

# SAINT PATRICK MANLEY

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# SAINT MARY ELMWOOD

**THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

## **TELEVISED AND LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS:**

**In the Lincoln area on Channel 8, KLKN-TV at 9:00AM.**

**In the Omaha area on Channel 6, WOWT-TV at 10:30AM.**

I encourage all our Parishioners to tune in to one of the televised Sunday Masses or a live streamed Mass offered on through Face Book or on YouTube: **Saint Mary's in Ashland website** or **Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth website**. There are other options such as (online) Mass with Pope Francis or Mass with Arch-Bishop Barrons, or Mass live streamed on Formed.org.

**Also, one can listen to the Mass on Spirit Catholic Radio at 7AM, live from EWTN.**

As it is Sunday Mass, we must treat this celebration as if we were at Church and if possible, standing and kneeling as if you were in Church. And to pray for a spiritual Communion with Christ. This will keep the Sunday obligation fresh and strong in our minds and especially in the minds of our young people.

**All can go to Saint Mary's Website  
for additional information and resources for your Family.**

***Please pray for all those affected by this virus and for an immunization from it as soon as possible!***

**CONFESSION TIMES:** *Even though I am almost always available for Confessions, I will be in Saint Patrick's Church on Saturdays from 4:15 to 5:15PM. Confessions will be through the north sacristy door. Or please call me to schedule a time to be at Church or at your home. If anyone would like me to come to Saint Mary's please give me a call and I will gladly be there!*

My dear people,

With some apprehensions, it is none-the-less, good to hear on the news that some of the restrictions we have been asked to follow these past weeks are going to be lifted (a little). Maybe, by Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be able to congregate again in Church (with some guidelines) to celebrate Mass as a Family and Parish. We will know more by next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Yet, for now (and maybe for some time yet,) the dispensation is still in place giving deference to the elderly, those with a weak immune system and the apprehensive as the operative phrase "abundance of caution" will be with us for some time. **Again, I encourage you all to continue to tune in to Mass on Sundays (and maybe daily Mass too) either on television or on-line through live streaming or on YouTube or other**

*internet access sites. As I asked before, if anyone could teach me how to live stream I would like to learn.*

*Daily Mass (including Sundays) is of course, the most excellent way of making this difficult time a positive time for spiritual growth and appreciation for the blessing we have being able to attend and participate in person, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.*

*It comes to mind, as I have mentioned to our young people before (and maybe from the pulpit), attending Mass is like being invited to one's best friend's birthday celebration. Those who attend share in the joys, festivities, activities and blessings of the day. Those who want to attend but are unable through no fault of their own are excused with sadness by the one who invited them and even though they may not share in person, they are none-the-less sharers in the joys and the blessing that come on that day and at a later time in person. (They may even share in some birthday cake later.)*

*How similar (yet infinitely greater) with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! To be there in person is the best way to join in this holiest of celebrations yet, when that is not possible through no fault of our own, we none-the-less share in the joy, the wonder and awe, the graces of what our Lord and Savior does for us and gives to us. Without a doubt we will receive Him; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity soon. As in one's relationship with a best friend, this is our great desire above that which keeps us apart.*

*Blessings to you all!*

*From a sermon by Saint Ephrem, deacon:*

### **The Cross of Christ gives life to the human race.**

*"Death trampled our Lord underfoot, but He in His turn treated death as a highroad for His own feet. He submitted to it, enduring it willingly, because by this means He would be able to destroy death in spite of itself. Death had its own way when our Lord went out from Jerusalem carrying His cross; but when by a loud cry from that cross by summoned the dead from the underworld, death was powerless to prevent it.*

*Death slew Him by means of the body, which He had assumed, but that same body proved to be the weapon with which He conquered death. Concealed beneath the cloak of His manhood, the Godhead engaged death in combat; but in slaying our Lord, death itself was slain. It was able to kill natural human life, but was itself killed by the life that is above the nature of man.*

*Death could not devour our Lord unless He possessed a body, neither could hell swallow Him up unless He bore our flesh; and so He came in search of a chariot in which to ride to the underworld. This chariot was the body which He received from the Virgin; in it He invaded death's fortress, broke open its strongroom and scattered all its treasure.*

*At length He came upon Eve, the mother of all the living. She was that vineyard whose enclosure her own hands had enabled death to violate, so that she could taste its fruit; thus the mother of all the living became the source of death for every living creature. But in her stead Mary grew up, and new vine in place of the old. Christ, the new life dwelt within her.*

