

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 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

Thank You

Last weekend, we began the communal recitation of the Infant of Prague devotion. The priest leads the prayer following the conclusion of the closing hymn. I thank you all for your willingness to participate in this devotion. As the prayer invites, I have complete confidence that the help we are requesting from the Holy Infant will be given to us, and the work being asked of us will be accomplished through His goodness and mercy.

It is not an unusual practice in my pastoral work to identify specific intentions and entrust them to the Lord or the Saints for help. When I was serving at Catholic Social Services, we had a special intention to St. Peter for good weather on the day of our golf tournament! My memory fails me as to why we chose him for this help, but I do remember that the first tournament we held had very poor weather predicted for that day. We hurriedly printed a card, wrote a prayer, and added it to our morning devotions in the office. The storm changed course when it neared Lincoln. It was windy (welcome to Nebraska!) but there was no rain and the tournament went off without a hitch. In Hastings, we used a beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit as a "Mission Prayer" of the parish. We recited it after Holy Communion. I like this form of prayer. We know our needs. We own it together. We pray for it with one voice and one heart. And we rejoice together that the Lord hears our prayer and is helping us carry out His will in our work.

So, thank you. And thank you, Infant King, for being among us and helping us open our hearts and lives to your goodness.

Assignment Changes at St. Mary's

Bishop Conley informed us earlier this week of the upcoming priest changes at St. Mary's. Fr Andrew Heaslip has been released from the Diocese and will join the faculty of his Alma Mater, Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, as Formator and Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology. His move date is shortly after June 20th.

Fr. Stephen Cooney is appointed senior parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish in Lincoln. The change in his assignment, from full-time pastoral care at St. Elizabeth and Nebraska Heart Hospitals to senior parochial vicar at St. Mary's becomes effective December 1, 2022. A senior parochial vicar is a priest who is nearing retirement and serves the parish in sacramental and other pastoral work, but is relieved of the administrative tasks of the parish priest. No more worrying about collections, reports, supervision of staff, or carrying the Weber grill to the trash can to clean it out (that's how I tripped, fell and broke my finger). It's a good role for the priest and the parish, and we will welcome Fr. Cooney's added work in our midst later this year.

I am grateful to Fr. Heaslip for his priestly work at St. Mary's and wish him the best in his new role in the

Church. We have known his intellectual gifts, his piety and gentle care for many people over the years. He is a born teacher, from a family of teachers, and I am so happy that he will be able to share this gift in the formation of priests in our country. Congratulations, Fr Heaslip!

Charity and Stewardship Appeal

We begin our Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA) this weekend and will continue to have pledge cards available in the vestibule of the church for the next two weekends. Our parish goal for the appeal is \$30,540. Of this amount, \$6,110 will be our parish contribution to the ministries of the diocese, including the Hispanic Ministry, Youth Ministry, Catholic Social Services, the Newman Center, the Diocesan Tribunal, etc. Everything donated above this amount is returned to the parish, and will be used for our operations. We might consider this appeal a special effort to help finance our Catholic School assessments, which this coming year will be approximately \$200,000. Your generosity makes a real contribution to our children and the faith community of tomorrow. God will reward your response. Thank you!

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, April 30/May 1

12:10 pm Ann K. Canning
 4:00 pm Souls in Purgatory
 8:00 am People of The Parish
 10:00 am †Lyle Maly
 12:30 pm Nisley Family
 5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Monday, May 2

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 pm †Jerry O'Malley

Tuesday, May 3

12:10 pm Mark Dowd
 7:00 pm †Agnes & Elwin

Wednesday, May 4

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 pm Maria Nha Pham

Thursday, May 5

12:10 pm †Msgr. James Dawson
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 6

12:10 pm Adam Miller
 7:00 pm †Janet Malovec

CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 1

10:00 am May Crowning

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

7:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
 7:00 pm Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, May 4

4:15 pm CCD

Saturday, May 7

11:30 am FoodNet

Sunday, May 8

All Day Mother's Day

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 7/8

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte John Franssen
 Reader Melinda Pearson

Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Richard Brunner
 Reader Steve Daly

Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Luis Fernandez, Randy Ksionzek
 Reader Margaret Scheideler

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Paul Edwards
 Reader Kathy Johnson

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Tim King
 Reader Mike Kluck

Sunday, EME

Parish Support

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APRIL 17

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| Weekly Envelopes | \$2,543.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$4,754.61 |
| <u>Faith Direct</u> | <u>\$3,994.15</u> |
| Collection Total | \$11,291.76 |

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a,4-5,6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ST. ROSE VENERINI | MAY 7

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
- Monday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Wednesday:** NA
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** NA
- Saturday:** NA
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who were Dismas and Gestas?

Answer: The criminals crucified with Jesus.

CHOOSING ORGAN DONATION

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Answer:

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not “sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor” (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when “performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (no. 86).

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to
Mac Smith & Avyana Ostiguin

On receiving the sacrament of First Communion on
April 24, 2022

*I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ~ John 6:35*



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!



Pray for Our Seminarians

Please pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood at The Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother in Nebraska City.

Pray for Sr. Norma Marie from the Philippines, professed, of the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters.

Pray for Sr. Mary Confirma from the Philippines, professed, of the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters.



We invite all parishioners to celebrate St. Mary's Conferral of the sacrament of Confirmation,
on
**Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at
7:00pm**

Bishop Conley will be presiding with Fr. Walsh, Fr. Heaslip, Fr. Finn, Fr. Cooney, and Fr. Ekrich as concelebrants.

*I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.
~Phillipians 4:13*



CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

May 2-6

09:00 Resucito!
12:00 Todos Los Que Han Sido Bautizados
15:00 Pescador De Hombres
18:00 Un Solo Senor

WELCOME New Members

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

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

Knights of
Columbus



KNOW THE KNIGHTS

Congratulations to the following recipients of Knights of Columbus recognition for the month of April, 2022: Parishioner (POM) Bev Thompson, Family (FOM) Ron and Michele Votipka Family, and Knight (KOM) Bill Scheideler. Certificate presentations TBA.

With Mother's Day coming up, the Knights of Columbus Would like to say Thank you to all mother's for choosing life!! Our Altar Society and Knights of Columbus plan to once again provide carnations at Masses the weekend of Mother's Day with proceeds going to "Birthright" to support the Right to Life.

* Our next meeting is Tues., May 3rd. Chamber set-up 6:30 p.m. Rosary 6:45 p.m. and meeting begins at 7pm.



Congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. Clausen,
Married at St. Mary's on
April 23, 2022.

Be devoted to one another in Love. Honor one another above yourselves. ~Romans



COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRING MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL—Saturday May 7, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, with guest speaker Jen Brown - from Spirit Mornings on KVSS! Jen is delighted to share her spiritual journey with Our Lord in Praise of His Wonders and Works in her life! Forget to register? There's still time! By Tuesday, May 3, text 402.525.6396 with your reservation (or call and leave a message) then mail your \$25 check payable to Magnificat, (students \$15) c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. Be a friend and bring a friend!



Holy Hour Friday, May 6, 2022, at 7:15 pm will be held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. Singing will be led by the Cristo Rey Church 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 us for Blessed Sacrament's Table for Ten Endowment Night, Saturday, May 7th at 6 pm. This year's theme is *Game Show Gala*. Cocktails, dinner, silent auction and a "Family Feud" style game! All proceeds raised benefit the Blessed Sacrament School Endowment Fund. Visit <http://bidpal.net/tableforten2022> for more details and to purchase tickets.