

SAINT PATRICK MANLEY

SAINT MARY ELMWOOD

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 31ST THROUGH JUNE 6TH, 2021

Father Wiedel will be on retreat Tuesday through Thursday. If a priest is needed you can call Father Houlihan in Plattsmouth at 402-296-3139. I can be reached on my cell # above.

MON. 31 9:00AM Saint Patrick's Cemetery (weather permitting) +For all deceased Veterans
TUE. 1 No Mass scheduled.
WED. 2 No Mass scheduled.
THU. 3 7:00PM (Elmwood) +Janet Zoz requested by Mary Reinke
FRI. 4 6:00PM (Manley) **EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR**
7:00PM (Manley) +Eldon Dufek
SAT. 5 8:00AM (Manley) +Father Mark Nguyen CRM
SAT. 5 5:00PM (Manley) +Deceased of the Groleau Family req. by Nancy & Brent Brack
SUN. 6 9:00AM (Manley) **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.**
11:00AM (Elmwood) Special Int. for our CCD Teachers req. by St Mary's Altar Society

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:50PM.
Sunday: 1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass, as time allows.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO OUR CCD TEACHERS!

Saint Patrick's Parish: Valerie Flanagan, Tricia Haun, Natasha Vavra
Saint Mary's Parish: Eden Moore, Ava Hohman, Becca Gordon, Krysta & Will Foster,
Kristina & Nathan McHugh, Jen Krajewski, Terri Fox, Amy Schmidt, Pam Goudie,
Mike Nespore and Coordinator: Ashley Krajewski

We owe you our gratitude and prayers for your dedication this past school year with all its uncertainties, apprehensions and fears, in taking time out of your busy schedules to come and teach our young people the truths and joys of our Holy Faith! For the sake of our young people you have shown the importance of passing on and proclaiming our Faith; the Gospel of our Savior and Lord.

As we see and hear daily in the media and quite possibly, in the workplace too, of the issues of our time, the controversies and the many contrary teachings being given by so called "authorities" on what is right and wrong, moral and immoral. Our Creator, Lord and God has given us, in His Teachings and through His Holy Church, the Truths and "tools" of virtue and grace to deal with life's issues and see the dignity God has given to each and every person.

You, our Teachers, help us all both young and old, in teaching our youth what is pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Him we must know, love and serve in order to be with Him forever!

Thank you for your great efforts and many sacrifices in helping build the Kingdom!

From a sermon on the Trinity by Saint Hilary, bishop:

"I am well aware, Almighty God and Father, that in my life I owe You a most particular duty. It is to make my every thought and word speak of You. In fact, You have conferred on me this gift of speech, and it can yield no greater return than to be at Your service. It is for making You known as Father, the Father of the Only-Begotten Son, and preaching this to the world that knows You not and to those who refuse to believe in You. In this matter the declaration of my intention is only of limited value, for the rest, I need to pray for the gift of Your help and Your mercy. As we spread our sails of trusting faith and public avowal before You, fill us with the breath of Your Spirit, to drive us on as we begin this course of proclaiming Your Truth.

We have been promised, and He who made the promise is trustworthy: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.' (Matthew 7:7) Yes, in our poverty we will pray for our needs. We will study the sayings of your prophets and apostles with unfailing attention, and knock for admittance wherever the gift of understanding is safely kept.

But Yours it is, Lord, through Your Spirit, to grant our petitions, to be present while we seek You and to open when we knock. In our attempt to penetrate Your Truth we are held within the bounds of ignorance by the weakness of our minds. Yet we do comprehend Divine ideas by earnest attention to Your teaching and by obedience to the faith which carries us beyond mere human apprehension.

So we trust in You to inspire the beginnings of this ambitious venture, to strengthen its progress, and to call us into a partnership in Your Spirit along with the prophets and the apostles. To that end, may we grasp precisely what they meant to teach us, taking each word in its real and authentic sense. For they already have declared, as part of the mystery of revelation, that You are the Eternal God, the Father of the Eternal and Only-Begotten Son; who is also One, born of You from all eternity. And from Father and Son proceeds the One Holy Spirit, giver of life and who revealed through Your prophets and apostles, Your Eternal Truths. We must not proclaim a change in Truth regarding Your number, for in this greatest of mysteries you are One God Living and True.