*When death, with its customary impudence, came foraging for her mortal fruit, it encountered its own destruction in the hidden life that fruit contained. All unsuspecting, it swallowed Him up, and in so doing released life itself and set free a multitude of men.*

*He who was also the carpenter's glorious son set up His Cross above death's all-consuming jaws, and led the human race into the dwelling place of life. Since a tree had brought about the downfall of mankind, it was upon a tree that mankind crossed over to the realm of life. Bitter was the branch that had once been grafted upon that ancient tree, but sweet the young shoot that has now been grafted in, the shoot in which we are meant to recognize the Lord whom no creature can resist.*

*We give glory to you Lord, who raised up Your Cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living. We give glory to You who put on the body of a single mortal man and made it the source of life for every other mortal man. You are incontestably alive. Your murderers sowed Your living body in the earth as farmers sow grain, but it sprang up and yielded an abundant harvest of men raised from the dead.*

*Come my brothers and sisters, let us offer our Lord the great and all embracing sacrifice of our love, pouring out our hymns and prayers before Him who offered His Cross in sacrifice to God for the enrichment of us all."*

From a commentary on the Gospel of John by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop:

*Christ gave his own body for the life of all!*

*"I am dying for all men, says the Lord. I am dying to give them life through myself and to redeem the whole human race through my humanity. In my death, death itself will die and man's fallen nature will rise again with me. I wanted to be like my brother and sisters in every respect, so I became a man like you, a descendant of Abraham.'* Understanding this well Saint Paul says: *'As the children of a family share the same flesh and blood, he too shared our human nature so that by his death he could destroy the power of the devil, the prince of death.'* Death itself and the prince of death could be destroyed only by Christ, who is above all, giving himself up as a ransom for all.

And so, speaking as a spotless victim offering himself for us to God the Father, Christ says in one of the psalms: *'You desired no sacrifices or offerings, but you have prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sin offerings. Then I said, Behold I am coming.'* He was crucified for all desiring his one death for all to give all of us life in him. It was impossible for him to be conquered by death; nor could he who by his very nature, which is life, be subject to corruption. Yet we know that Christ offered his flesh for the life of the world from his own prayer, *'Holy Father, protect them, for their sake I consecrate myself.'* By saying that he consecrates himself he means that he offers himself to God as a spotless and sweet-smelling sacrifice. According to the law, anything offered upon the altar was consecrated and considered holy. So Christ gave his own body for the life of all, and

makes it the channel through which life flows once more into us. How he does this I will explain to the best of my ability.

When the life-giving Word of God dwelt in human flesh, he changed it into that good which is distinctively his, namely life; and by being wholly united to the flesh in a way beyond our comprehension, he gave it the life-giving power which he has by his very nature. Therefore, the body of Christ gives life to those who receive it. Its presence in mortal men expels death and drives away corruption because it contains within itself in his entirety the Word who totally abolishes corruption."

**Women's Care Center** will be located in Lincoln at 5632 S. 48th Street, directly across the street from the abortion clinic. To find out how you can help support this life-saving pregnancy resource center coming to Lincoln go to <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/locations/lincoln/> or contact Sarah Kroner Women's Care Center Project Manager/Registered Nurse PO Box 6954, Lincoln, NE 68506-6954 email: [kroner\\_sarah@yahoo.com](mailto:kroner_sarah@yahoo.com) office: 217-741-5177. (See attachment or I will send separately.)

From Marion Miner  
Associate Director for Pro-Life and Family  
Nebraska Catholic Conference

Dear Pro-Life Advocates,

Easter blessings to you and your family! Please know of our prayers for you as we strive to keep our families safe and healthy during this pandemic.

While we hope for a swift development of a COVID-19 vaccine and can be thankful for the many efforts underway, there is also cause for concern. Among the dozens of vaccines currently in development, **some are being produced using old cell lines that were manufactured from the cells of aborted babies**. Ample alternative research avenues exist and are being utilized. There is no reason a life-saving vaccine should be connected to the evil of abortion!

The U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), along with leaders of healthcare, bioethics, and pro-life organizations, is urging the Trump administration to ensure that COVID-19 vaccines are developed ethically and free from any connection to abortion. Add your voice to the many calling on the Department of Health and Human Services for an ethical development of a COVID-19 vaccine!

Go to <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/73486/Respond>

Please take a few moments to urge the Secretary of Health and Human Services to protect the consciences of millions of Americans, who should not be forced to choose between being vaccinated and exploiting aborted babies for our gain.

