

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Lily Hower, Emmett Christiansen, Bill Kochanowicz, Liz Schomerus, Emily Zech, 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 the happy repose of the soul of Pat Kleineweber, Loretta Davis, and Dorothy Funke.

PLEASE PRAY for our seminarians, James O'Neil, Brian Wirth, Joseph Allen, Caleb Hile, 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 (preferred) or to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adorer needed each **Wednesdays from 12:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m. and 1-2 a.m.** Eucharistic Adoration is held beginning on Monday following the 6:20 a.m. Mass and ends at 12:00 a.m. Saturday morning at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. Everyone is always welcome to make a visit. If you are not a regular scheduled adorer and would like to be or would like more information, please contact our coordinators, Pam Gress, 402-969-0556 or Kathy Wigington 402-209-1341. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers. **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Wednesday, January 2 following the 6:20 a.m. Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, a holy day of obligation, Mass schedule is Monday, December 31 - 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 1 - 9:00 a.m.

CDA ADVENT DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS: Items needed are hand and feet warmers, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, individually wrapped snacks, water proof sleeping bags, and small personal hygiene products. Please place in the box in the entrance of the church by December 31. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY dues of **\$20.00** are now due. A special envelope is available in your set of contribution envelopes for your convenience or you may use Online Giving. Dues may be placed in the collection basket or given to Mary Mills. The Christian Mothers/Altar Society includes all ladies of the parish. Your dues and proceeds from the rummage sale go to support the parish in purchasing the altar bread, candles, missals, music issues, altar flowers, server's cassocks and much more. For more information, please call Shelli Stuhr, 402-873-7535 or Rachele Ragland, 402-713-5099.

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ACOLYTES AND LECTORS ARE INVITED TO A MEN'S RETREAT at Good Counsel Retreat House January 18-20 with Fr. Eric Clark entitled "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross". The retreat will also include Acolyte/Lector refresher training with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. Registration and information at www.goodcounselretreat.com or 402-786-2705.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the Christiansen benefit. We are humbled by this parish & community's generosity. The outpouring of love was overwhelming! Please continue to keep 5 yr. old Emmett in your prayers that he will be able to find a suitable match for a kidney. May God continue to richly bless each of you. *Emmett's Family*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A sincere thank you to all that helped in any way to make our parish celebrations of Christ's birth so special. Thanks to all who helped with the liturgical celebrations - the organists, choirs, youth directors, youth, and to all that came to celebrate with joy the Masses of Christmas. Thanks, also, to the ministers at the altar: servers, acolytes, lectors, ushers, and our seminarians. Special thanks to those who provided for and did the decorating and all the families that donated for the poinsettias and trees in memory or honor of loved ones. As we enter the New Year of our Lord 2019, we ask God's blessing on all of you and your families, and thank all who have given so generously of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the honor and glory of God in the service of our Parish Family.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Dec. 23: Adult Env.: \$6302.00; **Loose:** \$572.25; **Children's Env.:** \$40; **Online:** \$17061.00; Poinsettias/Trees: \$40.00;

Grain: \$1000.70; Christmas: \$315.00; **Total:** \$25291.35; Cookie Walk: \$40.00; Retired Priests: \$60.00; So. NE Register: \$15.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,644.41; Over: \$11,646.94; **Dec. 23: Needed:** \$341,109.93; Received: \$317,663.33; Short: **\$-23,446.60** (\$-85.88 per family)

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	NO MASS	Francis & Louise Ullsperger	6:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Tuesday	NO MASS	NO MASS	9:00 a.m. Louise Weigle+ (Anniv.)
Wednesday	Homebound Parishioners	Patria Yacapin+	
Thursday	Parishioners at Riverview Terrace	Cliff & Jean Kreifels	
Friday	Parishioners at Ambassador	Leo Sis+	
Saturday		Raymond & June Yost+	6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+
Sunday		Steve Eickhoff+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
SERVERS	Severin Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	James & Joseph Kearney Sam Bolin	Joseph & Seth Whitney
LECTORS	Lisa Whitten	Gail Walford	Tanya Lee
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng, Mark Loseke	Mark Eilers	Tom Gude
OFFERTORY	Scott & Jan O'Neil	Gail Walford & Jane Lutz	Scott & Kristin Miller Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Severin Stukenholtz, Harper Weldon (Jan. 1, 9:00 a.m.); **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** –Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Terry Smith

READINGS: 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; Dec. 2, 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28; Jan. 3, 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34; Jan. 4, 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42; Jan. 5, 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51; Jan. 6, Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Committed stewards of God's gifts strengthen our parish family.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN WINTER SYMPOSIUM (Retreat) is planned for January 11 and 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Join us on Friday and/or Saturday for prayer, confessions and Mass with Bishop Bruskwitz along with information about the Villa Marie Ladies Auxiliary; anticipated legislation of concern to the Nebraska Catholic Conference; The Catholic Social Services Homeless Project; the new WeThinkTeach project and a panel discussion on Human Trafficking. Go to goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule to access the Agenda and Registration.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: Jan. 11-12, Winter Symposium with LDCCW; Jan. 18-20, Acolyte-Lector Retreat with Fr. Eric Clark & the Knights of the Holy Eucharist; Feb. 1-3, Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds with Fr. William Holoubek. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

DIVORCED? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led **Surviving Divorce** program begins on **February 4 from 7-9 p.m.** at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the **Surviving Divorce** personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

INTRODUCTION TO DELIVERANCE: Have you ever wondered...exactly what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization/Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20-minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at Lourdes Primary School/St. Benedict's on Thursday, February 7, from 7-8:30pm. Questions? Contact Annette at annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net or call 402-473-0615. See flier in the entrance of the church.

WHAT IS A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER? A marriage encounter is for married couples who desires a richer, fuller life together. A marriage can never be too good. The weekend is designed for couples who have a good marriage and wish to improve their communication. Whether a couple has been married for a few years or many years, the weekend helps them to deepen and enrich the joys they share together. Marriage encounter also provides support and encouragement to priests and other religious who are dedicated to their vocation in life. How does World Wide Marriage Encounter enhance a marriage? The weekend teaches a communication technique that encourages each couple to explore important areas of their relationship in a spirit of love and understanding. With this new communication technique, husbands and wives can continue to grow closer together living more joyful and purposeful lives. **Upcoming dates: February 15-17 at the Lied Center in Nebraska City. Contact couple is Pat & Janelle Benson, Pat, 308-940-0670 and Janelle, 308-940-1105 pbjbbn@yahoo.com **Need to call well in advance for facility reservations.**

SAVE THE DATE for the 25th Annual Lourdes Event on April 6, 2019

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. HASCHKE AND FR. MORIN: Dec. 26: Jackie Loseke, Dec. 29: Amy Lucas, Jan. 2: Suzi Martin, Jan. 5: Pat McConnell, Jan. 7: Cindy McGinnis, Jan. 9: Mary Mills, Jan. 12: Kilee Olson, Jan. 14: Mary Penning, Jan. 16: Mary Pargett, Jan. 19: Rachele Ragland, Jan. 21: Margaret Rumery, Jan. 23: Julia Russell, Jan. 26: Amber Shawhan, Jan. 28: Jackie Smith, Jan. 30: Pat Stoner. 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. 29: Emily Wolken, Mary Wright, Ellen Wulf, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie & Aubrey Wurtele, Jason & Lacey Wurtele, Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd Yost, Anna Young. **Jan. 5:** Carl Abbott, Sally Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Mike & Patti Alex, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Evelyn Alonso, William & Kathy Aultz, William & Roberta Aultz, Mark & Heather Bakula, Gynae Bantz. **Jan. 12:** Tim & Nancy Baragary, Colleen Barrett, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Aaron & Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Eric & Tara Bennett, Larry & Nan Benscoter, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard, Richard Blobaum, Caroline Bolin. **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: "Worldly goods prevent us from keeping our eyes fixed on our heavenly home." St. Pio of Pietrelcina