

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: stmarysnebraskacity.com

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael G. McCabe

Associate Pastor: Rev. James J. Morin

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, 402-209-2498

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Kenneth Russell, Aaron Herold, Cheryl Hauptman, Myron Penning, Everett Tjaden, Ned Cox, Aaron Mayberry, Angie Childers, Shirley Hackett, Trini Lipp, Emmett Christiansen, Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie & Lexis Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Albert Burger, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Donna Thoms, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, Pat Bowman 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 our seminarians James O'Neil, Brian Wirth and Joseph Allen and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thank you.

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 (preferred) or to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adorers needed on **Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m.** 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. Everyone is always welcome to make a visit. If you are not a regular scheduled adorer and would like to be or would like more information, please call Pam Gress, 402-969-0556. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

APRIL 22 - NATIONAL HISTORY DAY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER! Lourdes Middle School students who qualified for National History Day in Washington D.C. invite you to a breakfast fundraiser Sunday, April 22 from 8:30-12:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, coffee and orange juice will be served for a free will offering. Congratulations to Will Funke, Joseph Kearney, Kaitlyn Howard, and Katie Dia on qualifying for National History Day.

THE BISHOP'S CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL will begin next weekend, April 28 & 29. This year's theme is "Stewardship: Cultivating Love in Deed and Truth." Our goal is \$55,000.00 of which \$8466.00 will help fund the many ministries of the diocese with the balance returned to St. Mary's Church. Pledge/contribution cards will be available in the entrance of the church. Donations can be given by check, thru credit card or direct debit with an email address. There will be two tables in the entrance of the church - A-L on the West and M-Z on the East. Each family has a pre-printed card and is asked to complete a card. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE CARDS HOME & PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CARD IS SIGNED.** Thank you to all those that support the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal.

CHILDRENS CHOIR: All students in 2nd grade and older are invited to sing in the Children's Choir on Sunday, April 29 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please arrive that day by 9:45 a.m. There will NOT be practice before Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Kay DeFreece at 402-209-0321

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: June 6 - CDA Salad Luncheon - 11-1:30 p.m.; July 15-20 - Totus Tuus; Ministry Fair - October 20-21.

FORMED - THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND: STUDY...WATCH...LISTEN...READ... The best Catholic content all in one place. Register today on Formed.org or if you haven't visited the website for awhile, take a look today and be inspired! Parish code: BHRREJ.

ONLINE GIVING: The convenient way to return a portion of your gifts back to our Lord. It's easy to set up, safe, secure and you can check as often as you like to see what you have given to the church and special collections throughout the year. Go to our website at www.stmarysnebraskacity.com. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you to all those that are already using online giving.

PLEASE NOTE: If you bank at **Premier Bank**, and are still using Farmers Bank checks, please make sure that you use this routing number 104000870.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust him, follow him no matter the cost to our comfort?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Apr. 15: Adult Env.: \$8230.00; Loose: \$652.35; Children's Env.: \$35; Online: \$2116.00; Easter: \$20.00; Total: \$11018.70

Rice Bowl: \$50.15; Holy Land: \$50.00; Combined: \$50.00; Bishop's Charity & Stewardship Appeal Rebate: \$4849.23

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Short: \$2303.78; Apr. 15: Needed: \$559,544.18; Received: \$570,730.87; Over: \$11,186.69 (\$40.98 per family)

Southern Nebraska Register: **Needed: \$5670.00 - Rec'd \$2357.00; Bal. Needed: \$3313.00** Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, church hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory
	5:00 p.m. Grades 7-12 CCD, St. Benedict rectory		5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
			7:00 p.m. K of C meeting, church hall

