

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"



Harmenszoon van Rijn Rembrandt,
Parable of the Rich Man, 1627.
Oil on oak. Staatliche Museen, Berlin, Germany.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 31, 2022

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:

Tuesday-Thursday | 8:30am-4:00pm
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Parish Social Media:

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Facebook: 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 DeLynn Ellis
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

Report on the Finance Council Meeting

The Finance Council met on July 18, 2022. We reviewed the 2021-2022 financial performance of the parish and discussed the budget for the coming year.

Our financial performance for 2021-2022 resulted in an operational loss of \$33,122. Expenses were \$14,000 less than anticipated, but the adult envelope collection was less than our budgeted projection. However, parishioners and others who support our efforts donated \$493,952 to our restoration start-up fund and to the West Side Improvement Project. So, a year of praiseworthy generosity in our parish. Thank you all for your goodness. We were blessed by you and the Lord. A full report of these numbers will be supplied to the parish in an upcoming bulletin.

Several suggestions were made by the Council regarding the 2022-2023 budget. We will project revenue for the coming year at the same aggregate level as last year. Though the budget calls for no cook on staff, arrangements will be made to provide for the food needs of the priests from outside sources. The secretarial position has been reduced to part-time. Father Walsh will look into a major fundraising event for the parish, working the idea through the new leadership structure that will begin operating in the parish in September. The 2022-2023 budget is due to the Chancery on August 31.

Meeting with the Diocesan Building Commission

Travis Barrett, our architect, Ted Czerniak, the chair of our Restoration Committee and myself met with the Diocesan Building Commission on July 18, 2022. Travis presented the construction documents for the West Side Improvement Project and answered questions from the Commission. Monsignor Perkinson said that the Commission will approve our proposal. I was instructed to submit the building project financial report to Tracy Lockwood, the diocesan CFO and to write the letter to Bishop Conley, requesting a corporate resolution be issued to give permission for us to launch the project. These steps have been taken, and we await the corporate resolution that will give final approval to begin the project. Hooray!

Report on the Meeting with Bishop Conley and Fr. Fulton

On July 19, 2022 I met with Bishop Conley and Fr. Fulton to review the vision process of our parish. I shared with them the steps we have taken and the next phase of our work, the development of the leadership council to direct the vision. Bishop Conley and Fr. Fulton complimented our efforts to date and look forward to seeing the vision unfold for our parish in the months ahead.

Vision Committee Meeting

The Vision Committee met with John Ferrone on July 19, 2022 and we reviewed with him the key insights and recommendations that arose from the focus group. In total,

40 focus groups were offered, 39 people in the parish participated in the focus groups, 622 comments were generated. John said that all of the comments were positive, and nearly all of the participants showed interest in being involved in the work ahead. John will create a narrative of the vision statement, and we will finalize the vision at our August 9 meeting. Fr. Walsh will recruit the chairs for each component of the vision which will make up the Leadership Council and announce their appointment at the August meeting. This structure will replace the parish council (though all members of the previous council are invited to be part of the new structure) and the new structure will become operational at our September meeting.

We are approaching the one year anniversary of this work. Our first meeting was on July 27, 2021. Since then, we have met monthly, formulated the mission statement, vetted it in 3 town hall meetings, surveyed the parish and received 141 responses, and conducted 40 focus groups, generating 622 insights. We have a wealth of information, an engaged nucleus of people desiring to participate and a clear sense of what the Spirit desires of us in the days ahead. Thank you all who have helped us reach this milestone and positioned us for the beautiful days ahead for St. Mary's Catholic Church!

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, July 30/31

12:10 pm John and Ann Canning
 4:00 pm Teresa Macias
 8:00 am †Vincent and Carmen Delgado
 10:00 am †Doris and Ernie Shonka
 12:30 pm People of the Parish
 5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Monday, August 1

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 pm Alice Bauer

Tuesday, August 2

12:10 pm †Josephine Mildenerger
 7:00 pm Teresa Van Nguyen

Wednesday, August 3

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 pm Fr. Hilary Khanh Nguyen

Thursday, August 4

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

Friday, August 5

12:10 pm †Jill Menard
 7:00 pm Michael and Marilyn Dowd



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 31

1:30 pm Bible Study "The Mass"

Monday, August 1

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

Tuesday, August 2

4:30 pm Altar Society
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Saturday, August 6

11:30 am FoodNet

Sunday, August 7

1:30 pm Bible Study "The Mass"

* Note that the Rectory will be closed August 1.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 6/7

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
 Kevin Aylward
 Reader Mike Neuman

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Marv Ward
 Reader Kathy Johnson

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Tim King
 Reader Pat Walbrecht

Sunday, EME



Parish Support

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JULY 24

Weekly Envelopes	\$1,311.00
Loose Plate	\$2,685.78
Faith Direct	<u>\$4,746.16</u>
Collection Total	<u>\$8,742.94</u>



Parish eGiving—Sign up Today!

