

Saint Mary Catholic Church

"The Old Cathedral"

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022



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Saint Mary Catholic Church

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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 & Committee Chairs

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..... Margaret 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 proclaim Jesus Christ, with the help of our Blessed Mother.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

End of Year Contribution Statements

With the help of Teresa Macias, we will issue an end-of-year contribution statement to each parish household. We hope to have this in your hands by the end of January, 2022. I look forward to completing this project and thanking you for your support to the parish during the past year.

Christmas Decorations

Thank you again to the helpers who decorated the church this Christmas and to all who assisted on January 9 to remove the decorations and return them to storage. The church was beautifully decorated, and it was hard to bring the Christmas season to a close. I thought of the many people who visited our church during the past three weeks and were consoled and inspired by these decorations. We do not know the number of hearts touched or prayers inspired by the beauty of our church. God does. He is caring for each soul. Thank you again, kind volunteers. God reward you love.

Poinsettias

If you donated money for the purchase of poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas, you are invited to take your donation home, if you desire.

Restoration Committee Meeting

The Restoration Committee will meet on Monday, January 17 at 7:45pm in the classroom beneath the rectory.

Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council will have its quarterly meeting on Tues-

day, January 18 at 7pm in the classroom beneath the rectory. We will review the financial activities of the parish for the first two quarters of our fiscal year.

Some Progress on one of the Projects.

Our restoration committee submitted a proposal in December to the District Energy Corporation (DEC) to request a study on the feasibility of St. Mary's linking into the heating and cooling systems of the DEC—the source for the capitol and other government buildings in the area. We wanted to explore this possibility since the restoration work will require a new HVAC system for the church. The DEC cannot provide the cost for this study, so our group has authorized the requested amount for the study, \$7,885. Our request for the study will go before the Board of the DEC this week, and if permission is granted, the study will commence and should be completed in about 3 months. Ever-Green Energy from St. Paul Minnesota is the company that will undertake the feasibility study.

Pro-Life Mass

The parish will host the Nebraska Catholic Conference Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, January 29 at 9am. Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island will be the principal celebrant. Fr. Justin Fulton, Vicar General for the Diocese of Lincoln is the homilist. Seminarians are helping with ushering and music. Newman Center students are serving as acolytes, reader and servers. It will be a beautiful Mass. The Pro-Life

March for Life will follow at 10am. Please be part of this important spiritual and social work of mercy on Saturday, January 29.

Town Hall Meetings

One of the features of the Town Hall Meetings will be break-out groups for discussion on the key concepts of the mission statement. In my past, small discussion groups of parishioners has proved to be a powerful bonding tool. We meet new people, or perhaps meet someone we know in a much more personal way. I'll never forget an exercise I was involved in in Hastings when we broke out into small groups and roll played a suicide intervention technique. I had to ask a young mom next to me if she was thinking about killing herself. I couldn't say the words. I was too embarrassed, and thought too highly of her. And we laughed at ourselves, because Macho Man was really a wimp when it came to this. And the result was that she got to know a little bit about me, and could understand me a bit better, and our friendship deepened. One of the truths about the Catholic community is that we really do care for one another. We'd like to know one another better. We'd like others to know us better too. We are important. We have something to share. Come to the Town Hall Meeting. It will change your life!

Fr. Walsh

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, January 15/16

12:10 pm Anna†
 4:00 pm Sam Donovan
 8:00 am Malinda Ratzlaff†
 10:00 am James & Carol Anadale & Family
 12:30 pm Lee Miller†
 5:00 pm People of The Parish

Monday, January 17

12:10 pm Jane Wootent†
 7:00 pm Denise, Scott, and Family

Tuesday, January 18

12:10 pm Makeena Hughes
 7:00 pm Gerald Dawson†

Wednesday, January 19

12:10 pm Teresat†
 7:00 pm Scott Donovan†

Thursday, January 20

12:10 pm Joanne Shelton
 7:00 pm Denise, Scott, and Family

Friday, January 21

12:10 pm Joachim Nguyent†
 7:00 pm Alphonsus Tu Nam†



CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 17

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting
 6:30 pm Pro-Life Rosary
 7:45 pm Restoration Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 pm Finance Council Quarterly Mtg.