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Gude & Nystrom Families+	Margaret Heng+	
Tuesday	Myron Velma Henner+	Liz Detloff Family	
Wednesday	Carol O'Flaherty+	Charles & Lorraine Gude+	
Thursday	Juanita Kreifels+	Lester Kinnison+	
Friday	Francis & Vera Lavigne+	Ed Mills+	
Saturday		Richard Oelke+	6:30 p.m. John & Mary Wenzl
Sunday		Loretta Sarraillon+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Carline Moles Frank & Dana Medeiros	Jim & Bonnie Lowe Charles Moyer, Gail Walford	Mike Heng, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
SERVERS	Tyler Lechner, Johnny Heng	Aidan & Tyler Kleineweber	Nick Fedoris, Gage Schmitz Harper Weldon
LECTORS	Tyler Mason	Jennifer Howard	Kelly Madden
ACOLYTES	Tom Wigington	Mark Eilers	Larry Lance
OFFERTORY	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Don & Paul Ramold	John & Deb Dubas Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - April 23-28 – Robert Honeysuckle, Giovanni Lopez, Jagar Matson; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Marv Gittinger

READINGS: Apr. 23, Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10; Apr. 24, Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30; Apr. 25, 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20; Apr. 26, Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20; Apr. 27, Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6; Apr. 28, Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14; Apr. 29, Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Serve as shepherds to one another.

OTIS SPUNKMEYER COOKIE DOUGH: Please support Lourdes Cheerleaders by ordering cookie dough now through April 22. Orders will be delivered the week of May 7. Funds raised go toward uniforms and camp. If you aren't able to catch a cheerleader after Mass, please contact Lisa Whitten or Lesley Gould at 402-873-6154 to order. Thank you!

CHICKEN DINNER AND AUCTION: St. Wenceslaus Parish in Bee is hosting their spring chicken dinner and auction on Sunday, April 29 from 10:30-2:30 p.m. in States Ballroom. Mass in Bee is at 9:00 a.m. See flier in the entrance of the church for more information.

COME PRAY FOR PEACE - SURROUND THE BORDER: BISHOP JAMES CONLEY is inviting every Catholic to join him on Sunday, April 29, from 8-8:30 pm for the HuskerCatholic Candle-lit Rosary for Peace surrounding the border of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (please be in place by 7:45 pm). It will take 3300+ people (100 from Nebraska City, Palmyra, Syracuse, Tecumseh) are needed to completely surround the 2.5 mile perimeter. Visit www.rosarylincoln.org for a map with assigned parish locations. There is a parish sign-up after all Masses on this weekend and next weekend, April 21-22 (for parishes within the 60 mile radius of Lincoln).

NO EXPIRATION: Thank you to all those who continue to make \$15 payments for their Southern Nebraska Register. Because the parish is billed monthly for each family to receive a Register, there is no deadline for contributions. If you have not made a contribution for our diocesan newspaper, please consider one. Our annual subscription bill is \$5670.00 and we have received contributions totaling \$2357.00 leaving a balance of \$3313.00.

DIOCESEN ROSARY CRUSADE: The Diocese of Lincoln is encouraging families to pray the rosary or a daily decade of Scripture Rosary. A powerful prayer like the rosary being said by a family can make families stronger and deepen their love for Mary and the rosary. Each individual or family is asked to complete a pledge card and offered as a spiritual tithe for the parish and the diocese. If you have not completed a card and would like to be a part of the Rosary Crusade, please drop your card in the collection basket. Cards are available in the entrance of the church.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: May 4-6 for men and women with Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR, "Totus Tuus: A Retreat with Mary, Mother of the Church." Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

BISHOP CONLEY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION: Bishop Conley was ordained a Bishop on May 30, 2008, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colorado. In thanksgiving to God for the 10 years of Episcopal leadership, we will present to Bishop Conley a spiritual bouquet at his anniversary celebration. A sign-up sheet is available in the entrance of the church for your offering.

