

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

“The Old Cathedral”



Aaron Sebastian Green was baptized on Sunday, March 2, 2025. He is pictured with Ian (father) and Cathy (mother) Green.

March 9, 2025  
The First Sunday of Lent

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

## "The Old Cathedral"

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Mon.—Fri. | 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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### Parish Staff & Committees:

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In Residence .....Fr. Joseph Finn  
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Food Net Coordinator .....Kathy Johnson  
Housekeeper .....Barb Janssen  
Pro-Life Coordinators.....Marv Ward,  
.....Sue Kouma Johnson

In case of an emergency, please contact one of the priests here at St. Mary: **402. 435. 2125**, option 7

### 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 -12:00 pm, 3:00 - 4:00 pm,  
6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Monday - Friday 11:00 - 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

6 - 7 pm on Mondays  
11 am - 12 pm on Fridays  
11 am - 12 pm on First Saturdays

"Come to me..." Jesus invites, "and I will give you rest." The church is open for personal prayer and adoration during the week, from 8am until after evening Mass.

*The Mission of St. Mary Catholic Church is to worship, serve, and build communion in Jesus Christ, with Mary our Mother and guide.*

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

I promise not to abandon spiritual writing this Lent! I've been told that people prefer it to my occasional use of this forum for newsy notes in the parish. However, there are some important construction things unfolding this month and I want to keep you up to date. This weekend and next, I will be sharing construction information in the parish. Thank you for indulging me.

**School Asbestos Abatement.** We are taking up the asbestos tile on the first floor of the school (1,330 square feet), beginning early March and will replace it with a vinyl tile product. This is a safety precaution because we will be using the school for our parish office, for about 5 or 6 weeks, beginning the third week in March.

**Rectory Asbestos Abatement.** We are removing asbestos from the first floor of the rectory, a project that includes clearing most of the ceilings of the first floor (2,875 square feet) and approximately 1,370 square feet of asbestos floor tile. To accomplish this, we will clear the entire first floor (with the exception of the kitchen, which has no asbestos), temporarily store the "stuff" in alternate places, and set up the parish office and my office on the first floor of the school. The construction crew will be on site on March 24 and we calculate that their portion of the work will be completed by April 11. However, we will need to refinish the ceilings (including new light fixtures), replace the tile and move the office and furniture back into the rectory. For this reason, we are an-

ticipating an additional 2 to 3 weeks of work before the rectory will return to normal operations.

Access to our offices in the school will be through the northwest door. A call button is located on the outside of this door, and it will be used to alert Riley or myself of your need for assistance. We think we can be fully operational in the school during this time, with phones, computer and sufficient space for all the work we typically do in the rectory. It will be different, but we will be accessible and the work of the parish will carry on.

During the rectory abatement project, the priests of the parish will move to other priest residences in the city. We will continue to serve the parish, offer the liturgies, attend the meetings, social gatherings, etc. It will be a bit clumsy, but we are willing, and thank you in advance for your kind understanding.

**Costs.** The cost to abate the tile on the first floor of the school is \$2,850. The rectory abatement project will cost \$35,878. We have not secured bids for refinishing the ceilings after the abatement or replacing the tiles. We will communicate these numbers when we confirm them. Vish Reddi is working with me on all of these projects, securing the contractors, negotiating the services and helping to contain costs. We're getting the best work at a fair price.

Why? The number one reason for removing the asbestos is to provide the safest environment we can for

our priests, staff, volunteers, parishioners and rectory guests. Asbestos has proven to be a successful fire retardant product, but has also been identified as a health danger if disturbed. There is no way to guarantee a safe environment as long as it is present. Furthermore, if we ever demolish the rectory, to build something new, we must first abate all asbestos in the facility. The need to do this work has come to our attention and it is important that we take care of it now.

**A Lenten Alms.** If you're looking for a gift of alms this Lent, you might consider our construction projects for 2025. I will share with you next week our plans for the restoration of the west exterior wall of the church, and our renovation plans for Flynn Hall. I will detail our financial position as well, and the work we will need to do to raise sufficient funds to cover this work. I know there will be an ask. I hope you can help.

Lent is here, for which I am grateful. I think I'm ready, though slightly distracted by all of this "stuff." I pray for God's blessing on you this Lent.

