

# 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: Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke

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, 969-0556 or Kathy Wigington, 209-1341

Confessions: Saturday, 4-5 p.m., 20 minutes before 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday Mass 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 - [stmarysnebcity@windstream.net](mailto:stmarysnebcity@windstream.net)

Prayer Chain: email: Patrice Wulf, ([prayerchainstm@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Keith Reinhard, Kathy Gilbert, Colene Copeland, Mary Lee Duncan, Kala Griepenstroh, Dan Kaiser, Jack Bakula, Janet Frana, Everett Tjaden, 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. Additional names have been moved to our book of intentions. Thank you for your prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our seminarians James O'Neil, Brian Wirth, 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](mailto:stmbulletin@windstream.net) (preferred) or to the parish office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** ADORATION UPDATE FROM FATHER HASCHKE: We would like to thank all the Eucharistic Adorers who pray a holy hour at the hospital chapel each week. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance each Monday following the 6:20 a.m. Mass and is reposed each Saturday at 12 a.m. However, all are invited to come to the chapel to pray any day or time, **including weekends**. The doors are always open and the lights are always on. Adoration is available 24/7 whether the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance or reposed in the tabernacle. We currently have a need for an adorer each Wednesday from 12:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m. We also have many hours still available for both Saturday and Sunday. Please know that if you would like to commit to a particular hour any day of the week, please contact our coordinators, Pam Gress, 402-969-0556 or Kathy Wigington 402-209-1341. Please Note: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed, if school has been cancelled due to weather, until the next day following the 6:20 a.m. Mass.

**2018 BEST OF THE BEST - OTOE COUNTY - ST. MARY'S CHURCH #1:** Thank you to all those that voted for St. Mary's Church for the 2018 Best of the Best in Otoe County "Place of Worship." We are so blessed as a parish family to receive this honor. Thank you to all those that help with the ministry of the church to make our church #1.

**SEEK 2019 - FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST- DECEMBER 2:** January 3-7, FOCUS is hosting a conference in Indianapolis called SEEK, a five-day event filled with Catholic speakers, sacraments and a bit of fun. SEEK is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to learn about their faith with thousands of their peers, as well as to prepare to engage their faith in college. Fr. Morin and 12 seniors from Lourdes will be attending SEEK. **In order to help pay for the trip, there will be a fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, December 2 beginning at 8:30-12:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus have generously offered to match whatever we raise up to \$1500. Please come and support our kids!** Contributions can also be placed in the collection basket marked "SEEK."

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** St. Mary's Children's Choir will be singing at the Advent Recital on **Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.** Practice will be on **Sunday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes School.** If you have any questions, please contact Kay DeFreece at 402-209-0321 or [kay-defreece@cdolinc.net](mailto:kay-defreece@cdolinc.net)

**37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ADVENT RECITAL:** You are invited to celebrate the start of the Advent season with beautiful music featuring local church and music groups at Nebraska City's annual community-wide Advent Recital on Sunday, December 2 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments will be served following the Recital in the church hall. Free will offering to benefit the Nebraska City Ministerial Association Energy Assistance Program.

**CDA NEWS:** The Catholic Daughters of America will have their Christmas party Tuesday, December 4 at the Keeping Room at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a small unwrapped game to donate to the kids at the Tuttwiller Community Center in Mississippi. We will also be playing CARDO!! Bring a wrapped \$5 gift for the cardo exchange. If you want to see what the Catholic Daughters is all about come join us! Call Barb Stukenholtz with questions 402-209-4976. **CDA Advent Drive:** CDA will be working together with LDCCW to collect more items for the homeless. Our collection will run from December 1-31. Items that are needed are: hand and feet warmers, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, individually wrapped snacks, water proof sleeping bags, and small personal hygiene products. There will be a box in the entrance of the church, thank you in advance for your generosity. Merry Christmas!

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,** a holy day of obligation will be celebrated on Friday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.

**CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY - DECEMBER 8:** Everyone is invited to be consecrated to Jesus through Mary or re-consecrate themselves following the 8:00 Mass on Saturday, December 8. Fr. Haschke will lead the consecration prayer and will also consecrate the entire parish to Mary using the same prayer that Bishop Conley will be using to consecrate the whole diocese.

**POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS TREES** will be purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. Again this year we are purchasing two large permanent pre-lite trees at a cost of \$732. Donations are being accepted to purchase the trees and poinsettias (suggested donation \$10.00 per flower) as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to honor someone living. Special envelopes are available in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Please make donations by **Sunday, December 16** either through the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE:** St. Mary's Church, along with the Nebraska City Ministerial Association will be participating in the Christmas Angel Tree Project. The Angel Tree Project helps families in need by providing gifts for their children. A tree has been placed in the entrance of the church and has ornaments with items listed on them. Please consider taking an ornament(s) and purchasing the item listed. Place UNWRAPPED items in the box located near the Angel Tree no later than **December 9.** MAKE SURE TO ATTACH THE ORNAMENT TO THE GIFT SO IT GETS TO THE CORRECT FAMILY. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy McGinnis at 402-209-0531. Thank you for helping make their Christmas a little merrier!

**THE PINK LADIES** will sing at St. Mary's on Sunday, December 9 at 9:45 a.m. Please come early to hear them sign.

**80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:** George Hengen is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 10 and his children are helping him celebrate with a card shower. If you would like to send him a card, his address is PO Box 126, Nebraska City, NE 68410-0126. Happy Birthday, George!

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** December 2 - SEEK Fundraiser Breakfast & Advent Recital; December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception & Consecration to Jesus through Mary; December 15 - Cookie Walk; December 16 - Communal Penance Service; March 3 - First Confession; March 10 - St. Mary's Soup Supper.

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

**Nov. 25: Adult Env.: \$3344.00; Loose: \$262.50; Children's Env.: \$.00; Online: \$4946.00; Poinsettias/Trees: \$80.00; Total: \$8632.50**

Cloistered Sisters: \$893.00; Joy of the Gospel: \$5147.81

**Needed Weekly: \$13,644.41; Short: \$5011.91; Nov. 25: Needed: \$286,532.29; Received: \$255,806.21; Short: \$-30,726.08 (\$-112.55 per family)**

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	8:30 a.m. SEEK Breakfast, church hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory
	5:30 p.m. Children's Choir practice, Lourdes School		9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall
	6:00 p.m. Advent Recital		5:30 p.m. CCD Grades 1-6, Lourdes Primary
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. CDA Christ Party, Keeping Room		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Glenn & Kerry Benes Family	Mary Riggs+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Irene Beccard+	Henner & Ullsperger Families+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	John Fischer+	Herbert & Rosa Volkmer+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Rosemary Tines+	Loretta Sarraillon+	
<b>Friday</b>	Lois Brown+ (Anniv.)	Ed Mills+	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Saturday</b>		George Hengen	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Betty Beckman+
<b>Sunday</b>		Rose Schreiner+ (Anniv.)	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> People of the Parish
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
<b>SERVERS</b>	Sam & Miles Draus	Nick & Andrew Bernard Adam Howard	Michael Bequette, Blake Miller William Funke
<b>LECTORS</b>	Lisa Whitten	Tom Wigington	Lee Turner
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tim Baumann	Mike Kearney	Bill Olmer
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Grant & Shanna Lackey Family	Don & Jackie Loseke, Mark Loseke	Kent & Cindy McGinnis

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Jack Ebmeier, Damian Beccard, Everett Gay; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Joan Beccard  
**Dec. 7 – 6:30 p.m. Servers:** Harper Weldon, Jaxson Reese, Hudson Rutt; **Lectors:** Frank Volkmer; **Dec. 8 – 8:00 a.m.:** Barb Stukenholtz

**READINGS:** Dec. 3, Is 2:5/Mt 8:5-11; Dec. 4, Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24; Dec. 5, Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37; Dec. 6, Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27; Dec. 7, Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31; Dec. 8, Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38; Dec. 9, Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC CAST & CREW** of “The Very Un-Merry Adventures of Robin Hood” who won the Class C2-1 District Play Production! Good luck at the Class C2-1 State Competition in Norfolk. Students receiving Outstanding Actor/Actress Awards for Lourdes Central Catholic are: Luke Partsch, Kameron Monahan, Logan Bakula, Catherine Shawhan, Paul Shawhan, Piper Monson, Beau Lee, Renee Box, Alivia Stuhr, Jazmin Rodriguez, Emma Misner, Paige Stones, Aubrey Bando, Samantha Fredrichs, Elizabeth Schnitzer, Kaitlyn Howard, Caleb Howard.

**CALENDARS AVAILABLE:** Thank you to Tom & Tyler Gude of Gude Mortuary for providing our calendars again. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

### 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the 26th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, **December 15** starting at 8:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall.

