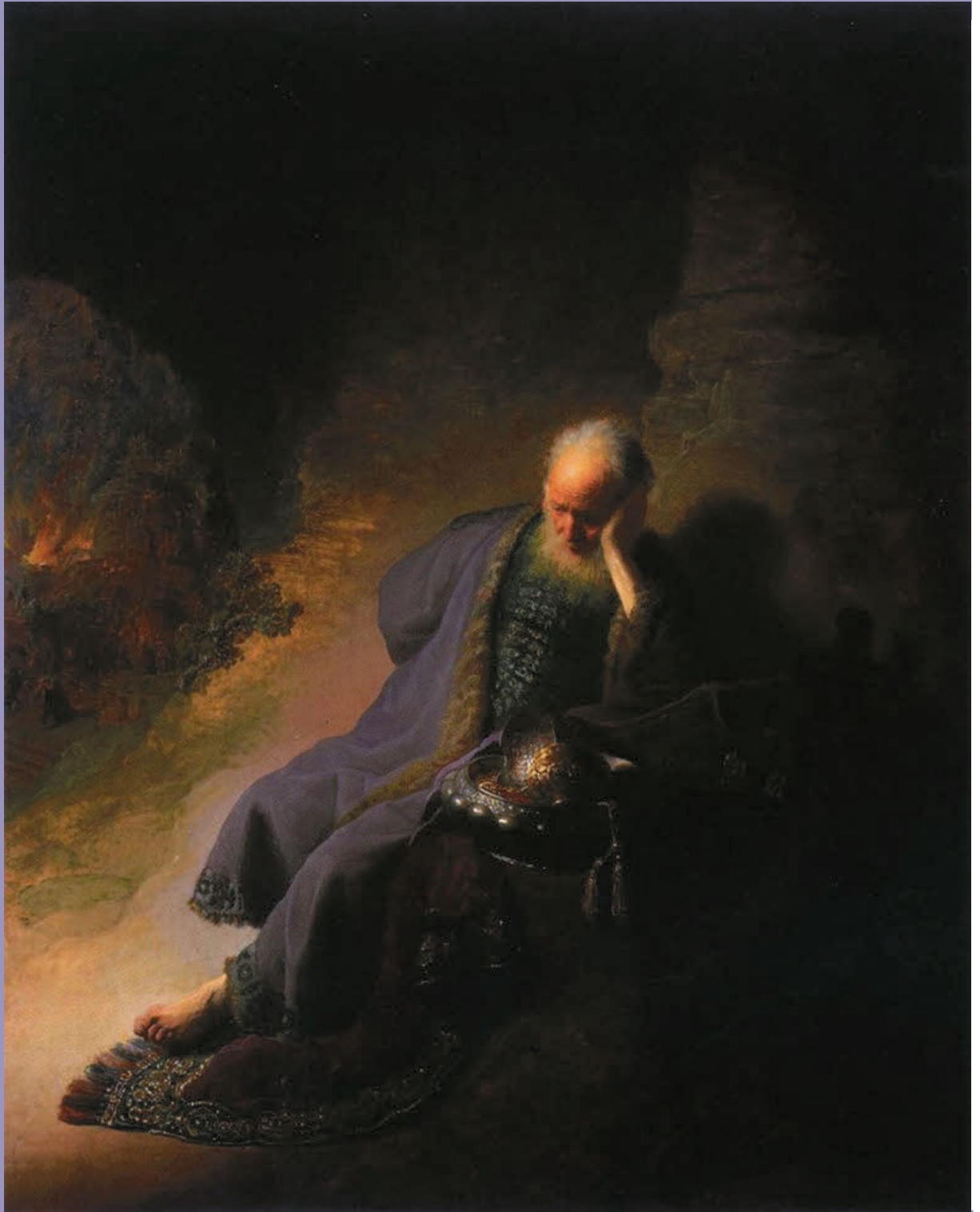


# Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
August 14, 2022



Rembrandt, Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem, 1630.  
Oil on panel. Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

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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

## A Jeremiah Reflection

The great prophet Jeremiah is presented to us in this weekend's readings, and the suffering he endured at the hands of Zedekiah, the vassal king of Judah, probably around the year 587 BC. During this time, the Babylonians were besieging the city of Jerusalem, and Jeremiah advised a conciliatory response to the Babylonians as opposed to armed revolt. He was thrown into prison for his efforts, and thus the story we heard in our first reading.

