

## SAINT PATRICK MANLEY

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## SAINT MARY ELMWOOD

### MASS & DEVOTION SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 3RD THROUGH 9TH 2018

**MON. 3** 8:00AM (Manley) +Gerald Stander requested by Gerald Jr. & Bernadine Stander  
**TUE. 4** 8:00AM (Manley) +John Bruns requested by Dorothy Murphy  
**WED. 5** 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of Sherry Kunz  
**THU. 6** 8:00AM (Manley) +George Thiel  
7:00PM (Elmwood) Special Intention of John & Pat Miller  
**FRI. 7** 10:00AM (Louisville Care Center) Special Intention of Betty Dufek

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (A Holy Day of obligation.)

**FRI. 7** 5:45PM (Manley) **EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR**  
7:00PM (Manley) Special Intention of Saint Patrick's Altar Society  
**SAT. 8** 9:00AM (Elmwood) **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.**  
11:00AM (Manley) +Barbara Parson requested by Dorothy Murphy

**SAT. 8** 5:00PM (Manley) +Perry McDaneld requested by Barb & Scott Koke  
**SUN. 9** 9:00AM (Elmwood) +Bruce Hoffbauer requested by Duane & Shirley Hoffbauer  
11:00AM (Manley) **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Even though this Solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, since it is the Patronal Feast Day of our country (and of our diocese), it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Everyone will need to attend two distinct Masses, one for the Immaculate Conception and one for the Second Sunday of Advent.** Attending the evening Mass on Saturday will not suffice to fulfill the Mass obligation for both the Holy Day and Sunday.

From a catechetical instruction by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop:

### **The Two Fold Coming of Christ**

"We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, what relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame. But, in the second he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' (John 12:13) At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgement he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them, 'You did these things, and I was silent.'

His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach us by gentle persuasion. This time, whether mankind likes it or not, we will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. Malachi the Prophet speaks of the two comings. 'And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple.' (Malachi 3:1) That is one coming.

Again he says of another coming, 'Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire and he will sit refining and cleansing.' (Malachi 3:2-3)

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus where he says, 'The grace of God that Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.' (Titus 2:12-13) Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and of a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words, 'He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.' (Nicene Creed)

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from Heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new."

### **ST. GIANNA'S ART AND GIFT GALLERY: Looking for interesting Christmas gifts?**

Come support local artists and a great cause while you get your Christmas shopping done.

Artists will display and sell their unique collection of Christian artwork and gifts on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the **Guadalupe Center by Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O Street in Lincoln.**

Fifteen percent of all proceeds will be donated to benefit Saint Gianna's Women's Homes in Lincoln.

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Saint Mary's will be collecting **NEW** toys, puzzles, gifts cards, etc. for the "Toys for Tots" event at Catholic Social Services in Lincoln. **Please place unwrapped items in the box provided in the back of Church by December 16<sup>th</sup>.** The toys will be distributed on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**DECORATING SAINT MARY'S CHURCH:** We invite anyone who would like to help decorate Saint Mary's Church for Christmas after the 9AM Mass on December 23rd.

**POINSETTIA FOR SAINT MARY'S CHURCH:** If anyone is interested in purchasing a poinsettia to be placed with the Christmas decorations on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, can pay \$10 to Diann Stille or Pat Miller.

**SAINT PATRICK'S GIVING TREE:** **There are several cards (gift wishes) to be filled.**

Please take the time to pick up a card (or two) if you are able, **before Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** and make the wish come true for a young person in need. We would like the gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) brought to Church by next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. **THANK YOU!**

### **CONFIRMATION FOR SAINT PATRICK'S AND SAINT MARY'S IS SCHEDULED FOR**

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00PM at St. Patrick's in Manley.

### **NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> OFFERING: ENVELOPES PLATE BUILD. & MAINT. JOY OF GOSPEL REBATE**

<b>SAINT PATRICK'S:</b>	\$467.00	\$129.00	\$10.00	\$3,195.83
<b>SAINT MARY'S:</b>	\$280.00	--	--	\$1,039.00