Wednesday, January 19

4:15 pm CCD

Saturday, January 22

11:30 am FoodNet

Sunday, January 23

11:00 am Town Hall Meeting

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 22/23

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
 Acolyte Chris Hanzl
 Reader Bernice Polivka

Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Paul Edwards
 Reader Kadi Lukesh

Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Al Allen
 Reader Bev Thompson

Sunday, EME

Marv Ward



JANUARY 2

Weekly Envelopes	\$4,923.00
Loose Plate	\$1,701.03
Faith Direct	\$5,516.82
Collection Total	\$12,140.85



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ernie & Bernice Polivka, Alice Gyhra,
Zerita Hendricks, Ray Navratil, Ida
Gomes, Richard Fischer



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Wednesday:** NA
- Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne



CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 17-21

- 09:00 How Great Thou Art
- 12:00 Amazing Grace
- 15:00 Done Made My Vow To The Lord
- 18:00 Abide With Me



ST. SEBASTIAN | JANUARY 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH NEWS



What to Expect at the Town Hall Meeting

Hopefully you're planning to attend one of the Town Hall meetings to learn about the process for discerning our parish Vision and how to participate in that process:

Sunday, January 23rd following 10am Mass, in Flynn Hall. Refreshments provided. On-site babysitting in the Legion Room available with advanced notice.

Thursday, January 27th noon brown-bag lunch session, in Flynn Hall. Bring your own lunch; beverages and dessert provided.

Thursday, January 27th, 7 p.m., in Flynn Hall. Refreshments provided. On-site baby-sitting in the Legion Room available with advanced notice.

To request babysitting, please email the rectory at stmarylincoln@gmail.com by Sunday, January 16.

At the Town Hall, the Planning Team will share a short presentation about how this initiative began and the initial insights that a group of 30+ parishioners shared when Father Walsh invited them to think about the future. We will also share the a breakdown of the draft Mission, meaning that we will take each of the words in the draft Mission statement, and we'll add definition and meaning to them. We are excited to share that with you, because you'll see just how powerful this draft Mission statement is! We will then explain the process for discerning the Vision for our future, as well as what we'll need to do to prepare to actually pursue that Vision.

The best part of the Town Hall meeting, though (besides the home-baked goodies and refreshments), will be the opportunity for parishioners to break into small groups and discuss some key questions with each other. We will then "report out" to the bigger group and get a feel for what's on the minds and in the hearts of our parishioners. This Town Hall will kick off the process by which parishioners will be engaged to generate ideas about the future of our beloved St Mary's parish. We really hope you plan to attend.

For now, think about the following questions and let them percolate in your mind as you pray about what God is calling our parish to do.

1. Who is our community? Do we have more than one community? If so, who are they?
2. What role should we play in our community(ies)?
3. What does it look like for us as a parish to worship, serve, and proclaim Jesus Christ?
4. How does our parish invite and support us and others to worship, serve, and proclaim Jesus Christ?
5. How will we show that we are inviting the help of our Blessed Mother?

In 5 years, what will our parishioners be pleased with about our parish, and what will visitors and community members say about our parish?

See you at the Town Hall!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Free Throw Contest for children ages 9-14 years old on Sunday, January 16th, at 1:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament gymnasium. All children of St. Mary's Parish, in this age bracket, are invited to participate in this competition.



WINTERFEST 2022

Mark your calendar. Winterfest is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Flynn Hall. If you would like to contribute an item for the silent auction please contact Kadi at 402.471.0027.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join thousands of pro-life Nebraskans for the **48th Annual Nebraska Walk for Life** held on Saturday, January 29th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the north steps of the State Capitol. Keynote speaker, Ashley Bratcher, the actress that played Abby Johnson in the movie "Unplanned," will share her own pro-life story at the Nebraska Student Union. Pro-life information tables, food and drink will be available. Bake Sale donations are needed; volunteers will be available curbside to collect baked goods from 8-9 a.m. in front of the Student Union the morning of the walk, or call 402-438-4802 to make arrangements. Mass at St. Mary's at 9a.m.



Pius X High School will host an open house at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 for eighth-grade students, incoming upperclassmen, and their parents/guardians. In 2020-21, students earned \$515,000 in scholarships to attend Pius X, receiving support from the Pius X Foundation, the Lincoln Diocese (Good Shepherd Scholarship), and parishes. Learn more about affording a unique, faith-filled Catholic education at PiusX.net/explore.

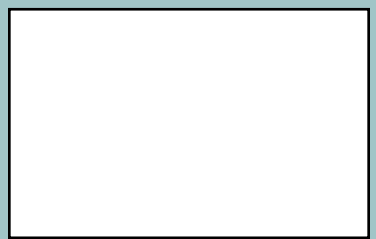
Ladies, you're invited to our WINTER MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL—Saturday February 5, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, with guest speaker Father Allan Phan. Father Phan was ordained a Diocesan Priest in 2018 after an amazing Holy Spirit lead journey as he was not raised in a Christian family. Father's heart is moved by how far Love (God) is willing to go for him and he desires to help others encounter Love to receive the same peace he has. Come hear Father Phan's inspiring testimony, and invite other women to join us in Christianship fellowship. Register by mailing your \$25 check payable to *Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504.* (students \$15) **Deadline is January 29.** For more information text Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396 or call and leave a message 402.489.3819.



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