

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

218 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Nebraska City, NE 68410

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Website: [stmarysnebraskacity.com](http://stmarysnebraskacity.com)

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael G. McCabe

Associate Pastor: Rev. Michael A. Ventre

Sunday Mass - Schedule: Saturday: 6:30 p.m. & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule: St. Mary's Hospital Chapel - Monday-Friday - 6:20 a.m.; St. Mary's Church - Monday-Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration - St. Mary's Hospital Chapel: Monday - 6:00 a.m. thru Saturday - 12:00 a.m. - Pam Gress, 402-969-0556

Confessions: Saturday, 4-5 p.m. or by appointment CCD Coordinator - Diane Denniston, 402-242-2631

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday - 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m., 873-3024

Prayer Chain: email: Patrice Wulf, 873-6848 ([wulfpak@windstream.net](mailto:wulfpak@windstream.net)) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Leonard Kreifels, Albert Burger, Boston Thomasson, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Lois Harris, Juanita Kreifels, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, Mary Jo Ventre, Ann Spalti, Pat Bowman, Kenneth Russell and all parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, in nursing homes and all the intentions listed in our Book of Intentions. Please feel welcome to add names to our prayer list by calling the parish office. Due to the privacy act, the person must grant their permission for their name to be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the happy repose of the soul of Mina Yeager and Kathleen McGoey.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our seminarians Santiago Izquierdo, Andrew Ojeda, James O'Neil and Brian Wirth and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the success of the renovation and expansion campaign "Visions for a Vibrant and Faith-Filled Future" of Lourdes Central Catholic Schools.

**WELCOME** to all our visitors and guests. If you have recently moved to Nebraska City and would like to register as a member of St. Mary's Church, we invite you to stop by or call the parish office.

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Please submit all bulletin notices by **Monday at 11:00 a.m.** in writing either by e-mail to [stmbulletin@windstream.net](mailto:stmbulletin@windstream.net) (preferred) or to the parish office.

**ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m. If you are able to be an adorer during those hours, please call Pam Gress. Eucharistic Adoration is held beginning on Monday following the 6:20 a.m. Mass and ends at 12:00 a.m. Saturday morning at CHI Health-St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. If you are not a regular scheduled adorer and would like to be or would like more information, please call Pam Gress, Coordinator, 402-969-0556. Everyone is always welcome to make a visit. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - NO FISH FRY ON APRIL 7.**

**PRAYER CARDS FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Sunday, April 23 at 12:00 p.m. students from our parish will receive their First Communion. The parish family of St. Mary's is invited to pray for our students. Prayer cards are available in the pews with student names on them for you to take home and include them in your prayers. If you would like to send them a card, a box will be available the weekends of April 8-9 and 15-16 for your convenience. Our First Communicants are Marlena Chesterman, Hunter Lackey, Lillian Madison, Reagan Moser, Jaxson Reese, Harper Rutt, Dominic Schizas, Severin Stukenholtz, Addisyn Walters, Harper Weldon, Seth Whitney, Adeline Wigington, Isabelle Willson, Nadine Young.

**90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Ruth Pfeiffer will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Friday, March 31. If you would like to help her celebrate, a card shower is being hosted by her family. Her address is 1824 14th Ave Villa #111, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Happy Birthday, Ruth!!!

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL:** We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her new found entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skill have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**EASTER FLOWERS & LILIES:** We are accepting donations of \$10.00 to purchase Easter Lilies and flowers to decorate the altar. Special envelopes are in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Contributions may be dropped in the collection basket. Please indicate along with your contribution if you wish to make a memorial or dedication to someone; kindly do this by **Sunday, April 2**. Thank you.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** May 13, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Marian Apparition at Fatima, Portugal. ALL PARISHIONERS and their family members are invited to prepare for this anniversary by joining in the Consecration to Jesus Through Mary, 33 Days to Morning Glory. This 33 day retreat will begin on April 10 and conclude on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother implored the faithful to pray the rosary and do penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world. Her messages are more relevant now than ever. If you are interested in joining in this retreat or renewing your Consecration this spring, please contact Kate Roberts, 402-209-4362. Books are available on the kiosk in the entrance of the church. The DVD series by Fr. Michael Gaitley is available on Formed.org. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS LENTEN PAPER DRIVE:** Please join us in collecting paper for Lourdes Central Catholic School. Drop off your reams of paper at St Mary's, St Benedict's or St Joseph's. We will collect until April 17. Thank you.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - DISHES NEED OWNERS!!!** Many dishes are waiting for their owners in the church hall. If you have brought a dish for a parish function or for dinner for the priests and have not picked it up, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**HAVE YOU WANTED TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH? MEET NEW PEOPLE?** Here's your opportunity. You are invited to be a part of the Stewardship Committee and work with others assisting the many ministries in the parish. The mission of the committee is to promote time for God in prayer, sharing our time and talent for the common good, giving of our treasure and nourishing our faith so that we can share with others. The goal of the committee is to engage our parish by communicating and actively living the stewardship message of hospitality, prayer, formation and service. Gatherings are held monthly from 7-8 pm. The first 30 minutes consists of spiritual growth through reading and reflection and the second half is used to promote stewardship in the parish. The annual pitch party and Theology on Tap, and the ministry fair are hosted by the Stewardship Committee. The next meeting will be Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. For more information, please call our co-chairs, Julie Parker, 402-297-0677 or Scott & Jan O'Neil, 402-259-3325 or the parish office.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER:** Would you be interested in serving the parish and assisting the pastor in planning and decision making? The Parish Council meets every other month on the fourth Monday. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Parish Council, please call Linda Hogeland, 402-873-6317 or the parish office.