Impart to us the meaning of the words of Scripture and Your Divine Light to understand this with reverence for the Doctrine and confidence in its Truth. Grant that we may express what we have been taught and believe through the prophets and apostles of Your Holy Church that we know about You, the One God: Father Son and Holy Spirit. May we have the grace, in the face of those who would deny You, to honor You and proclaim this Truth."

UPDATE ON THE 2021 CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL AS OF SUNDAY MAY 23RD:
Saint Patrick's parishioners have made pledges or gifts thus far in the amount of \$6,575.00.
***We have surpassed our goal by \$1,675.00! Thank you all for your generosity!**
Saint Mary's parishioners have made pledges or gifts thus far in the amount of \$3,660.00.
***We have surpassed our goal by \$210.00! Thank you all for your generosity!**
Remember that all funds over our goal will come back to our Parish.

MAY 16TH OFFERING:	ADULT PLATE	B. & M.	MOTHER'S DAY	2020 JOY OF GOSPEL	REBATE
SAINT PATRICK'S:	\$1,015.00	\$126.00	--	--	\$100.00
SAINT MARY'S:	\$916.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$625.00
MAY 23RD OFFERING:	ENVELOPES	PLATE	MOTHER'S DAY	BUILD & MAINT.	
SAINT PATRICK'S:	\$850.00	\$177.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
SAINT MARY'S:	\$628.00	\$156.00	--	\$10.00	

From our Bishop Conley:

On May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost 2021, the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation will be restored in the Lincoln Diocese.

I have joined my brother bishops, Archbishop Lucas and Bishop Hanefeldt in making this announcement. During the season of Easter the *Southern Nebraska Register* will publish a catechetical series on this. Yet, I would like to use the occasion of this announcement by recalling the deepest reasons why Catholics have a grave obligation to attend Mass as well as clarify, in light of COVID-19, when the obligation does not apply.

The reason all Catholics have a grave obligation of being physically present for Mass on Sundays and holy days is because the Eucharist is at the heart of what it is to be a Christian. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord is truly present. When the Mass is celebrated, heaven comes to earth and the redemption Jesus attained on the cross comes to us personally. When the scriptures are proclaimed, God Himself speaks to His people.

In Holy Communion, when we receive him worthily, that is, without mortal sin, we are physically and spiritually united to Him and to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Likewise, participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays is the primary way that we keep the Lord's Day holy and so live out the third Commandment. These are some of the deepest reasons why there is an obligation and why we should freely want to fulfill this obligation.

Nevertheless, there are certain instances when a person is "excused for a serious reason" *as given in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2181*, from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. A serious reason occurs when one is physically or morally prevented from attending. For example, if a person is sick from a bodily illness or if one has no means of reasonable transportation, then he or she is *physically* prevented from attending Mass and the obligation no longer applies. Likewise, if a parent is taking care of a sick child, or if military personnel would compromise their duty for the common good, then one is *morally* prevented from attending Mass and the obligation no longer applies.

What about COVID-19? Here I would like to offer some guidance of when the obligation does *not* apply:

- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have good reason to believe that you may have contracted it
- If you are ill or have a condition that would seriously compromise your health if you contracted COVID-19
- If you care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed and have a compelling reason for believing that you would infect them by going to Mass
- If you have significant and grave fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass
- If you are elderly or pregnant and have a serious reason to believe you would put yourself or your child at risk by attending Mass

In applying this guidance, each person must use their good judgment. If someone is unsure, confused, or concerned about a scenario not listed here please consult any priest for clarity.

It is my hope and prayer that the Holy Spirit will continue to bring us all together as a Catholic community throughout the Easter season and that Pentecost will be a time of vital renewal in the Church in Southern Nebraska.

Bishop James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln