

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael G. McCabe

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

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

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

Confessions: Saturday - 4:00-5:00 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

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Dan Lucas, Dean & Cheryl Hauptman, Dennis Heng, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Jerry Thede, Lois Harris, Juanita Kreifels, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, Mary Jo Ventre, Ann Spalti, Pat Bowman, Kenneth Russell 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 Leonard Martin, Velda Kreifels, Robert O'Neil, and Bill Carroll.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our seminarians 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.

**ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - !!!GREAT NEED!!! WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-2 A.M. Also, Wednesdays from 10-11 p.m. (second adorer) Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. and Fridays from 3-4 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. (second adorer).** 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. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, not a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated on Monday, August 15 with Mass at 6:20 and 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. all at St. Mary's Church.

**ROSARY NOVENA FOR OUR NATION: CATHOLIC PEOPLE OF FAITH IN OUR COUNTRY WILL EMBRACE A MISSION** - The Novena starts on the great feast day of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary and ends on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7. Today in our country, life at all stages especially in the womb, marriage, and family are all under attack. Religious freedom is under siege! In light of the lessons manifest in the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, her conversion of a pagan culture and the end of their child sacrifice, as well as the restoration of health of the Catholic faith, it seems not only prudent, but a cooperation of the grace of Jesus proclaimed at the Sermon on the Mount for us to pray the Rosary and invoke the intercession of the greatest prophet in the history of our Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us invoke Our Mother for the conversion of our country and for the end of all attacks against the sanctity of life, marriage, and family as well as for the protection of our religious freedom. **Join other Catholics in our nation from August 15 till October 7 for the 54 day Novena for our Nation.** May Jesus be merciful to us and bring about the desired conversion of souls through the intercession of His Mother and ours. For more information go to <https://www.novenafornation.com/2016/07/14/catholic-people-faith-country-will-embrace-mission/>

**LOURDES SCHOOL BEGINS** on Tuesday, August 16. Grades 1-12 will attend Mass at St. Mary's at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 19. Everyone is welcome to join our students as we begin the new school year.

**FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO SHARE:** If you have fresh fruits and vegetables that you would like to share for Lourdes Hot Lunch Program, donations are being accepted at St. Mary's and St. Benedict's. Thank you for your generosity for our students.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE - SEPTEMBER 25:** During this "Year of Mercy," our parish is planning a pilgrimage on Sunday, September 25. Our chartered bus leaves Lourdes parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and we will attend Mass at the Carmelite Monastery in Agnew. We will also visit Assumption Church and grounds in Dwight, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward and the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Lunch will be on your own in Seward either at McDonalds, Pizza Hut or La Carreta Mexican Restaurant. Cost is \$25.00 for adults and \$13.00 for children (thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade). To reserve your seat, please complete the registration form on the lower back side of the bulletin.

**CCD (CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE)** for students not attending Catholic school. Meet the teacher and registration will be held on Wednesday, September 7 in the basement of Lourdes Primary. Classes begin for **GRADES 1-6** on Wednesday, September 14. CCD for students in kindergarten will begin on January 4. **REGISTRATION FORMS FOR K-6** are available in the entrance of the church. CCD fees/Activity fees are \$50.00 each for the first two children and \$27.00 each for each additional child. **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** students only are to include an additional **\$8.00** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Banner. Payment is due and payable at the time of registration. Completed registration forms can also be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. If the fee is a financial burden, please contact Fr. McCabe and special arrangements will be made. For more information, please call Diane Denniston, CCD Coordinator, 402-209-2498 or the parish office, 402-873-3024. **7-12 Grade CCD** will begin on Sunday, September 11 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the rectory of St. Benedict. Supper will be provided each week. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Cyza, 402-873-3047.

**R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)**, a process used by Catholic parishes to welcome and prepare adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or exploring whether or not the Catholic faith is for them (or baptized Catholic, but not yet Confirmed). It is a journey of faith in community, during which information about the Catholic faith is shared and the drawing of one's heart closer to God are joined to help the person live a fuller Christian life. We meet weekly on Wednesdays during the school year and will begin on Wednesday, September 14 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lourdes High School. Supper and daycare will be provided. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Cyza, 402-873-3047.

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS COLLECTION:** Each year at this time we have a special collection to help with the monthly support of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother - Sr. Ana Maria, Sr. Kathleen, and Sr. Cynthia. Currently our parish contributes \$700.00 per month or a total of \$8400.00 per year. Nebraska City is very blessed to have this community of sisters to help with the education of our children and adults of our parish and for all their prayers. Please give as generously as you can to show your support of this wonderful gift that God has given to our community. A special envelope is included in your monthly envelopes. Thank you.

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED AT FORMED.ORG?** FORMED, the Catholic Faith on Demand with 24/7 access to the best Catholic teaching content on any device, including your computer, tablet or smart phone with internet access. With FORMED you will find video programs that explains the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and inspiring audio talks. To get FORMED, go to Formed.org and click on "Sign-up," then scroll down to "Does Your Parish Already Have Formed," enter the code "BHRREJ" and click submit. Complete the registration information and click submit. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED anytime by simply logging in.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running.

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

Aug. 7: Adult Env.: \$8337.00; Loose: \$603.19; Children's Env.: \$3.75; Online: \$2402.00; Total: \$11,345.94

Building Fund: \$105.00; Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$4366.00; Balance Needed: \$4034.00

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: \$500,000.00; Received: \$37,246.39 Thank you for your generosity.