**THANK YOU** to all those that contributed to the Combined Collection. Donations totaled \$1654.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart, so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Mar. 26: Adult Env.: \$5894.00; Loose: \$300.63; Children's Env.: \$3.00; Online: \$3641.00; Building Fund: \$30.00; Total: **\$9868.63**

Combined Collection: \$1654.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$3693.01; Mar. 12: Needed: \$520,903.68; Received: \$420,934.30; Short: **\$-99,979.38** (370.30 per family)

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$176,111.09**; Balance Needed: **\$323,888.91**

Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5685.00; Received: \$2506.36 Thank you for your generosity.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters		6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters
Monday	7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting, church hall		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Thursday	9:00 a.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Friday	5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Louise Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Mills Family	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> Lourdes Class of 2020
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lorene Clark Family	Robert Beccard+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dennis & Brian Heng+	Mike Mills	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> Helen Morson+
<b>Thursday</b>	Shirley Roder+	Josephine Stratker+	
<b>Friday</b>	Cooper, Maddox, Reese Heng	Karen McQuillan+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Stratker Children	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Betty Beckman+
<b>Sunday</b>		Charles & Lorraine Gude+	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
<b>SERVERS</b>	Grant, Sam, Miles Draus	Hayden, Ben, Blake Miller	Quinten Vasa, Alex Gress
<b>LECTORS</b>	Sharon Crunk, Dan DeFreece	Gerry Wirth, Jim Wirth	John Dubas, Ryan Ebmeier
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	John Hogeland, Matt Nienaber	Paul Madison, Danny Heng	Duane Stuhr, Tom Funke
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Jason & Molly McNeely Family	Leonard & Mary Kaiser	Mike & Lana Gilson

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Apr. 3-8 – Maverick Weninger, Jagar Matson, Giovanni Lopez; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Sharon Crunk

**READINGS:** Apr. 3, Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11; Apr. 4, Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30; Apr. 5, Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42; Apr. 6, Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59; Apr. 7, Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42; Apr. 8, Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56; Apr. 9, Mt 21:21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Every aspect of our lives can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for others and ourselves.

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS LENT?** Pray the Rosary at St. Mary's Church. The Rosary is prayed every morning at 7:30 a.m.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:** A special time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter will be Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church with Frs. McCabe, Ventre, Cyza, Miller, Scholl, and Grell. This is an opportunity for us to experience reconciliation with our God and with one another so that we will be ready to enter into the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries in the Liturgies of the Holy Week. Every year in the season of Lent, there should be in our lives a special participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Penance is preeminently the Easter Sacrament, instituted by Jesus on the night of the very day He rose from the dead (John 20:23). Please use this opportunity for the sacrament of confession so that you may enter fully into the celebration of these mysteries of God's love.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: MASS SCHEDULE: St. Mary's Church** - Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 8 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 9 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.; Monday-Wednesday, April 10-12 - 8:00 a.m.; Holy Thursday, April 13 - 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday Services, April 14 - 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15 - 8:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 16 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.; **CHI Health – St. Mary's Hospital Chapel** - Monday-Wednesday, April 10-12 – 6:20 a.m. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, April 8 – 4-5 p.m.; Sunday, April 9 – 2:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service; Wednesday, April 12 – 12:00-1:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 13 – 8:00-9:00 p.m.; Friday, April 14 - 11:15-12:00 p.m. & 6:00-6:45 p.m.; Saturday, April 15 - 7:30-8:00 p.m.; Or by appointment. **NO 5:15 p.m. Mass April 10 & 12.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (LDCCW)** will meet in Imperial on Saturday, April 8, beginning with Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time, followed by registration at 9:00 a.m. MT with the LDCCW Spring Full Board Meeting convening at 9:20 a.m. MT. All women and priests of the Lincoln Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m. behind Lourdes School on the practice field. Rain date is April 15.

**C.O.R.N CHRISTIANS OUTREACHING TO RURAL NEBRASKA** – for students in grades 6-12 on Saturday, April 8 from 7-11 p.m. at the Nebraska City High School. Many activities, speaker, free pizza and pop. See the flier in the entrance of the church for more detail.

