

# 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 - 4:00-5:00 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

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Robert Willson, Boston Thomasson, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Dean & Cheryl Hauptman, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Jerry Thede, 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 the happy repose of the soul of Cassidy Jo Williams.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our seminarians Douglas Daro, Rev. Mr. Jason Doher, 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 - !!!GREAT NEED!!! WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-2 A.M. Also, Mondays from 3-4 p.m., Wednesdays from 10-11 p.m. (second adorer), and Fridays from 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 to make a visit. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers. **PLEASE NOTE- HOLIDAY HOURS:** Adoration will resume on Tuesday, January 3 - following 6:20 a.m. Mass.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE:** Saturday, December 31 - 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 1 - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

**YEAR END PLANNING:** Last call for 2016. Have you included your church in your year end gift planning? If you need an additional tax break, please remember your parish. Currently we are \$-79,333.26 or -\$305.13 per family short of meeting our budget goal. If you are able to help with this shortfall, your help is welcomed. **THANK YOU** to all those that have given additional help toward our shortfall and to all those that faithfully and generously tithe throughout the year. May God bless you.

**A LECTOR TRAINING** will be held in January at St. Mary's Church for those that would like to serve their parish by reading during Mass. Dates of the training are five Sundays beginning January 15 and ending on February 12 with a Day of Recollection. The time will be from 1-3 p.m. On Sunday, February 25 lectors will be installed at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ by Bishop Conley. If you are in good standing with the Church and have considered being a lector, please call the parish office. We have a great need for lectors at the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PREPARE A MEAL FOR OUR PRIESTS?** Are you new to the parish or currently not on the schedule to prepare a meal for our priests? Meals are prepared by volunteers of our parish on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The calendar is prepared for the year and the dates are listed in the bulletin for the month. If you would like to volunteer, please call Maureen Chance, 402-874-9411. Thank you to all those that currently feed our priests those delicious meals and to Maureen for chairing this ministry. Your gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated.

**MATCHING GRANT - LOURDES SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** The Paul, John, Anton and Doris Wirth Foundation has pledged a matching grant of \$500,000 for the Lourdes Capital Campaign. For example, if you donate \$1000.00, your contribution will be equal to \$2000.00. Donations can also be given in memory or in honor of a friend or family member - birthday or anniversary. Gifts of grain, appreciated stock or if you are 70½, you could use your IRA minimum distribution for the year. Currently we have received **\$132,549.09** in new donations. **Balance Needed: \$367,450.91.** Please consider a gift to help reach our match and complete our loan payments to the diocese. Thank you to all those that have generously given to this campaign.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Donations of non-perishable foods and personal care products are always needed for our local Food Pantries and especially during the holidays. Items needed each month are laundry soap, toilet tissue, shampoo, soup, macaroni and cheese. A box is available in the entrance of the church. **(Please, no expired items.)** Thank you for your generosity.

**THANK YOU - RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION:** Thank you to all those that contributed to the retired priest's collection - \$1507.00. Each year you are invited to help with the support of those who serve and that have served at our parish. Our annual assessment for the retirement fund is \$5684.00. If you have not returned your envelope, please do so by next weekend. Thank you.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all those that purchased gifts for our sponsored families for Christmas. Your generous support and outpouring of self is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you for your generosity.

**THANK YOU** to the members of the Laurine Volkmer Foundation for the grant of \$12,000.00 to St. Mary's Church. Your gift to our parish is greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU** to the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lincoln for a grant in the amount of \$500.00 to use for the area CCD program, adult education and evangelization resources. The Grade School and Religious Education Endowment was established to serve our Catholic schools and religious education programs. Thank you for your generosity.

**MANY THANKS!** Thank you to all those who remembered us with cards, cookies, candies, fresh fruits, monetary gifts and various other gifts for the holidays. Thank you also for all the delicious meals throughout the year. Your spirit of generosity is greatly appreciated. May the Good Lord be with you all and bless you throughout the Christmas season and the coming New Year. *Fr. McCabe & Fr. Ventre*

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** Amidst the beautiful readings at the Christmas Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God's active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God's people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ's image; and from it, learn how to live a life "eager to do what is good." Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift.

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

**Dec. 18: Adult Env.: \$5700.00; Loose: \$290.00; Children's Env.: \$26; Online: \$1569.50; Building Fund: \$300.50; Stock: \$3619.35; Christmas: \$300.00; Total: \$11,779.61** Guardian Angel Fund: \$30.00; Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Retired Priests: \$1507.00  
**Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$15782.03; Dec 18: Needed: \$339,060.72; Received: \$259,727.046; Short: \$-79,333.26** (\$-305.13 per family)

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$132,549.09**; Balance Needed: **\$367,450.91**

Thank you for your generosity.