This event is an opportunity to involve the whole family. Each family of the parish is asked to bake 6-10 dozen cookies. Keep the size small—big ones break easily. Bring your cookies to the church hall anytime Friday, December 14 but, **please before 8:00 a.m.** on Saturday. If you need someone to pick up your cookies, please call Mary Mills, 873-6247 or call Linda Lollmann, 873-3986. If you are unable to bake cookies, please consider making a donation of \$20.

On Saturday, come and bring your friends and family to walk around the tables and choose those special cookies for your bucket. If you have not been to our “Cookie Walk” before, you will be amazed at the sight of all the tables full of beautiful and delicious cookies. Buckets are available for \$8.00 or if you bring last year's bucket, the cost is \$7.50. They make great Christmas gifts.

This is a great fundraiser for our parish, so please plan to participate in this annual event. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent for your parish. May God Bless you for your gifts. Fr. Jonathan Haschke, Mary Mills and Linda Lollmann, Co-Chairmen.

Students needing community service are invited to help with the Cookie Walk. Call Mary, 402-873-6247 or Linda 402-873-3986.

**MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING - DECEMBER 9:** John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church and our Nation. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:15 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 1:30 p.m.; Praise and Worship, 1:40 p.m.; Blessing of salt/water/religious articles, before Mass begins at 2:00 p.m.; Anointing of the Sick after the homily, Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass. Future Mass dates: March 24, 2019, June 9, Sept. 29, December 8, 2019. Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team. Please join us.

**“A TIME FOR ANGELS,”** the 20th Annual Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Marshall Funeral Chapel. It is a program for the entire community dedicated to those who have lost a loved one. Each family attending will be given a beautiful angel in memory of their loved ones, available for use as a Christmas tree ornament or a decoration for the home. Words of comfort will be given by Fr. Michael Ventre and Rev. Charles Kathurima M.. Refreshments to follow. Questions? Call Marshall Funeral Chapel, 873-5331 or visit [marshallfuneral.com](http://marshallfuneral.com)

**JOIN US AT ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH HALL** on December 11 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. for tacos, quesadillas, rice and beans. Steak or pork quesadillas: \$ 5.00; Steak or pork taco's \$3.00; Rice & beans: \$ 2.00. To order take out call or text 402-209-3510 on to place your order. Proceeds to benefit our guardian angel fund. This fund is used to support families who desire a catholic education for their children, but financially are unable to provide.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE A SALAD – A BENEFIT FOR ETHAN CHRISTIANSEN,** grandson of Ronda Christiansen and great-grandson of Rose Gebers will be held on Saturday, December 15 from 5-9 p.m. at the Eagles Club. All proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will go to Ethan and his family for medical expenses. For more information or to volunteer to bring a salad, please call Kathy Duffy, 402-713-9388. See flier in entrance of the church.

**NEW 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. Suggested donation for CDs are

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE:** 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? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 15-17 call 1-800-470-2230 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) on the web.

**FORMED – THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND:** Discover all the best Catholic content in one place. Think Netflix for Catholics! EASY & FREE TO REGISTER, Visit: [Formed.org/register](http://Formed.org/register) and enter Parish Code **BHRREJ**. App for your smartphone now available to enjoy great talks, audio books, and more great Catholic content on the GO! <https://app.formed.org>.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. HASCHKE AND FR. MORIN:** Dec. 3: Elaine Heng, Dec. 5: Mary Kay Hengen, Dec. 8: Alyce Hollesen, Dec. 10: Jennifer Howard, Dec. 12: Anna Mae Kaiser, Dec. 15: Jean Kreifels, Dec. 17: Jenny Kearney, Dec. 19: Tamara Levins, Dec. 22: Linda Lollmann, Dec. 26: Jackie Loseke, Dec. 29: Amy Lucas. 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}):** **Dec. 8:** Brent & Darci Travis, Mark & Melissa Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Lee & Joyce Turner, Joe & Kristin Tynon, Brad & Jo Vasa, Karen Vaughn, Maria Villagomez, Frank & Julie Volkmer. **Dec. 15:** Amber Spidell, Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, Christopher & Allison Weddle, Erin Weldon, Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz, John & Mary Wenzl. **Dec. 22:** Joshua & Carolyn Whitney, Evert & Lisa Whitten, Doug Wichman, Richard Wichman, Kevin & Natalie Kelly, Nathan & Mary Wigington, Tom & Kathy Wigington, Clifford & Kathryn Wiles, Larry Williams, Gerry Wirth, Alan Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth. **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:** “There is no such thing as gratitude unexpressed. If it is unexpressed, it is plain, old-fashioned ingratitude.” Robert Brault