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE:** The retreats are silent or preached retreats providing the retreatant guidance in prayer, as well as ample opportunity to be alone with God. Retreat typically begins with Rosary and Mass at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening and end with Mass on Sunday followed by noon lunch. Each retreat includes: Celebration of the Eucharist, meditations given by a retreat master, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation, silence, prayer, recollection, and opportunities for meeting/spiritual direction with the retreat master. Upcoming retreats are for men and women on April 7-9 with Msgr. Daniel Seiker, "Journeying with Christ in His Passion and Resurrection and April 13-15 for young women with the Marian Sisters, "Triduum Retreat. For more information or to register, go to [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705. Schedules are available in the entrance of the church.

**OTIS SPUNKMEYER COOKIE DOUGH:** Please support Lourdes Cheerleaders by ordering cookie dough now through April 10. Orders will be delivered ~week of May 10. Funds raised go toward uniforms and camp. Contact any cheerleader to order or contact Ms. Gould or Mrs. Whitten at Lourdes @ 402-873-6154.

**FTE-MS/HS SCIENCE, FTE MS/HS MATH, AND K-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER:** Lourdes Central Catholic, a C2/D1 Pre-School-12 Catholic School seeks endorsed teachers in the above areas for the 2017-18 school year. Email or mail cover letter and resume to: Curt H. Feilmeier, Principal, [curt-feilmeier@cdolinc.net](mailto:curt-feilmeier@cdolinc.net), 412 2nd Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. Extra-duties/coaching assignments available. More information by call, 402-873-6154 or visit or visit [www.tinyurl.com/TeachAtLourdesCC](http://www.tinyurl.com/TeachAtLourdesCC)

**SPIRIT 102.7-FM PRESENTS: LAUGHTER: THE SANITY OF THE FAMILY WITH DR. RAY GUARENDI** This event is open to all parishes and the public. Join us on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish, 6111 Morrill Ave., Lincoln. You can purchase your \$10 ticket on [doctorryay.brownpapertickets.com](http://doctorryay.brownpapertickets.com). **Bonus:** You can bring a friend for free! We hope to see you and a friend on April 17<sup>th</sup> for Dr. Ray's insights on parenting.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Fr. Mark Cyza will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land July 10-23, 2017. Cost is \$2,999.00. Visit [stbens.org](http://stbens.org) or call 402-873-3047 for more information.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF LOURDES AND FATIMA – NOVEMBER 3-13:** Join veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas in this meaningful journey to Spain, Portugal and France. Includes Barcelona (Sagrada Familia), Salamanca, Avila, Madrid, Montserrat and much more. Time for devotion and prayer. Includes daily Mass, R/T Air, First Class Hotels, daily tours, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing and Gov't taxes/airline surcharges. \$3189 from Chicago. \$3289 from Omaha. Seats are limited. This will fill up fast. For complete information: Fr. John Vakulskas, Box 347, Okoboji, IA 51355; 712-490-8047 – [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com) – [www.carnivalpriest.com](http://www.carnivalpriest.com)

**STUDENTS – SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 25-30 - TOTUS TUUS (TOTALLY YOURS),** for another fun, faith-filled summer catechetical youth program for students entering grades 1-12. More details to come.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** Apr. 3: Janie Ebmeier, Apr. 5: Jeannette Eilers, Apr. 8: Mary Farris, Apr. 10: Joan Fedoris, Apr. 12: Marlene Fey, Apr. 15: Janet and Marlene Frana, Apr. 17: Judy Francois, Apr. 19: Hettie Funke, Apr. 22: Lynn Gibson, Apr. 24: Lana Gilson, Apr. 26: Maggie Gripenstroh, Apr. 29: Kathy Grundman. The time to bring dinner for your designated day is between 5:30-6:00 p.m. If you do not use disposable dishes, please put your name on the dishes and pick them up in the church hall. It is preferred that meals be taken to the back door of the rectory, and if the priests are not home, please put the meals in the refrigerator. Questions or if you would like to volunteer, please call Maureen Chance, 874-9411. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME – CHURCH CLEANERS (following the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass {8:30 a.m}):** **Apr. 8:** David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Ron Schmitz, Donald & Lynell Schomaker, Kevin & Elizabeth Schomarus, Ronald & Diane Schomarus, Clarence & Carol Schram, Steve Schreiner, Keith & Arlene Schreiter, Ted & Carmen Schreiter. **Apr. 15:** Buck & Amber Shawhan, Elizabeth Slagle, Jackie Smith, Jolene Spevak, William & Teresa Stanberry, Bruce Stanley, Carol Stehlik, Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz. **Apr. 22:** Mary Ann Sturm, Cathy Thomas, Gerald & Donna Thoms, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy, Brent & Darci Travis, Mark & Melissa Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Lee & Joyce Turner, Brad & Jo Vasa, Karen Vaughn. **If you are unable to clean the week assigned, families or individuals are responsible for finding a replacement or contacting and paying a substitute \$15.00.** **Substitutes:** Kathy Duffy, 873-7576, Linda Smith, 873-7576, Sharon Crunk, 873-4568, Julia Russell, 873-9160, Mary Mills, 873-6247, Sharon Heng, 873-5105.

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** "It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially." St. Francis de Sales