

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 17, 2022



Frederick Carl Frieseke, *Lady in the Garden*, 1912. Oil on canvas.  
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# Saint Mary Catholic Church

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14th & K Street

Rectory: 1420 "K" Street

Lincoln, NE 68508

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## Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday | 8:30am-5:00pm

Saturday & Sunday | by appointment only

## Parish Social Media:

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stmarylincoln](http://www.facebook.com/stmarylincoln)

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXTequddVlsGnfoH5KLLsSA>

## Parish Staff & Committees:

Pastor ..... Fr. Joseph Walsh

In Residence ..... Fr. Joseph Finn,

..... 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

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:

"Come to me..." Jesus invites, "and I will give you rest." The church is open for personal prayer and adoration during the week, between 8am and 8pm.

*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

## **Teresa's Departure**

Teresa Macias' final day of work with us is July 20. We wish her the very best, and thank her for her work with the parish during the past 7 years.

Currently, as I write this article, we have not hired her replacement. We are recruiting, and God willing, we will be able to manage the hire and the transition of a new secretary for the parish. I have adjusted the job description to reflect a more secretarial role, (removing the financial accounting piece from the job) and am willing to negotiate hours and days of work. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, kindly contact me (Fr. Walsh). Thank you.

## **Finance Council Meeting**

The Parish Finance Council will meet on Monday, July 18 at 7pm in the downstairs "kindergarten room." We will review the financial activity of the parish during the past fiscal year, and begin to address ideas for making our 2022-2023 budget work. A full report of our financial performance for last year will be published in an up-coming bulletin.

## **Other Meetings This Week**

Travis Barrett and representatives of the parish Restoration Committee will meet with the Diocesan Building Commission on Monday, July 18 to review construction documents for our West Side Improvement Project.

The Visioning Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 19 at 7pm. John

Ferrone will supply us a summary report of the information he collected from our focus groups. This information will help us finalize our vision and position us to begin our work.

## **Father Walsh's Vacation Plans**

I will be traveling to Lander, Wyoming on vacation, beginning July 25 and returning the following Monday (August 1). Our vacation group includes Monsignors Fucinaro and Tucker, and Fathers Morin, Brethour, Stoley (Larry) and myself. Should be a good group, and lots of fun. You might wonder, what is in Lander that has drawn our interest? A few things. An airbnb that looked nice and was in our price range. Wyoming, where we've never vacationed before. And, a destination of slightly greater prestige than last year's vacation in Topeka, Kansas! The bar isn't too high. Just a get away with friends in a relaxing place. Hope it works for us all.

## **Half Way Through the Summer**

We're in the final weeks of July. Anyone think the summer has gone fast? My biggest concern is our church cooling system, which last week performed well. I was sitting in the courtyard between the church and rectory last Sunday morning, before the 8am Mass, wondering whether the system would turn on in time to cool the church for the early Mass. About 7:15am the cooling towers on the garage kicked in. "That a girl," I remarked out loud. I

don't think anyone heard me. It sure was a good feeling.

Last week, a new dimension was added to our care for the building. Alan Pendleton recalled that there are louvers that open on the East tower that help bring fresh air into the church and a vent in the cupola that discharges hot air through the ceiling. He opened these components and we hope this helps. It should reduce the "stress" on the mechanical system's effort to bring fresh air in and get the hot air out. Of course, we'll need to control some of the hot air off the pulpit if we really want things to cool down in the church!

Actually, I think the weather has been pretty nice this summer. Lots of rain. Temperatures mostly below 100, sometimes some cool nights and pleasant mornings. And a provident God who gives all these good things to us. We're often tempted to see life as burdensome. And there are burdens, more for some than others. But that isn't all to life. Blessings surround us, in the kindness of others, the hamburgers that came out just right off the grill, a slight dip in gas prices, the sturdiness and functionality of so many things around us that make life better. Recalling these things is not just a trick to help us feel better. It's acknowledging that we are loved by the Lord. Thanks be to God!

*Fr. Walsh*

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday & Sunday, July 16/17

12:10 pm †Lee Miller  
 4:00 pm †Betty Lou Roggenkamp  
 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am †Dianne Effle  
 12:30 pm †Jane Wooten  
 5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

## Monday, July 18

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory  
 7:00 pm †Gerald Dawson

## Tuesday, July 19

12:10 pm David Kadavy  
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

## Wednesday, July 20

12:10 pm Joachim Trong Nguyen  
 7:00 pm John Dylan Lightfoot

## Thursday, July 21

12:00 pm Souls in Purgatory  
 7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

## Friday, July 22

12:10 pm Josiah Miller  
 7:00 pm †Christy Fellows, †Mary Sand  
 and Paul Sand



## CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, July 18

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting  
 6:30 pm Pro-Life Rosary  
 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

### Tuesday, July 19

7:00 pm Visioning Meeting

### Saturday, July 23

11:30 am FoodNet

### Sunday, July 24

1:30 pm Bible Study "The Mass"

*\* Please note that the Rectory will be closed  
 July 25-August 2.*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 23/24

### Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte Ryan Regnier  
 Reader Melinda Pearson

### Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Bill Green  
 Reader Steve Daly

### Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Luis Fernandez, Chris Hanzl  
 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

Al Allen



# Parish Support

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JULY 10

Weekly Envelopes	\$2,726.00
Loose Plate	\$2,167.00
Faith Direct	\$5,877.37
Collection Total	\$10,770.37



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
- Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



## WEDDINGS

### Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

### Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Tuesday:** NA
- Wednesday:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Mary Magdalene
- Saturday:** St. Bridget, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

## ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN | JULY 23

Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12<sup>th</sup> century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370.

Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

# SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS

## 🔔 CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE 🔔

JULY 18-22

- 08:55 Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- 11:55 Gift of Finest Wheat
- 14:55 God Be With You
- 17:55 Let There Be Peace on Earth



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Ernie Polivka, Alice Gyhra, Zerita Hendricks, Ray Navratil, Ida Gomes, Richard Fischer, Chuck Kehr, Duane Thoene, Special Intention

## Pray for Our Seminarians

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

Pray for **Sr. Josephine of the Heart of Jesus** from Hopkins, MN, Jr. Professed Novice, of the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Pray for **Sr. Mary Martha of the Holy Eucharist**, from Redwood Falls, MN, Jr. Professed Novice, of the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



Congratulations to **Jordan Sorge and Maggie Meyers**, married at St. Mary's on July 9, 2022.



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



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 on-line access with book and workbook is \$26.95. The participation can determine which bundle to get. The class will start after the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass on July 24, July 31, Aug 7, Aug 14 and Aug 21. To learn more about this exciting opportunity please contact Rachel Trevizo at 402-613-9838.

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Who is the patron saint of altar servers?

**Answer:** Saint John Berchmans



A belated **Happy Birthday** to our choir director, Jane Plettner, who celebrated her special day on July 13.



Lost Rosary. If you've seen or know the whereabouts of a red bead Rosary, in a white case, lost at St. Mary's sometime in April, kindly call the rectory at 402-435-2125 and help us return it to its owner. Thank You!

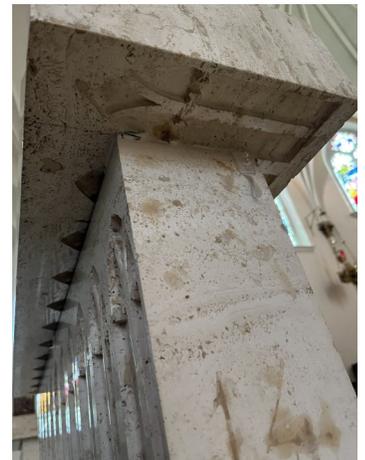


**Volunteering at Foodnet:** We are very grateful for the current Foodnet volunteers! New volunteers are always welcome to join the Foodnet team. The amount of time per Saturday and the frequency of volunteering is very flexible. The various duties include picking up donated food, carrying in food donations, 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.



## CHURCH HISTORY

The three communion rails that stand today are interesting in that the top of the rail has carving on the underside. Basically, the top piece is the same as the bottom piece, but flipped on its side. At one time this was a complete communion rail the width of the sanctuary.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**St. Teresa's School** is seeking an Educational Consultant – Applicants for this position work with families and faculty/staff to provide for any needs of the students in our school. Experience in schools and working with families is a high priority for this position. Please send resumes or inquiries to [TSEL-AA@cdolinc.net](mailto:TSEL-AA@cdolinc.net).

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 IN PORTUGAL!** Our diocesan trip is ready to take registrations! The trip will be from July 24 - August 9, 2023, and includes a side trip to Fatima. For more information: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/world-youth-day>.

**Runborn**, A pro-life mission to support women in crisis and unborn babies. Catholic athlete Steve Sousek and a team of people will be completing 262 miles of running and biking through Nebraska on July 22 & 23 to raise money for St. Gianna Women's Homes and the Women's Care Center of Lincoln. See the map route, donate, and learn more at [runborn.org](http://runborn.org).

**Spirit Catholic Radio** invites you to hear [Catholic Answers](#) Senior Apologist, **Tim Staples**, speak on  "The Eucharist in the Fathers of the Church" at Pius X High School (Gymnasium) on Thursday, July 28, at 7pm. Tim Staples will take you through some of the key heresies of the Patristic period that would ultimately serve to clarify the truth of the Eucharist as well as give the Church a foundation for the great Eucharistic disputes of the Middle Ages. Tickets are \$5, or bring your friends and reserve 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com)



Dwight Assumption Annual Parish Czech Dinner, Sunday, July 24, 2022, Serving 10:30-2:00 at Assumption Parish Hall in Dwight, NE. Serving Roast Pork, Dumplings & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Cucumbers, Rolls, Desserts. Raffles, Country Store, Cake Walk, Music, Czech Music, Mass at 10am.