STUDENTS – SAVE THE DATE – JULY 15-20 - TOTUS TUUS (TOTALLY YOURS), for another fun, faith-filled summer catechetical youth program for students entering grades 1-12 held at Lourdes School. Don't miss it, so save the date. More details to come.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: April 23: Shawn Stukenholtz, April 25: Marcia Talmon, April 28: Julie Volkmer, April 30: Allison Weddle, May 2: Hope Weninger, May 5: Kathy Wigington, May 7: Cheryl Wirth, May 9: Emily Wolken, May 12: Teresa Albers, May 14: Bobbi Aultz, May 16: Heather Bakula, May 19: Chris Bando, May 21: Brenda Baumann, May 23: Katie Bebout, May 26: Kelly Bequette, May 30: Beth Box. 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 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. 28: Mike & Janis Riege, Luke & Colleen Ritz, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Christine Runyon, Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Louis Santi, Christina Scharfen, Teresa Schlorholtz, David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Nick Schmitz. **May 5:** Ron Schmitz, Donald & Lynell Schomaker, Kevin & Elizabeth Schomerus, Ronald & Diane Schomerus, Clarence & Carol Schram, Steve Schreiner, Keith & Arlene Schreiter, Ted & Carmen Schreiter, James & Ellen Shank, Buck & Amber Shawhan. **May 12:** Elizabeth Slagle, Shannon Slater, Jackie Smith, Jolene Spevak, William & Teresa Stanberry, Bruce Stanley, Carol Stehlik, Jena Stoll, Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz. **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, 402-209-2340, Mary Mills, 873-6247, Sharon Heng, 873-5105.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us. Albert Schweitzer

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS UP-TO-DATE - CHANGED ADDRESSES, PLANNING TO MOVE? DROPPED YOUR LAND LINE, ADDED A CELL, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please call the parish office with your new information. If you are planning to move out of our community, please also, let us know. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS will have their next meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary's Church hall. We will be discussing our June salad luncheon. Hope to see you there. If you are not a member, please join us and see what we are about. If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, we'd love to have you back. Call Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976 for more information.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS THE MUSICAL "GUYS & DOLLS." Performances are May 4 & 5 at 7:00 p.m. and May 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wirth Theatre. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m. Premium seats are \$13 and General seating is \$10. For more information and ticketing, please visit the school website www.lourdescentralcatholic.org

CONGRATULATIONS to 8th grader, Katie Dia, who has been selected as the First Place Recipient for the Spirit Catholic Radio School Calendar Art Contest, 7th- 8th Grade Division. Katie's artwork will be published in the 2018-2019 Spirit Catholic Radio School Calendar which will be delivered in August. To view Katie & all the winning artwork, visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com

ENROLLING NOW FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR! We are excited to offer new options in our Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten, for more information call the school at 402-873-6154 or visit our website, www.lourdescentralcatholic.org

CONGRATULATIONS to Coach, Joe Tynon, on being named USA TODAY High School Sports Boys Basketball Nebraska Coach of the Year! Coach Tynon finished his 12th year as head coach and coached the first team to ever win three Class D1 state titles in a row. The State Championship win was the 233rd win of Tynon's career.

DIOCESAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES

TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST) is a weekend experience for high school juniors and seniors on a Catholic journey of faith, which emphasizes the relationship of Jesus in your life. During TEC you experience: a chance to meet other high school seniors and juniors; a time to reflect on your life through the eyes of Jesus; an opportunity for prayer and sharing with others; a God you can believe in, encountering Christ risen and alive! The weekend begins in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and concludes on the final day at about 4:00 p.m. You will need to be there the entire time. The final TEC of the school year will be June 9-11 at David City Aquinas. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE. Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference, will be held July 13-15 at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. There is an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and presenters, to challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, to rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ as their guide, friend and Savior, and to show them that faith to the world. The trip is open to all high school students entering 9th grade and those who have just graduated. This event can be a real launching point of deeper spiritual engagement for many young people. It is a high intensity weekend that comes in waves with great witness to the faith. The speakers are authentic evangelists who discuss the difficulties of living a moral life, and the joy that comes from a life of discipleship. This year's keynote speaker is Jason Evert, a nationally known speaker with a compelling message for youth. The cost is \$389 per student and includes the transportation from Lincoln, conference and all meals during the conference, lodging and event t-shirt. For more information or to register today at www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference.

