

# SAINT PATRICK MANLEY

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## **MASS & DEVOTION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7TH THROUGH 13TH 2019**

MON. 7 8:00AM (Manley) +Mary Ann Sutter requested by George & Clare Sutter  
TUE. 8 8:00AM (Manley) +Lynn Parson requested by Dorothy Murphy  
WED. 9 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of John Jones  
THU. 10 8:00AM (Manley) +Kelly Murphy requested by Dorothy Murphy  
6:00PM (Elmwood) **EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR**  
7:00PM (Elmwood) Special Intention for Saint Mary's CCD Teachers req. by Altar Society  
FRI. 11 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of Sherry Kunz  
10:00AM (Louisville Care Center) Special Intention of Mary Reinke  
SAT. 12 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of Betty Dufek  
SAT. 12 5:00PM (Manley) +Dorothy McHugh requested by Lynn & Mary McHugh  
SUN. 13 9:00AM (Elmwood) +Kay M. Pavelka requested by Michelle Backemeyer  
11:00AM (Manley) **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:** Saturday from 4:15 to 4:50PM.  
Sunday: ½ hour before each Sunday Mass, as time allows.

From Saint Maximus the Confessor, abbot:

### A mystery ever new

“The Word of God, born once in the flesh such is his kindness and his goodness, is always willing to be born spiritually in those who desire him. In them he is born as an infant as he fashions himself in them by means of their virtues. He reveals himself to the extent that he knows someone is capable of receiving Him. He diminishes the revelation of his glory not out of selfishness but because he recognizes the capacity and resources of those who desire to see him. Yet, in the transcendence of mystery, he always remains invisible to all.

For this reason the Apostle Paul, reflecting on the power of the mystery, said: ‘Jesus Christ, yesterday and today: He remains the same forever.’ For Saint Paul understands this mystery as ever-new, never growing old through our understanding of it.

Christ is God, for he had given all things their being out of nothing. Yet he is born as man by taking to himself our nature, flesh endowed with intelligent spirit. A star glitters by day in the East and leads the wise men to the place where the Incarnate Word lies, to show that the Word, contained in the Law and the Prophets, surpasses in a mystical way, knowledge derived from the senses, and to lead the Gentiles to the full light of knowledge. For surely the word of the Law and the Prophets when it is understood with faith, is like a star which leads those who are called by the power of grace in accordance with his decree to recognize the Word Incarnate.

Here is the reason why God became a perfect man, changing nothing of human nature, except to take away sin, which was never natural anyway. His flesh was set before that voracious, gaping dragon as bait to provoke him: flesh that would be deadly for the dragon, for it would utterly

destroy him by the power of the Godhead hidden within it. Christ's flesh was to be a remedy for human nature, since the power of the Godhead would restore human nature to its original grace.

Just as the devil had poisoned the tree of knowledge and spoiled our nature by its taste, so too, in presuming to devour the Lord's flesh the devil himself is corrupted and is completely destroyed by the power of the Godhead hidden in it.

The great mystery of the Divine Incarnation remains a mystery forever. How can the Word made flesh be essentially the same person that is wholly with the Father? How can he who is by nature God become by nature wholly man without lacking either the Divine by which he is God or the human by which he became man? Faith alone grasps these mysteries. Faith alone is truly the substance and foundation of all that exceeds knowledge and understanding.”

## **OUR CCD PROGRAMS BEGIN THIS COMING WEDNESDAY AT THEIR USUAL TIMES.**

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** February 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Lied Center in Nebraska City. **Reservations needed by January 15<sup>th</sup> for planning.** Please contact: Pat Benson at 308-940-0670 or Janelle Benson at 308-940-1105 or E-mail: pbjbben@yahoo.com

**LECTOR & ACOLYTE TRAINING:** Men who are interested in serving our Parish as an Acolyte or Lector please contact Fr. Wiedel, ASAP. The training will be in Lincoln on Saturdays: January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30AM with Mass, breakfast and classes to Noon. (Location to be announced) A weekend retreat will be January 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> at the Retreat House off the I-80 Waverly Exit. Costs will be covered.

**INTRODUCTION TO DELIVERANCE:** What is the deliverance program and experience and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? Join us at Lourdes Elementary School in Nebraska City on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30pm. The Diocesan Office of Evangelization / Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to all who would like a better understanding of the meaning of the deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Questions? Contact Annette at annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net or call 402-473-0615.

**SURVIVING DIVORCE:** Find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led **Surviving Divorce** program begins on February 4, 2019, 7-9pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd.

A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small. **To register contact the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net**

**“THANK YOU!” FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL CARDS AND GIFTS GIVEN TO ME THIS CHRISTMAS!** All our Parishioners have been so very generous to me, not only at Christmas but throughout the year. It is difficult to find enough words to express my gratitude to all of you for your tremendous generosity to me **and to our Parishes** yet, I know that my thanksgiving for your generosity is known to God as I thank Him each and every day for the blessing you all have been to me. I know our Lord will not be outdone in generosity for all the good you do for Him; in your love for the poor, for His Church (and His priests). It is my prayer that our Lord and Savior will extend His abundant Love and Grace to each of you in this life and share fully in that Grace for eternity! Thank you again for your generosity! **I pray that you all will have a Blessed New Year!**

DECEMBER 30 <sup>TH</sup> OFFERING:	ENVELOPES	PLATE	ENERGY	BUILD. & MAINT.	CHRISTMAS
SAINT PATRICK'S:	\$1,177.00	\$116.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$150.00
SAINT MARY'S:	\$917.00	\$28.00	--	\$20.00	--