Jeremiah was born around 650BC in a small town about three miles outside of Jerusalem. His prophetic role emerged during the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah, who ruled Judah from 640 BC to 609 BC. Josiah is credited with introducing major religious reform in Judah, particularly the removal of worship of gods other than Yahweh from official worship in the land.

I would like to reflect on a passage from the 18th chapter of the Book of Jeremiah, an experience that likely occurred during the hopeful period of Josiah's reform, prior to 609BC. The text reads:

*This word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: Arise and go down to the potter's house; there you will hear my word. I went down to the potter's house and there he was, working at the wheel. Whenever the*

*vessel of clay he was making turned out badly in his hand, he tried again, making another vessel of whatever sort he pleased. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do to you, house of Israel, as this potter has done? Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel (Jer. 18: 1-6).*

Overall, this message from the Lord is assuring Jeremiah that the future of Israel is in the Lord's hands. This spiritual experience would have given Jeremiah courage: the Lord, who is all powerful, is at work. God can remake Israel. What is happening with Josiah's reform is likely a slow and painful process for Jeremiah. And yet, Yahweh is the potter, shaping the clay of Israel into a beautiful creation.

I think this story can be helpful to us at a personal and communal level. On a personal level, we can see ourselves as clay in the hands of the Lord. Sometimes our life becomes misshapen, and the Potter (that is, the Lord) gently remakes it, providing we are docile to His work in us, provided we lean into His hands and allow Him to re-form us. It is a beautiful meditation to think of those hands, gently touching us, strong and firm, ridding us of the imperfections and marks of time and sin, restoring our strength, our form, our beauty as a child of God. The message on a personal level is to

feel those hands, to lean into them, to cooperate with the healing and conversion that Lord is offering us.

On a communal level, we think of our parish, of the "little flock of Christ" that is St. Mary's. We are being re-formed by the hand of the Lord into the house of the Lord in downtown Lincoln. The parish has changed. Downtown Lincoln is changing. But God has not abandoned us. God is very present here and has a purpose and plan for our lives and the lives of those who live in this area and who come to His house on 14th and K Street.

Like Jeremiah, we don't know precisely what He has in mind for us or what this will look like in 3 years, or 5 years, or 25 years. At this point, we see ourselves best as clay in the hand of the Potter, willing to allow Him to form us into the community He desires, that we might undertake the mission He entrusts to us in downtown Lincoln. Like Jeremiah, the question of the Lord is posed to us: Can I not do to you, house of Israel (or house of St. Mary) as this potter has done? Our answer is Yes. Let it be done to us according to your word.

God bless you,

Fr. Walsh

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday & Sunday, August 13/14

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory  
 4:00 pm Mark Kilts  
 8:00 am †Juan Maestas  
 10:00 am People of the Parish  
 12:30 pm Van Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Tu Nam

## Monday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 pm †Doris Rowe  
 7:00 pm †Doris & Ernie Shonka

## Tuesday, August 16

12:10 pm †Lee Miller  
 7:00 pm Deceased Members of Nguyen Family

## Wednesday, August 17

12:10 pm Nathan Munguia  
 7:00 pm †Jane Wooten

## Thursday, August 18

12:00 pm Kelly and Greg Curley  
 7:00 pm †Gerald Dawson

## Friday, August 18

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory  
 7:00 pm †Tu Nam

## CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, August 14

1:30 pm Bible Study "The Mass"

### Monday, August 15

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

### Saturday, August 20

11:30 am FoodNet

### Sunday, August 21

1:30 pm Bible Study "The Mass"