THE DIOCESAN CANOE TRIPS ARE COMING UP! This three-day outdoor adventure for sophomores through graduating seniors, includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the evening hours. Dates are July 8-10 and July 10-12, cost is \$100. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>.

FOR MEN & WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM DIVORCE: The **Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **June 4, 2018** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Cost is \$50. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Jump start your Catholic spirituality with an hour of adoration and prayer in Eucharistic Adoration. Consider spending quality time with our Lord in a quiet and intimate setting. The fruit of spending time in adoration is bountiful. Jesus awaits all to come to Him and richly rewards those who take the time and make the sacrifice of their time. See for yourself. Several options exist for you to get involved: regular adorer, substitute adorer or temporary adorer to cover open hours until they are filled. Please pray about this. Many graces are given to all who spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC CDS AND BOOKS: Want to enrich and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and your understanding of the Catholic faith? Stop in the entrance of the church today to see what is new from Lighthouse Catholic Media. CDS only \$3 and books are \$6. Your generous donations help continue our ministry and we are able to purchase additional CDs, books and booklets.

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION AT 70 1/2: Did you know that you could save money on your taxes by donating your annual required minimum distribution directly to St. Mary's Church? You can make up to \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 if your spouse is also 70 1/2 in donations to a charitable organization. Direct-from-your-IRA donations are called qualified charitable distributions, or QCDs. They are tax-free and no deductions are allowed for them, so QCDs don't directly affect your tax bill. However, they count as withdrawals for purposes of meeting the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules that apply to your traditional IRAs after age 70 1/2.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES: Is Christ calling you to be a pilgrim? Fathers Dan Rayer and Craig Doty of the Diocese of Lincoln will be leading a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Fatima, Portugal, and Lourdes, France, from September 12-23, 2018. The cost is \$3,995 per person with double occupancy with air travel out of Omaha. In addition to Lourdes and Fatima, there will be several stops in Spain in Salamanca, Avila, Segovia, Zaragoza, Montserrat, and will conclude in Barcelona. If you have any questions about the pilgrimage or traveling to the Marian Shrines, feel free to contact Fr. Rayer at 402-488-0921 or fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org or Tekton Ministries, the Catholic organization that is planning the journey, at 317-574-4191. To register for the pilgrimage or see a brochure go to <https://www.tektonministries.org/home/upcoming-pilgrimages/>.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES & FATIMA: Come along November 5-15, 2018, to some of the most sacred places in all of Europe! We'll visit both of the great Shrines to Mary, Lourdes in southern France and Fatima in Portugal, and many great places in Spain. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,249 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 515-332-2856 or email fdanguenther@gmail.com



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You're invited to this month's meeting
APRIL 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Mary's Church Hall

Note new starting time. Officers will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Congratulations to our new 3rd degree Knights Matt Bruggeman, Luke and Ben Jensen. They recently completed their 2nd and 3rd degree explication on April 15.

Thank You to Nile Farris, Dave Ramold, Ed Stukenholtz and anyone who helped with the Lourdes Event.

We will be continuing the Into the Breach with Fr. Cyza after the general meeting. All Knights are invited to attend this spiritual program.

Did you know we extend to each of our members an Accidental Death Benefit for free just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus? The program – which is only available in insurance jurisdictions – provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions). Contact our insurance agent, John Soukup for more information on the K of C insurance products and services.

WISHING A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR KNIGHTS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MAY:

Dennis Bintner, Doug Boes, Clarence Kaiser, Vaughn Hammond, Joshua Whitney, Mike Kearney, Charles Moyer, Pete Lutz, Allen Everman, Steven Hackett, Duane Stuhr, Florian Brown.

KNIGHTS WITH MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY:

Ed Sasse-54 years, Ron Osovski-36 years, Salvatore Trombino-31 years, Jim Wirth-19 years, Stan Ohnmacht-5 years, Jesse Dorman and Ben Jensen-2 years

Congratulations to all and thank you for your service.

Next Meeting will be MAY 30. We are still in need of volunteers to fill the positions of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the Knights of Columbus Council.

Vita Jesus

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