

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 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 our seminarians Augustine Reimers, Matthew Schilmoeller, 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.

**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 Catholic Church**

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:**

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

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, April 13 - concludes at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18 - resumes following 6:20 a.m. Mass

**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. To get FORMED, go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code." Enter the code "BHRREJ." Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**CHRISM MASS:** During Holy Week in almost every Diocese in the world, the Bishop and priests of the Diocese gather at the Cathedral (the Mother Church of the Diocese) to celebrate the "Chrism Mass." It is the spirit of being with the Lord at the Last Supper when bestowed upon the apostles and those chosen after them, a share in His Priesthood. During this Mass, the Bishop and all the priests recommit themselves to the divine call of our Lord to High Priesthood. In addition, all religious present at this Mass renew their vows of consecration to the Lord in religious life, and all laity present will renew their vows made to our Lord at Baptism. It is also during this Mass, that the Bishop consecrates all the sacred oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments in the coming year. The Chrism Mass is Monday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3333 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. It is a faith enriching experience and well worth the time for anyone who attends. The public is invited to attend. Those that are unable to attend are asked to join our diocesan family in prayer on that day at that time.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL:** We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities, too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more. The Rice Bowl Collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS: ABSTINENCE:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat All Fridays of Lent.

**FASTING:** All Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to observe the fast law on Good Friday. Fasting requires limiting oneself to one full meal a day and avoiding food between meals. Light nourishment may be taken on two other occasions through the course of the day. The laws of Fast and Abstinence bind under pain of sin, and substantial neglect of the laws is considered serious matter. **EASTER DUTY:** All the faithful who have received First Communion are to receive Communion at least once through the Easter Season that is between the First Sunday of Lent and Holy Trinity Sunday.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** We are at the doorsteps of Holy Week where we remember Christ's passion. Jesus humbled himself and let go of everything, emptying himself for us. During this time of Lent, how have we joined the Lord? Has our prayer, penitential practices and almsgiving moved us to humble ourselves before the Lord? Have we let go of things that keep us from being authentic stewards for Christ Jesus? How have we "emptied" ourselves so that when we do approach the table of the Lord, we can be nourished by His body and blood? As disciples of Christ and stewards of His gift of faith, it is time to evaluate our lives under the cross.

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

April 2: Adult Env.: \$9756.00; Loose: \$300.02; Children's Env.: \$2.25; Online: \$2463.50; Building Fund: \$20.00; Total: \$12541.77

Combined Collection: \$850.00

Needed Weekly: \$12,561.64; Short: \$19.87; April 2: Needed: \$533,465.32; Received: \$433,466.07; Short: **\$-99,999.25** (370.37 per family)

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$178,611.09**; Balance Needed: **\$321,388.91**

Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5685.00; Received: \$2521.36 Thank you for your generosity.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday	2:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service	Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Brice & Winnie Bell+	Donald Lutz+	<b>5:15 p.m. NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Russell & Martha Winter+	Steffes Family	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Eleanora Bischof+	Velda Kreifels+`	<b>5:15 p.m. NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	7:00 p.m. Delrosa Riege+
<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>12:15 &amp; 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Services</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>8:30 p.m. Mark &amp; Rosetta Wirth+</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		Raymond & Helen Frana+	<b>10:00 a.m. People of the Parish</b>
	<b>Saturday – 8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Joe Miller Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Aaron & James Mason Thomas Ragland	Grant & Ben Chance Eli Wigington	Joseph Whitney, Nick Fedoris Gage Schmitz
<b>LECTORS</b>	Frank Volkmer	Mary Kay Hengen	Cindy McGinnis
<b>ACOLYTES</b>		Mark Eilers, Mike Gilson	Jason Esser, Bryan Bequette
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Scott & Jan O'Neil Family	Mike & Jenny Kearney Family	Mike & Janelle Gress Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Apr. 10-12 – Sam Ebmeier, Nick Fedoris, Braedon Watkins; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Jim Lowe; Reader: Denise Davis; **SERVERS:** Apr. 13 – 7:00 p.m. – Colby & Caleb Howard; April 14 – 12:15 p.m. – Zachary Whitten, Eli McNeely, Jack & Andrew Bakula; 7:00 p.m. – Colton Davis, Brock Hogeland; **LECTORS:** Apr. 13 – 7:00 p.m. Barb Stukenholtz; April 14 – 12:15 p.m. – Tom Wigington, Gerry Wirth; 7:00 p.m. Jeanette Eilers, Kelly Madden

**READINGS:** Apr. 10, Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11; Apr. 11, Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38; Apr. 12, Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25; Apr. 13, Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15; Apr. 14, Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42; Apr. 15, Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18:28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10; Apr. 16, Acts 10:34-a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9.

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

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**THE MARIAN SISTERS WILL BE HOSTING A HOLY WEEK RETREAT** that will provide an opportunity for single young women (ages 17-35) to reflect deeply on the Passion of Christ and His love. The silent retreat will be held at Good Counsel Retreat House at Waverly on April 13-15. The cost is \$30 for students and \$40 for non-students. For more information or to register, please visit their website at [www.mariansisters.org](http://www.mariansisters.org) or contact the Marian Sisters at [marian-vocations@cdolinc.net](mailto:marian-vocations@cdolinc.net) or by phone (402)786-2750. See flier in entrance of the church for more details.

**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.

**SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON:** The Presbyterian Women are hosting a salad luncheon on Thursday, April 13 from 11-1 p.m. Serving a variety of salads, hot dishes, sloppy joes, breads and desserts. Free will offering. See the flier in the entrance of the church for more information.

**LOURDES ELEMENTARY PTO'S SPRING FUNDRAISER HAS BEGUN!** April 3rd-May 18 our school will earn 20% of Schwan's purchases and 40% of Schwan's eGift Cards sales. If you are a current Schwan's customer, please share our Campaign ID#31697 with your next order and support Lourdes Central Catholic elementary. If you are new to Schwan's, you can order by phone or online. Simply call 1-855-870-7208 or visit [www.schwans.com](http://www.schwans.com) and provide campaign ID #31697 at checkout to support our fundraiser. After your initial order, Schwan's will automatically give our fundraiser credit for any future orders you place. Schwan's will continue to contribute 5% of all orders to our school through August 18th. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Fr. Mark Cyza will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land July 10-23, 2017. Cost is \$2,999.00. Registrations will be accepted until April 30. Visit [stbens.org](http://stbens.org) or call 402-873-3047 for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** 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 Griepenstroh, 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. 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. **Apr. 29:** Michaela Vestecka, Frank & Julie Volkmer, Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, Christopher & Allison Weddle, Erin Weldon, Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger. **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:** "The soul cannot live without love. We can never love our neighbor too much." St. Francis de Sales