Enroll online at faith.direct/NE1128

or

Text "Enroll" to 402-226-1026

or

Use the QR code for easy donating!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- Next Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

DAILY FAITH

Question:

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

Answer:

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Monday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Wednesday:** NA
- Thursday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Friday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Saturday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI | AUGUST 1

Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726 and traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there. He was a brilliant preacher and was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages. In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post due to his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest. He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS

CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 1-5

- 08:55 Abide With Me
- 11:55 One Bread, One Body
- 14:55 Jesus, Savior, Come To Me
- 17:55 Lift Every Voice and Sing



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



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

Pray for Our Seminarians

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

Pray for **Sr. John Marion** from Kearney, NE, 1st Vows, of the School Sisters of Christ the King.

Pray for **Sr. Megan Therese**, from Elkhorn, NE, Jr. Sister, of the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.



Congratulations to
Jacob Rickert & Shelby Leif,
Married at St. Mary's on
July 23, 2022.



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



Foodnet
Tummy fill, not landfill

Please keep St. Mary's Foodnet endeavors in your prayers. The prayer we most often offer for our work is titled "For Peace" and authored by St. John Paul II:

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you from wars, hatred and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established. Amen.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What language did Jesus and the apostles probably speak?

Answer: Aramaic

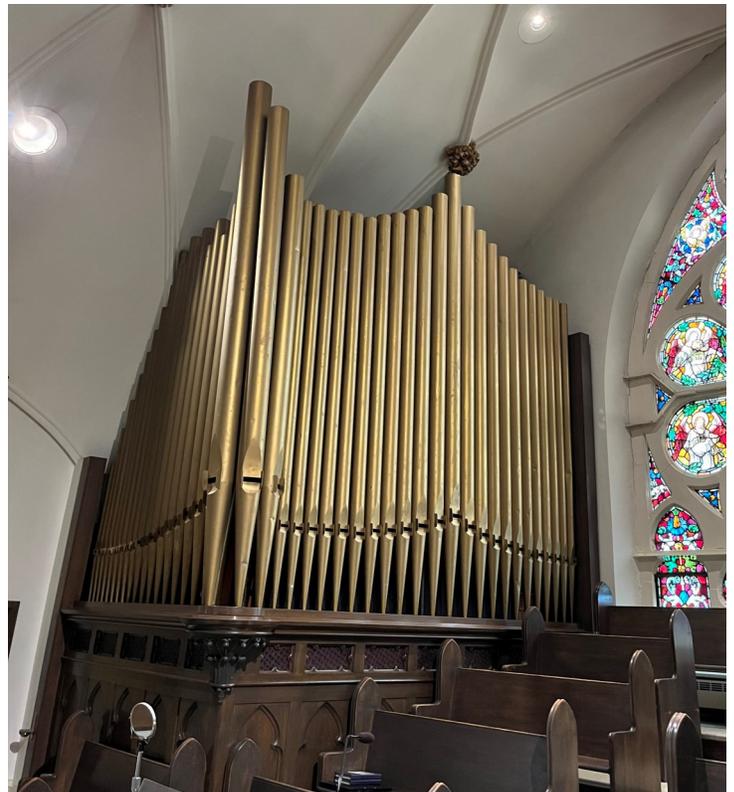


The Saint Mary's Altar Society is offering a 5-week study, **A Biblical Walk Through The Mass**, from Ascension Press. The study explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy. On-line access is \$24.95, the on-line access with book and workbook is \$26.95. The participant can determine which bundle to purchase. The class started on July 24 and continues on July 31, August 7, 14 and 21, starting after the 12:30 pm Mass. Feel free to contact Rachel Trevizo at 402-613-9838 with any questions.



CHURCH HISTORY

Did you know the gold organ pipes that are visible in the choir loft are "decoration" only? The soft lead pipes that actually comprise the organ are hidden behind these gold pipes. The motor that powers the organ appears to be the original with, as expected, numerous repairs made since then.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD DRIVE/WALK TO END HUNGER

Please join Bishop Conley, Lt. Governor Mike Foley and Catholic Social Services Executive Director Katie Patrick for our 2nd Annual Food Drive/Walk to End Hunger at the Pius X Track/Football Stadium on Sunday, August 7, from 5-8 pm by the Knights of Columbus Council 13576 and BetterLife. There will be a food collection drive thru to drop off donated food and monetary donations. You can also walk around the track to raise awareness for the poor and hungry. Refreshments will be provided for free to those who donate, walk or volunteer. Bring the whole family as there will be activities for kids as well. All food and monetary donations will go directly to the Catholic Social Services Food Market.

See Register for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hosek at 402-570-9294 or if you would like to donate online, please visit:

bit.ly/walk426-13576.

St. Michael School is seeking a part-time preschool para. The hours are 7:45-11:45 am, Monday-Friday. Contact Ashley Rockey at ashley-rockey@cdolinc.net if you are interested.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 IN PORTUGAL! Register now for our diocesan trip which will be from July 24 - Aug 9, 2023 (includes a side trip to Fatima). For more information: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/world-youth-day>

Roast Beef Dinner—Join the Plasi Parishioners on Sunday, Aug 28, from 11 am - 2 pm in the Prague Parish Hall for a FULL self-serve roast beef dinner with sides, including kolaches! Try your hand at our bake/gift walk and \$1,000 raffle! Baked goods will be available for purchase and a variety of unique items will be available for bid at our auction. Meal prices are: \$15 for adults, \$6 for children (5-10 years), and preschoolers are free. You can dine in, drive thru or take out!