*Fr. Walsh*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 8

12:10 pm The work of the St. Benedict Prayer Team  
4:00 pm Robert Kalin

### Sunday, March 9

8:00 am Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Delgado  
10:00 am Donna Hinkley †  
12:30 pm Bonnie Murray  
5:00 pm People of the Parish

### Monday, March 10

12:10 pm Kenneth Davenport †  
7:00 pm JoAnn Vrbka

### Tuesday, March 11

12:10 pm Frances Walsh †  
7:00 pm Alison Peyton

### Wednesday, March 12

12:10 pm Give Thanks to God  
7:00 pm Fr. Peter Hien Dang †

### Thursday, March 13

12:10 pm All Souls  
7:00 pm George Pavlas †

### Friday, March 14

12:10 pm Eloise Kramer †  
7:00 pm John Pavlas †

## CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, March 9

9:30 am Rosary before 10 am Mass  
11:15 am CCD

### Monday, March 10

6:00 pm Pro-Life Holy Hour  
(with Eucharistic Adoration)  
6:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting

### Tuesday, March 11

7:00 pm ALC Meeting

### Wednesday, March 12

7:00 pm *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*

### Thursday, March 13

7:30 pm Choir Practice

### Friday, March 14

11:00 am Holy Hour for World Peace  
(with Eucharistic Adoration)  
5:00 pm Fish "Fri"  
*Stations of Cross after the 7 pm Mass*

### Saturday, March 15

8:00 am Immaculate Heart Prayer Group  
11:30 am Foodnet

### Sunday, March 16

9:30 am Rosary before 10 am Mass  
11:15 am CCD  
1:45 pm *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 15/16

### Saturday, 4:00 pm

Acolyte John Franssen  
Acolyte Holden Adams  
Reader Ariel Adams

### Sunday, 8:00 am

Acolyte Alan Pendleton  
Reader Jessica Pendleton

### Sunday, 10:00 am

Acolyte Ron Grose  
Acolyte Chris Hanzl  
Reader Mike Neuman

### Sunday, 12:30 pm

Acolyte Marv Ward  
Reader Kathy Johnson

### Sunday, 5:00 pm

Acolyte Al Allen  
Reader Mike Kluck  
EME Marv Ward  
EME Cathy Panasiuk

## Lent 2025

### Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is an obligatory practice for ages 18 until 59 if you are in good health. Fasting consists of eating one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal (with no snacking between meals). Abstinence from meat is obligatory for ages 14 and up.

### When to abstain from meat

- All Fridays in Lent

### When to both fast and abstain from meat

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

### Stations of The Cross

St. Mary will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent after the 7 pm Mass.

### Mass Intentions (\$10/Mass)

If you would like to schedule a Mass for 2025, please call or email the parish office at:  
**402 . 435 . 2125 | [stmarylincoln@gmail.com](mailto:stmarylincoln@gmail.com)**

## ❖ 1st Sunday of Lent ❖

### Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
<b>Monday:</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

### Observances for the week of March 9, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	2nd Sunday of Lent

### 🔔 CHURCH BELL SCHEDULE 🔔

8:55	Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days
11:55	All Glory Laud And Honor
14:55	Were You There
17:55	At The Cross Her Station Keeping

### Please Keep in Your Prayers

Margaret Scheideler, Alice Gyhra, Richard Fischer, Sally (Sullivan) Fuller, Denise Raceler, Monica Meza, Dick and Lonnie Veik, Richard Brunner, Phyllis Canze, Muggs Koperski, Marv Ward, Sally Williamsen, Cindy Roggenkamp, Mary Perkins, Johnny and Shannon Webb, David Schnase, Dennis Ratzlaff, Vanessa Zobbeck, Francis Zegers, and Monica Warner.

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<b>Goal</b>	\$2,500,000.00
<b>Pledged</b>	\$2,500,000.00
<b>Remitted</b>	<b>\$1,900,592.42</b>

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### March 1 and 2

<b>Weekly Envelope</b>	\$2,329.58
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$2,530.00
<b>Faith Direct</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,859.58</b>

### PARISH SUPPORT

Ash Wednesday (March 5) will be reported in the March 16 bulletin.

### Online-Giving through Faith Direct

Faith Direct is our online donating platform.

You can enroll at [faith.direct/NE1128](http://faith.direct/NE1128)

or Text "Enroll" to 402-226-1026

or use QR code for easy donating.

Thank you for supporting St. Mary!



### Foodnet

Tummy fill, not landfill



**Foodnet at St. Mary:** Anyone who wants or needs food

is welcome to attend Foodnet. There are no income or need requirements, and no personal identification is needed. We do keep track of how many people attend each week and how many people are being served (via size of household) by having participants sign in.

Many of those who come to our Foodnet site do so every week and live nearby. Some participants attend multiple Foodnet sites each week to save money on food purchases. St. Mary Parish has hosted Foodnet since July 2010. Currently, about 8-12 volunteers distribute food to approximately 75-85 individuals weekly, serving at least 200 people weekly in the families represented by the attendees.

# SAINT MARY PARISH NEWS

St. Mary's Fish Fri Crew  
is eager to serve you a great meal  
during Fridays in Lent!

Come join us in Flynn Hall from 5 pm – 7 pm

**Menu:** Choice of Baked Cod, Fried Pollock, Tuna Casserole, or Macaroni & Cheese; Choice of baked, twice baked, or Hash Brown Potato Casserole.

Meal also includes rye bread, coleslaw, a pickle, dessert, and a beverage (lemonade, ice tea, or coffee).

Extra portions are available at an additional cost.

