

## SAINT PATRICK MANLEY

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## SAINT MARY ELMWOOD

### **MASS & DEVOTION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14TH THROUGH 20TH 2019**

**MON. 14** No Mass scheduled.  
**TUE. 15** No Mass scheduled.  
**WED. 16** 8:00AM (Manley) +Charlotte Claus requested by Dorothy Murphy  
**THU. 17** 8:00AM (Manley) +Virgil Fisher requested by Lucille Fisher  
 7:00PM (Elmwood) +Mary Beck requested by Mary & Lynn McHugh  
**FRI. 18** 10:00AM (Louisville Care Center) Special Intention of Mary Reinke  
 5:00PM (Manley) **EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR**  
 6:00PM (Manley) +Ann & Joseph Murphy req. by Dorothy Murphy  
**SAT. 19** 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of Betty Dufek

**SAT. 19** 5:00PM (Manley) Special Intention of Bill & Mary Lou Zoz  
**SUN. 20** 9:00AM (Elmwood) **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.**  
 11:00AM (Manley) +Jack Healey requested by Marilyn Healey

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

From a sermon by Saint Maximus of Turin, Bishop:

“The Gospel tells us that the Lord went to the Jordan River to be baptized and that he wished to consecrate himself in the river by signs from heaven. Reason demands that this Feast of the Lord’s Baptism, which I think could be called the Feast of his birthday in the Spirit, should follow soon after His physical birthday, during the same season, even though many years pass between events. His birth is an epiphany event; a revelation to the world. So too on this holy Feast, he is revealed to the world as the Father and the Spirit give testimony to him. At Christmas he was born a man; today he is reborn sacramentally. Then he was born from the Virgin; today he is born in mystery. When he was born a man, his mother Mary held him close to her heart; when he is born in mystery, God the Father embraces him with His voice when He says, ‘This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.’ (Mt.3:17) The mother caresses the tender baby on her lap; the Father serves His Son by His loving testimony. The mother holds the child for the Magi to adore; the Father reveals that His Son is to be worshiped by all the nations. That is why the Lord Jesus went to the river for baptism. That is why he wanted his holy body to be washed with Jordan’s water.

Someone might ask, ‘Why would a holy man desire baptism?’ Listen to the answer. Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters, which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water. For when the Savior is washed, all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at its source for the dispensing of Baptismal Grace to the people of future ages. Christ is the first to be baptized, sanctifying the waters so that Christians will follow after him in confidence.

I understand the mystery as this; the column of fire went before the sons of Israel through the Red Sea so they could follow on their brave journey; the column went first through the waters to prepare a path for those who followed. As the Apostle Paul said, what was accomplished then was the mystery of Baptism. (1Corinthians 10:2) It was baptism in a certain sense when the cloud was covering the people and bringing them through the water. (Paul speaks of “new birth” in Titus 3:5)

But Christ the Lord does all these things; in the column of fire he went through the sea before the sons of Israel; so now, in the column of his body, he goes through baptism before the Christian people. At the time of the Exodus the column provided light for the people who followed; now He gives light to the hearts of believers. Then it made a firm pathway through the waters; now He strengthens the footsteps of faith in the bath of baptism for all those who believe.”

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Leading up to the annual **Day of Prayer for the Legal protection of Unborn Children** on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the U.S. Bishops Conference is calling for a nationwide novena called **9 days for Life**; from **(TOMORROW) Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

The overarching intention of this multi-faceted novena is the respect of all human life, and each day highlights a different intention, also providing daily reflections, educational information and suggested acts of reparation. Participants can visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to get the novena by downloading a free mobile app or by signing up for daily email or text messages.

**SAINT MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY:** \$10 Altar Society dues to Diann, Pat or Sue. Thank you!

**PORK CHOP & CHICKEN NIGHT:** At the American Legion Post #237 in Weeping Water on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM to 7:30. Serving pork chops or Chicken Breast, baked potato or Mac & Cheese, salads, dessert. Suggested donation: \$12:50. Kids menu: Hot Dog.

**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: [pjbjben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbjben@yahoo.com)

**Joy & Hope Marriage Anniversary Recognition Mass** and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 10, 2019** at the regular **9:00AM** Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will offer the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more **who have registered.** Suggested donation of \$10 per couple appreciated! Family guests are welcome. To register please call the **Family Life Office at 402-473-0620** or contact your Parish office.

**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 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ on Sheridan Blvd. 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.** 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.

**THE ANNUAL VILLA MARIE BENEFIT DANCE, SILENT AUCTION, AND RAFFLE:** “55 Years of Angels Among Us”—Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the **Pla Mor Ballroom**, 6600 West O Street, Lincoln. **There is no ticket price, but free will offerings will be accepted.** Please call Jenny at 402-874-0577 or go to our website [www.villamarieschool.com](http://www.villamarieschool.com) Villa Marie’s Founder, Msgr. James Dawson, Bobby Layne, and the Marian Sisters will be honored

| JANUARY 6 <sup>TH</sup> OFFERING: | ENVELOPES | PLATE    | ENERGY BUILD. | & MAINT. | CHRISTMAS |
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| SAINT PATRICK'S:                  | \$942.00  | \$254.00 | \$25.00       | \$88.00  | \$105.00  |
| SAINT MARY'S:                     | \$752.00  | \$122.00 | \$10.00       | \$15.00  | --        |