

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 15, 2022

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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..... 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

## The New Christendom

Our Vision Planning Team has already accomplished several milestones: we gathered, hired John Ferrone's assistance, formulated a listening strategy, held town hall meetings, formulated our parish mission statement, conducted a parish-wide survey, and have met monthly since July of last year to listen, reflect, and articulate (with John's help), the voice of the Spirit speaking in our parish and among our members. We're moving forward in the drafting of a statement of vision: how we will accomplish our mission to worship, serve and build communion in Jesus Christ, with Mary, our Mother and guide.

An important insight "fell into our laps" recently, following a study day presentation to the diocesan priests in March, and reflective of Bishop Conley's message to us. He is encouraging us to understand our pastoral challenges today in a "new" paradigm. Specifically, Christendom is dead. We live in apostolic times, and apostolic ways are now the new norm for the mission of the Church and her parishes and ministries.

What is Christendom? George Weigel described it in this succinct sentence: "'Christendom' connotes a situation in which society's cultural codes and the manner of life they endorse help transmit 'the faith once delivered to the saints' (Jude 1:3)". It is the culture that feeds, supports and sustains the gospel message and the followers of Jesus to live well their faith in Jesus Christ.

Legal, economic and social structures reflect the truths of the gospel. It honors religious freedom, the integrity of the family, economic rules of fairness, purity of life and charity toward our neighbor. It is a way of life that seeks the tranquility of peace with one another and with God.

Today's culture no longer reflects this view. It is toxic, and in many ways disconnected from the gospel. Our culture is leading many into very dark places of sin, isolation, economic want, human suffering, and meaninglessness. This isn't news to any of us. It is the uncertainty, sadness, and conflict we experience every day upon arising and heading out the door for work. I am easily poisoned by the way of life before me. How can I remain spiritually safe today, and care for the ones I love? We are in post-Christendom times, and the spiritual battle is real.

This assessment of our culture explains the necessity of change in our pastoral strategies. If Christendom is dead, then pastoral efforts to maintain it are no longer the mode of operations anymore. We have entered apostolic times again, and apostolic times means the strategies and practices of the apostles. The mission is to go forth into the world, despite its resistance and even the suffering, ridicule and rejection this might mean. The mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ the Savior and the answer to every longing of the human heart, to invite people to share in His life.

One of the more important elements of apostolic strategy is listening to the Holy Spirit, and courageously stepping out under His guidance. We have done this from the beginning, by asking questions, by opening the dialogue and analysis to the entire parish, by patiently listening and praying, and finding meaning in the moment, in the little things like the Christendom and apostolic insight that fell into our laps and created the aha moment that confirmed we are on the right track.

St. Mary's is in a very unique situation, which is different from most other parishes. Since its founding, St. Mary's has operated under the vision and strategy of the Christendom Bishops, articulated in legal form by the Bishops at the Plenary Councils of Baltimore, the first in 1854 that decreed "bishops are exhorted to have a Catholic school in every parish and the teachers should be paid from the parochial funds." For a variety of reasons, this is no longer the pastoral strategy of St. Mary's. What replaces it? Where is our mission today? I believe the Holy Spirit is inviting us to "look around," beginning with the our presence in downtown Lincoln. Is this our mission field? What are our apostolic strategies that will build the *New Christendom* in St. Mary's parish?

God bless you.

*Fr. Walsh*

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday & Sunday, May 14/15

12:10 pm Anne MyLoc Tran  
 4:00 pm †Eunice Drell  
 8:00 am †Clarence Kaspari  
 10:00 am †Thomas Tinkham  
 12:30 pm People of The Parish  
 5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

## Monday, May 16

12:10 pm †Lee Miller  
 7:00 pm †Martha & Munro Furtwangler

## Tuesday, May 17

12:10 pm †Jane Wooten  
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

## Wednesday, May 18

12:10 pm Josie Lopez & Family  
 7:00 pm †Gerald Dawson

## Thursday, May 19

12:10 pm †Kevin Grauer  
 7:00 pm †Maria Andrade Chavez

## Friday, May 20

12:10 pm †Jonathan Rowe  
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory



## CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, May 16

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

### Saturday, May 21

11:30 am FoodNet



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 21/22

### 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, Ron Grose  
 Reader Melinda Pearson

### Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Marv Ward  
 Reader Kathy Johnson

### Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Tim King  
 Reader Mike Kluck

### Sunday, EME

Randy Ksionzek



## MAY 1

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,685.00
Loose Plate	\$2,779.00
<u>Faith Direct</u>	<u>\$15,256.27</u>
Collection Total	\$22,720.27



## Parish eGiving—Sign up Today!

Enroll online at [faith.direct/NE1128](http://faith.direct/NE1128)

or

Text "Enroll" to 402-226-1026

or

Use the QR code for easy donating!



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



### ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA MAY 16

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that

St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore
- Monday:** NA
- Tuesday:** NA
- Wednesday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:** NA
- Friday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Who is the first native-born United States citizen to be canonized?

**Answer:** Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821)



## BAPTISMAL BIB

**Question:**

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

**Answer:**

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

# SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS

## CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

May 16-20

09:00 Amazing Grace  
12:00 Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above  
15:00 Immaculate Mary  
18:00 Salve Regina

## Pray for Our Seminarians

Please pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood.

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

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



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!

The Saint Mary's Altar Society is offering a 5-week study, **A Biblical Walk Through The Mass** from Ascension Press. The study explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy. On-line access is \$24.95, the online access with book and workbook is \$26.95. The participation can determine which bundle to get. The class will start after the 12:30 Sunday mass on July 24, July 31st, Aug 7th, Aug 14th and Aug 21 To learn more about this exciting opportunity please contact Rachel Trevizo at 402-613-9838.

## 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



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



### ST. MARY HISTORY 101

In June 1962, a major remodel was started. The original altars were removed and the new altar was redesigned to allow the priest to face the congregation during Mass. Renovation of the sanctuary and rear wall of the nave increased the seating by almost 100. The original pews were replaced, vinyl flooring was installed, and a gold tiled baldacchino, (a canopy over the altar) was installed. At the same time, the church was re-carpeted, pews refinished, new vinyl was installed under the pews and the main aisle was tiled. A gold crucifix which had hung behind the altar was removed and replaced with the large one that remains today.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Social Services is co-hosting the opportunity LNK Community & Career Expo, Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 3-7pm at CSS 2241 O Street. Meet with Lincoln companies that are hiring now! Enjoy free food and community connections.



The Chancery has an immediate opening for a Director of Communications. The Director of Communications strategically plans and coordinates the communication of events, news, and initiatives among the people of the Diocese of Lincoln. This position coordinates the external and internal communications of the Diocese through print, digital and social media, podcasts, web, press, and TV/radio. Salary commensurate with experience. To apply please send resume, cover letter and two writing examples (concise press release and full length story) to Marsha Bartek [marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org)

Ignatian Prayer: Inviting women who are interested in prayer to attend an information meeting on Ignatian Prayer on Monday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room, St. Joseph Parish. For more information, please call Sue Kirkpatrick, 402/440-7175.



Lord Teach Me to Pray series this summer at St. Joseph's - Inviting women who are interested in prayer to attend an Information Meeting on Ignatian Prayer on Monday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room, St. Joseph's Parish. For more information, please call Sue Kirkpatrick, 402/440-7175.



Intercessory Rosary Prayer Group. All women are invited to join the new Intercessory Rosary Prayer group to pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 2pm in the Cathedral Church. Contact Erin at [ecaudill7@gmail.com](mailto:ecaudill7@gmail.com) or at 402-770-2392.