## Apostolic Leadership Council Meeting

The ALC meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Church basement classroom. Parishioners are invited to attend council meetings! The next meeting is **Tuesday, March 11, at 7 pm.**

## TIME•TALENT•TREASURE

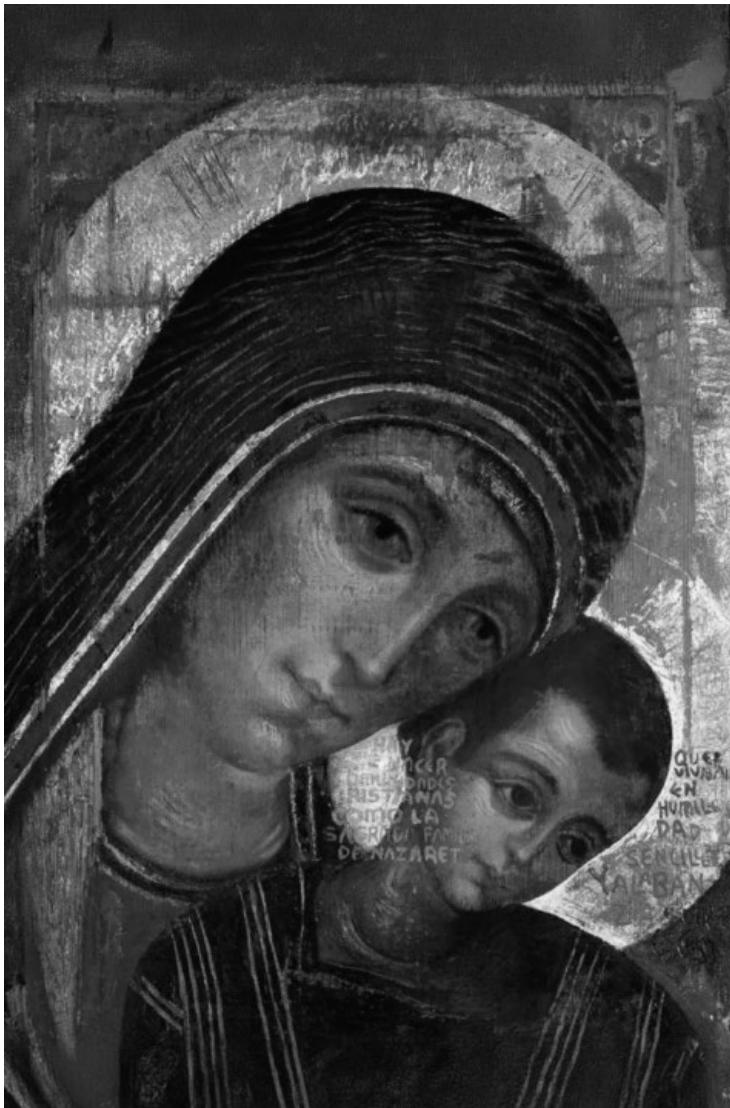
### STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Take the opportunity to fulfill the three marks of Catholic stewardship.....join the St. Martha's Meal-Mate Program. This program acts to feed the priests of St. Mary's an evening meal Monday thru Friday of each week.

By participating you get a 3 in 1. You fulfill the 3 marks of Stewardship of time, talent and treasure by providing 1 meal per month. There are several openings available. For information contact Bernice Polivka via St. Mary's office 402 435-2125.

## SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to change your clock this weekend!



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ARE YOU DISSATISFIED WITH YOUR LIFE?  
SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING MORE?  
ALONE? TIRED? ANGUISHED?  
WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE?  
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LOOKING FOR A WAY TO RAISE  
YOUR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH?

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## COME AND LISTEN!

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Catholic Social Services – Celebration of Hope Gala & Silent Auction** Don't miss your last chance to RSVP for this year's Celebration of Hope Gala & Silent Auction! Join us on **Saturday, March 15th, at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln**, with social time at 4:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP online at [csshope.org](http://csshope.org) by **March 10th** to reserve your seat. The night will feature a Silent Auction with incredible items up for bid, including trips, Husker tickets and more! New items are added daily and **you don't have to be present to bid**. Visit [csshope.org/auction](http://csshope.org/auction) to check out the items and start bidding!

## St. Patrick School in Lincoln seeks an energetic, faith-driven principal to lead its active and Spirit-filled school community starting July 1.

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Interested candidates can email a resume & cover letter, references, and a brief summary of educational philosophy to [Fr.Troy-Schweiger@cdolinc.net](mailto:Fr.Troy-Schweiger@cdolinc.net).



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A six-week session helping Catholics navigate through the grieving process after experiencing the loss of a loved one will be held **Apr. 22-May 27, 2025**. Sessions are led by Sandy Danek & family therapist Holly Burns, who both have many years' experience assisting individuals. Contact the Office of Family Life to register at 402-473-0620 (Suggested donation of \$25 covers materials)

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