to make a donation of \$6,750.00 to our Supreme Office, who in turn should match our donation with all proceeds going entirely to the people of Ukraine. Please continue to Pray for the end of the war, and for peace in the area and the entire world!



thank you

Thank you to those that purchased Easter Lilies for their loved ones. These lilies beautify our church every year during the Easter Season.

A special Thank You to those that helped decorate and prepare the church for Easter. Your efforts are much appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first apostle to perform a miracle in Jesus' name?

Answer: Saint Peter.



CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

April 25-29

- 09:00 Come Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain
- 12:00 Crown Him With Many Crowns
- 15:00 Sons And Daughters
- 18:00 The Strife Is O'er



St. Mary's Church Welcomes new parishioners
The Ghareeb Family

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



ST. MARY HISTORY 101

Thanks to the Nebraska Historical Society for this photo of St. Mary's in 1889 when it was still the First Christian Church of Lincoln.

Notice that there were far fewer stairs to enter the church and that the roofing was originally East to West. The streets have sunk several feet over the years.



COMMUNITY NEWS

PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL'S BOLT BENEFIT GALA

Event tickets and lottery tickets are on sale now for Pius X High School's BOLT Benefit Gala, "Sapphires & Stars." The event will be held on Saturday, April 30 at Pius X High School to raise funds for capital improvements to the school. Event tickets are \$175 per person and include admittance to the event, dinner and drinks. Lottery tickets are \$100 for the chance to win \$10,000, \$2,500, \$1,500 or \$1,000. You do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets, visit piusx.net/bolt or call 402-488-1046.



S.T.A.G.E. presents a One Day Camp, *Looking the Part!* Join Lee Hotovy for this fun day of exploring stage make-up, costume design, and simple character skits. Tuesday April 19 from 10:00-2:00pm. St. Teresa's K-Hall, 36th and Randolph Streets. For ages 9 and up. visit stage4kids.com to download a registration. Last day to register, Saturday April 16.

Have you ever dreamed of going to the Holy Land? If so, join host, Fr. Eckrich, on May 1st at 1:00 – 2:30 in the St. John's Social Hall, for an Informational meeting about an upcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land this October 23 – Nov 3! He will discuss the itinerary, share photos from a previous trip, and answer questions you may have! For more information, or to request a brochure, contact Barb Wallingford at 402-430-5811.



Pius X Chick-fil-A leadership academy is hosting a Bingo and Chick-fil-A night fundraiser on April 28th from 6:00-10:30

at Superior Bingo. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 dollars to help Madonna build a pediatric sensory garden .