Thank you for your witness in Christ!

Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska has \$200,000 to Help the Poor and Vulnerable During Coronavirus Outbreak. Please open attachment below to read further for those in need.

**PRAYER TO SAINT MONICA FOR OUR CHILDREN:** *The Plattsmouth Deanery Council of Catholic Women is asking our Ladies and Parishes to pray the Saint Monica prayer for conversions and for our children, especially those who have fallen away from the Faith.*  
*"O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears move you to convert her son Augustine. Help us who pray to You, for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord, Amen." Saint Monica pray for us!*

**CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2020, GIFTS AND PLEDGES AS OF APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>:**  
*Saint Patrick's Parishioners have made pledges or gifts to date in the amount of \$9,795.00. Saint Mary's Parishioners have made pledges or gifts thus far in the amount of \$4,347.00. We have surpassed our goal for the good of our Diocese and our Parish! THANK YOU!*

Please pray for the success of this appeal throughout our Diocese and for the good of our Diocese, our Parish and the work of Christ these funds support.

**A JOB OPPORTUNITY AT THE GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE:** We are in need of a full-time Maintenance Manager for the Catholic Center near Waverly.

The work would include overall maintenance and grounds keeping of the Marian Sisters Motherhouse, Good Counsel Retreat House and Villa Marie School.

Competitive pay, health insurance. Prior experience in maintenance, facilities, handiwork preferred. **Inquiries and resumes are needed by May 1, 2020.**

See [lincolndiocese.org/employment](http://lincolndiocese.org/employment) 402-786-2705 or [Al-Zach@cdolinc.net](mailto:Al-Zach@cdolinc.net).

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House 7303 N 112th St. Waverly NE. 68462

<https://www.goodcounselretreat.com>

**NEBRASKA CATHOLIC VOTER GUIDE:** *As the Nebraska Primary is coming up on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Nebraska Catholic Conference has invited all federal legislative and state legislative candidates on the upcoming ballot to answer questions indicating their support or opposition on some important issues facing our state and nation. Go online to [NebraskaCatholicVoter.com](http://NebraskaCatholicVoter.com) to see their responses. After clicking on "View Your Candidates", you will be asked for your address to narrow down the races happening in your districts. It remains our duty and honor as Catholics and citizens to participate in the political life of our nation. Make your vote count on May 12<sup>th</sup>!*

**In regard to contributions to our Parish:** *Given that we may not be able to attend a Sunday Mass for a while, contributions can be mailed to **Saint Patrick Church, P.O. Box 27, Manley, NE. 68403.***

*Contributions do not need to be mailed each week, if you want to save stamps. Once a month (or two) would be fine. Contributions can also be left in the basket in back of Saint Patrick Church.*

I hope and pray that we are not away from Sunday Mass for very long.

**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> OFFERINGS:**

|                        | ENVELOPES  | EASTER   | ENERGY   | BUILD. & MAINT. | RICE BOWL | REGISTER |
|------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>SAIN PATRICK'S:</b> | \$751.00   | \$100.00 | \$3.00   | --              | --        | --       |
| <b>SAIN MARY'S:</b>    | \$1,435.00 |          | \$130.00 | \$20.00         | \$10.00   | \$15.00  |

Date: April 22, 2020

**Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska Releases \$200,000 to Help the Poor and Vulnerable During Coronavirus Outbreak**

Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska (CSS) continues to serve the vulnerable of southern Nebraska. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, CSS announced today that \$200,000 will be released to help the poor and vulnerable in southern Nebraska, specifically to help those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic needing help with rent, utilities, food and cash assistance.

"Jesus Christ Himself was born into poverty without a home, resources, or adequate shelter," stated CSS Executive Director Rev. Justin Fulton. "We know people need help staying in their apartments, keeping their electricity on, and keeping food on the table. We are honored to help out with this \$200,000 and hopeful the community might consider joining us to help out with more."

Applicants near our four outreach offices may call at the below numbers to begin the application and screening process specifically for emergency cash assistance. CSS services all counties south of the Platte River in Nebraska through offices in Lincoln, Hastings, Imperial, and Auburn.

*Lincoln: Takes calls every Monday at 9AM at 402-327-6211.*

*Hastings: Call 402-463-2112 during business hours only Monday through Wednesday, 9AM to 12 Noon and from 1-5PM. Thursdays from 10:30AM to 12 Noon.*

*Auburn: Call 402-327-6242 Monday to Thursday from 10AM to 2PM.*