

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

PRAY FOR THE SICK - 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 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.

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.

ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - !!!GREAT NEED!!! WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-2 A.M. Also, Wednesdays from 10-11 p.m. (second adorer) 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.

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.

WE ARE ALMOST THERE - BISHOP'S CHARITY AND STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: Currently we are short only \$2419.00 in reaching our goal. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so by next Sunday, so our campaign can be finalized. Thank you to all of you that made a pledge/contribution. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

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. Watch the bulletin next week for more details.

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. Watch the bulletin for more details. **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. Cyza, 402-873-3047.

CONVENIENCE OF ONLINE GIVING: Do you pay your bills online? Do online banking? If your answer to these questions is yes, then why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Getting started is easy - just visit our website at www.stmarysnebraskacity.com and click our **Online Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account and you can see your contribution record at the click of the mouse. So what are you waiting for, give it a try **TODAY!** **Don't use the computer, but would like to try it?** Call Linda in the parish office and she will be glad to help. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you bank at **Premier Bank**, please make sure that you use this routing number: 104000870.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's Gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching about those who are "faithful and prudent stewards" with that classic stewardship teaching: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Christian stewards recognize that God is the ultimate source of their gifts, talents, resources and aptitudes, and that God wants them to use these varied gifts in his service. This week might be a good time to reflect on our God-given gifts. Are we using those gifts to serve the Lord? If Christ came back to us unexpectedly tomorrow would we be able to give a full accounting of how we have exercised stewardship over these gifts?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

July 31: Adult Env.: \$6844.00; Loose: \$520.15; Children's Env.: \$.30; Online: \$1514.50; Total: **\$8878.955**

Building Fund: \$20.00; Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$3732.00; Balance Needed: \$4768.00

Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal: Needed: \$55,000.00; Received: \$52,281.00; **Balance Needed: \$2,419.00**

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$36,746.39** Thank you for your generosity.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Frank McCabe+	Don & Patricia Perkins+ Susan Perkins+	
Tuesday	Mmgr. Pleskac	John Straub+	
Wednesday	Agnes Heng+	Special Intention	
Thursday	Poor Souls+	Rachel Wulf & Trent Schmidt	
Friday	Mrs. Sutton+	Shirley Young+ (Anniv.)	
Saturday		Heidi Tempelmeyer+	6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+
Sunday		Henry & Donna Stratker	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m. Saturday	8:00 a.m. Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday
USHERS/ GREETERS	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
SERVERS	William, Jackson, Dilan Eppert	Colby & Caleb Howard	Kaden Olson, Alex Bebout, Tyler Mucha
LECTORS	Dan DeFreece	Tom Wigington	Ron Schmitz
ACOLYTES	Daren Box	Sean Chance	Duane Stuhr
OFFERTORY	Robert & Heather Popish Family	Cathy Sawyer, Jackie Smith	William & Teresa Stanberry

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Aug. 8-13 – Aidan & Tyler Kleineweber; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Ron Osovski; Reader: Denise Davis

READINGS: Aug. 8, Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27; Aug. 9, Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14; Aug. 10, 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26; Aug. 11, Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1; Aug. 12, Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Mt 19:3-12; Aug. 13, Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15; Aug. 14, Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53.

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 on the web.

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.

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 explain 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.

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 or Lourdes Capital Campaign? 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.

ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGEL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: St. Mary's Church wants everyone to be able to experience a Catholic Education. That's why it is the policy of the Diocese of Lincoln not to turn away any family because of inability to pay. A Guardian Angel Fund has been established to assist families of our parish who desire a Catholic education at Lourdes Central Catholic School for their children. Consider becoming a benefactor. Donations for the Guardian Angel Program are taken at any time throughout the year and are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Each year, many people find joy in making a gift to this worthy fund so that they may assist in providing a Catholic education. Please consider becoming one of our "Guardian Angels." If you would like to sponsor a student or donate to help families that need assistance with tuition, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Guardian Angel Fund" and place in the collection basket. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you need more information, please call the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Aug. 8: Amy Lucas, Aug. 10: Rosie Marcotte, Aug. 13: Suzi Martin, Aug. 15: Cindy McGinnis, Aug. 17: Kristen Miller, Aug. 20: Marliiss Miller, Aug. 22: Mary Mills, Aug. 24: Kilee Olson, Aug. 27: Mary Penning, Aug. 29: Mary Pargett, Aug. 31: Rachelle Ragland. 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. 13:** Scott & Tracy Juranek, Anthony & Michelle Kaiser, Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, Mike & Jenny Kearney, Patricia Kleineweber, Brian Kochanowicz, Sheri Kochanowicz, Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Kreifels, Cliff & Jean Kreifels, Wayne & Brenda Kreifels. **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. **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.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "Prayer is the lifting of our hearts and minds to God. For no matter what we're saying, we're asking, 'Do you love me?' And no matter how He answers, He's saying, 'Yes, I do.'" Mother Angelica