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** "At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta

**MERRY CHRISTMAS:** We wish you a Blessed and Joy-filled Christmas with your loved ones. All of you are in our hearts and prayers this weekend and will be remembered at all Christmas Masses. *Fr. McCabe & Fr. Ventre*

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Leonard Harris+	Marianna Collins+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tom & Pat Newcomb	Clara Plumer+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	David Roland+	Charles Moore+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Thursday</b>	John Ventre+	Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser Family	
<b>Friday</b>	Fr. David Przedweicki+	Matthew Heng+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Lourdes Class of 2017	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Linda Schreiner+ (Anniv.)
<b>Sunday</b>		Louise Weigle+ (Anniv.)	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> People of the Parish
		<b>10:00 p.m. Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Sunday</b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Herman & Myla Weber Bob & Debbie Lechner	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
<b>SERVERS</b>	Zachary Whitten, Eli McNeely	Aidan & Tyler Kleineweber	Steven Walters, Sam Ebmeier, Reed Hamling
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan DeFreece	Gail Walford	Wilber Fey
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Ted Bernard	Mark Eilers	Duane Stuhr
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Mike & Sharon Crunk	Chuck & Sue Eickhoff	Theresa Brown Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Dec. 26-31 – Ben Chance, Dilan Eppert, Gage Schmitz; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Gittinger Reader: Denise Davis

**READINGS:** Dec. 26, Act 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22; Dec. 27, 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8; Dec. 28, 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18; Dec. 29, 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35; Dec. 30, Sir 3:2-6, 12:14/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23; Dec. 31, 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18; Jan. 1, Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** "...keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Jumpstart 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.

**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. Enter the 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](http://www.stmarysnebraskacity.com). If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you to all those that are already using online giving.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** Dec. 26: Anna Mae Kaiser, Dec. 28: Mary Kaiser, Dec. 31: Jean Kreifels, Jan. 2: Jenny Kearney, Jan. 4: Linda Lollmann, Jan. 7: Jackie Loseke, Jan. 9: Amy Lucas, Jan. 11: Rosie Marcotte, Jan.14: Susie Martin, Jan. 16: Cindy McGinnis, Jan. 18: Mary Mills, Jan. 21: Kilee Olson, Jan. 23: Mary Penning, Jan. 25: Mary Pargett, Jan. 28: Rachele Ragland, Jan. 30: Margaret Rumery. 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}):** **Dec. 31:** Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Nile & Mary Farris, Charles & Joan Fedoris, Wilber & Marlene Fey, Marcia Fox, David Frana, Janet Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois. **Jan. 7:** Jeff & Hettie Funke, Tom & Dorothy Funke, David & Pat Garris, Rynn Gawart, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad, Dan & Richarda Gittinger, Pam Gittinger, Mike & Lana Gilson, Mary Gomez. **Jan. 14: 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, Sharon Heng, 873-5105.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & TREES:** Thank you to all who donated for the beautiful Christmas poinsettias and trees in memory or honor of friends or loved ones. The following is a list of those that will be remembered at the Masses during the Christmas Season:

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| Thomas Neyens, Fred Allen, III<br>Irvine & Margherita Aultz, Alver & Opal Koenig<br>Janet Brown, Jeffrey Brown<br>Bill Carroll<br>Ralph Causgrove<br>Bill & Betty Davis<br>Mary Pudenz, Pudenz & DeFreece Families, Dion Higgins<br>Herbert & Mark Detloff, Mary Detloff Cooper, Carter Lolax<br>Ralph & Lenore Schreiter, Bill Schreiter<br>Merle & Monica Schneider, Julie Schneider Hale<br>Thomas Joseph Heng, Bryan Palmer, Johnny Bando<br>Leonard, Clara, Dennis, Brian Heng<br>Cecil & Mary Jean Fox<br>Clement Kreifels<br>Robert Lechner<br>Robert Lechner, Charles Owen, Cameron Owen<br>Tim Curtis, Bob Lechner<br>Mark & Rosetta Wirth, Ray & Edith Madison<br>Ed Mills, Haiar & Mills Families<br>Oelke & Volkmer Families<br>Olmer & Weigle Families<br>James & Jackie Ryan, Robert O'Neil<br>Ed & Anna Penning, Isidore & Cecilia Mayrose<br>Leo & Kevin Pfeiffer<br>Michael Rakes<br>John & Helen Ramold, Allen Ramold<br>Joseph Sarraillon<br>Tom Sawyer, Francis, Louise, Jerome Ullsperger, Ullsperger, Henner & Francois Families<br>Dianne Schmitz, Jaxson Popish, Nick, Wilhelmina, Mary Schmitz<br>Linda Schreiner, Harry & Ramona Schreiner, John & Linda Schneider, Delores Schneider<br>Eugene & Rose Schreiner<br>Beilman & Smith Families<br>Ray & Marie Schreiter<br>Delora Roland<br>Wadsworth & Hartley Families<br>Bob & Jody Weddle Family<br>Doug & Sally Wigington | Fred & Sheryl Allen<br>Bill & Bobbi Aultz<br>Florian Brown<br>Marjorie Carroll & Family<br>Mary Causgrove<br>Denise Davis<br>Dan & Kay DeFreece Family<br>Elizabeth Detloff<br>Wilber & Marlene Fey<br>Maggie Griepenstroh<br>Danny & Robin Heng<br>Roger Heng<br>George & Mary Kay Hengen<br>Lois Kreifels<br>Lechner Family<br>Bobby & Debbie Lechner Family<br>Ron & Kathy Lechner Family<br>Paul & Angie Madison<br>Mary Mills<br>Orville & Jacki Oelke<br>Bill & Mary Jo Olmer<br>Scott & Jan O'Neil<br>Marv & Mary Penning<br>Rosemarie Pfeiffer<br>Merle & Murial Rakes<br>Don & Pat Ramold<br>Caroline Sarraillon & Family<br>Cathy Sawyer<br>Nick Schmitz<br>Steve Schreiner<br>Tom & Joyce Schreiner<br>Jackie Smith<br>Lee & Joyce Turner<br>Fr. Michael Ventre<br>James & Sharlette Wadsworth<br>Bob & Jody Weddle<br>John & Ronda Wigington |
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