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 20/21

### Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte John Franssen  
 Reader Melinda Pearson

### Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Alan Pendleton  
 Reader Jessica Pendleton

### Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Ryan Regnier  
 Ron Grose  
 Reader Mike Neuman

### Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Marv Ward  
 Reader Kathy Johnson

### Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Tim King  
 Reader Mike Kluck

### Sunday, EME

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK : August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

For the week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

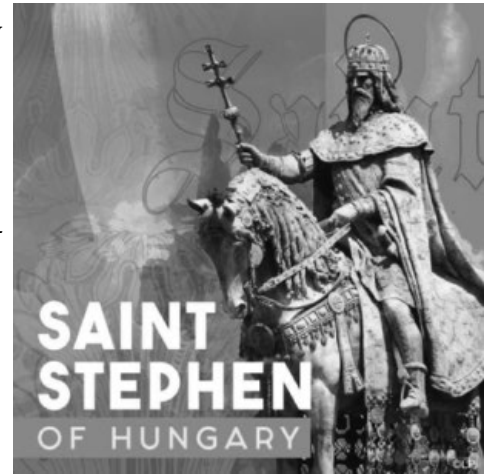
Friday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Saturday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church



### St. Stephen of Hungary, August 16

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who



would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood. King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

# SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS

## CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 15-19

08:55 Ave Maria, Bright And Pure  
11:55 Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above  
14:55 Immaculate Mary  
17:55 Salve Regina



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

## Pray for Our Seminarians

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

Pray for **Sr. Joy Le** from Lincoln, NE, Jr. Sister, of the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Pray for **Sr. Faustina**, from Shenandoah, IA, Jr. Sister of the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.



## Foodnet

Tummy fill, not landfill

### FOODNET AT ST. MARY'S AND VOLUNTEERING

Another prayer we offer for our Foodnet endeavor is titled "Trust in God" and authored by St. Teresa of Avila: May nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass; God does not leave. Patient endurance attains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone is enough. Amen. 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. If you have questions or are interested in joining the Foodnet team, please contact Kathy Johnson at 402-617-4556.

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What is another name for monastery?

Answer: Abby



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. Classes will continue August 14 and 21, starting after the 12:30 pm Mass. Feel free to contact Rachel Trevizo at 402-613-9838 with any questions.

### St. Mary Church History:

As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, let's notice her significance in one of our church's stained glass windows. The Assumption window, resides on the west side of the church. See the Apostles gathered around her tomb and the flowers that they find that signify her ascension into heaven.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Good Counsel Retreat House

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies will host a 24-hour scriptural retreat, "Following the Way: A Biblical Retreat on Discipleship" Aug. 19-20 at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Register at 402-786-2705.

[www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org)

Email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) Aug. 26-28, 2022

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Fr. Gary Coulter

Sept. 8-11, 2022 Work of the Holy Angels with Opus



## Roast Beef Dinner

Join the **Plasi** Parishioners on Sunday, Aug 28, from 11 am - 2 pm, at the Prague Parish Hall for a FULL self-serve roast beef dinner! Try your hand at our bake/gift walk and \$1,000 raffle! Baked goods 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.

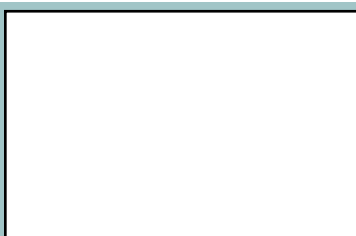
## St. Mary's Knights Receive Top Award!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #9704 received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

Annual activities your St. Mary's Knights sponsor include a spaghetti feed, Valentine's Day pancake breakfast and summer bbq. A highlight, this year, was the generous donations collected for the "Solidarity for Ukraine" program sponsored by the K of C Supreme Council. More than \$10,000 was collected from the St. Mary's community. For information on joining the Knights, contact Grand Knight John Franssen, Programs Director/Deputy Grand Knight Ron Votipka, or a council officer.

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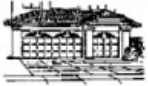
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