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** *There is no such thing as bad weather. All weather is good because it is God's.* St. Teresa of Avila

**MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS**

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	People of the Parish (AT CHURCH)	Andy Zuccari+ (Anniv.)	5:30 p.m. Mark Detloff+
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fr. McCabe & Family	In Thanksgiving	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Othilda Straub+	4:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors
<b>Thursday</b>	Gude & Nystrom Families+	Ed Mills+	
<b>Friday</b>	Donald Schomerus+	Ron & Germaine Wulf+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Mike Leisman+	6:30 p.m. Robert Lechner+
<b>Sunday</b>		Scott Schreiner+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	<b>6:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday</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>	Jackson & Rylan Esser Patrick O'Neil	Colton Davis, Brock Hogeland, Mark Loseke	Quinten Vasa, Alex Gress
<b>LECTORS</b>	Barb Stukenholtz	Jim Wirth	John Dubas
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Larry Lance	Paul Madison	Tom Funke
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Dean & Diane Reese	Henry & Donna Stratker	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Aug. 15-20 – Ben Chance – Jake Bebout; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Marv Giittinger  
**Aug. 15 – 5:30 p.m. Servers** – Grant, Sam, Miles Draus; **Lectors:** 6:20 p.m. – Sharon Crunk; 8:00 a.m. – Gerry Wirth; 5:30 p.m. Lee Turner

**READINGS:** Aug. 15, Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56; Aug. 16, Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30; Aug. 17, Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16; Aug. 18, Ez 36:23-38/Mt 22:1-14; Aug. 19, Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40; Aug. 20, Ez 43:1-7a/Mt 23:1-12; Aug. 21, Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30.

**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.

**OUR LADY OF GOODCOUNSEL 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 begin 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 August 26-28 for women with Fr. Scott Courtney, "Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life in St. John," September 8-11 for men and women, Opus Sanctorum Angelorum, "Work of the Holy Angels (4 days). 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.

**2 WEEKS TO SIGN UP FOR RETROUVAILLE:** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **August 26-28** call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, PAUL, QUILT SHOW:** In conjunction with their 100 year celebration, bring your works of art and family heirlooms to share on Sunday, August 28. Drop your quilts off between 1:30-3:30 p.m. Display opens after church picnic. Please be sure to fill our a display tag and attach it to your item(s) before dropping them off. Questions? Please call Jaclyn Kreifels, 402-874-0705 or Sydney Bebout, 402-801-0032.

**LOOKING FOR A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY** to help people that are new to this country? The SCC Learning Center in downtown Nebraska City is looking for volunteers to help with the English as a Second Language class! YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE! Contact Karin Price at [kprice@southeast.edu](mailto:kprice@southeast.edu) or call at (402)802-8886 for more information!

**THE NCCW (NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN) CONVENTION** will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 7-10, 2016. Plans are being made for a bus to leave Eastern Nebraska Wednesday morning and return following the banquet Saturday night (sleeping on the bus). The cost of \$500 includes bus transportation, registration for the convention, and the Saturday night banquet. The registration deadline to ride the bus is June 15. This is a great opportunity to attend the NCCW Convention and experience a wonderful, spiritual filled event. For more information you can contact LDCCW President Terri Sullivan at 308-650-1850.

**MERCY & MARY WEEKEND RETREAT FEATURING FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY, MIC:** Experience the Year of Mercy at a weekend retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, October 28-30 in Kansas City, KS at the Savior Pastoral Center. Fr. Gaitley is the author of 33 Days to Morning Glory, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 33 Days to Merciful Love, The One Thing is Three and The Second Greatest Story Ever Told. The weekend retreat includes: 5 Conferences with Fr. Gaitley, lodging and all meals included, daily Mass, Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Adoration & Benediction, quiet prayer time, opportunities for confession and book signing with Fr. Gaitley and more. For more information or to register go to <http://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-weekend-retreat-ks>. For carpooling info, contact the parish office.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** Aug. 15: Cindy McGinnis, Aug. 17: Kristen Miller, Aug. 20: Marliss Miller, Aug. 22: Mary Mills, Aug. 24: Kilee Olson, Aug. 27: Mary Penning, Aug. 29: Mary Pargett, Aug. 31: Rachelle Ragland, Sept. 3: Margaret Rumery, Sept. 7: Julia Russell, Sept. 10: Jacqueline Smith. 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 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):** **Aug. 20:** Andrew & Rachel Kreikemeier, Grant & Shana Lackey, Larry & Debbie Lance, Janelle Krisko, Juli Lechner, Robert & Debbie Lechner, Ronald & Katherine Lechner, Tanya Lee, Jeff Lollmann, Linda Lollmann, Mike Lollmann. **Aug. 27:** Don & Jackie Loseke, Mark Loseke, James & Bonnie Lowe, Amy Lucas, Dan & Jean Lucas, Gail Walford, Jane Lutz, Kelly & Sue Madden, Mark & Jennifer Madison, Paul & Angie Madison. **Sep. 3:** Arvon & Lu Marcotte, Mark & Rosemary Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Jerry & Suzi Martin, Tyler & Kelli Mason, Rita Mathews, Aaron & Dana Mayberry, Bailey Mazzulla, Veronica McAsey, Roger & Patricia McConnell. **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.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE – SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone(S) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Children thru grade 12)

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment is due at the time of reservation and payable to St. Mary's Church. Reservations can be made by mail, dropped in the collection basket or at the parish office.**