

# 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 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, 4-5 p.m. 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, 873-6848 ([wulfpak@windstream.net](mailto:wulfpak@windstream.net)) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Shirley Hackett, Trini Lipp, Emmett Christiansen, Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie & Lexis Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Albert Burger, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Donna Thoms, Juanita Kreifels, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, Pat Bowman 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 Margaret Heng and Dean Hauptman.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our seminarians James O'Neil, Brian Wirth and 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:** 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. 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 call Pam Gress, 402-969-0556. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers. **PLEASE NOTE -**

**INCLIMENT WEATHER:** The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed, if school has been cancelled because of weather, until the next day following the 6:20 a.m. Mass. If you have questions, please contact your "Day Captain" or Pam Gress. **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Eucharistic Adoration resumes on Tuesday, January 2 following the 6:20 a.m. Mass.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,** not a holy day of obligation, Mass schedule is Sunday, December 31 - 5:30 p.m. and Monday, January 1 - 9:00 a.m.

**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 Rachelle Ragland, 402-713-5099.

**CCD FOR GRADES 7-12** resumes on Sunday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's rectory.

**A LECTOR AND ACOLYTE TRAINING** for men will be help on five Sundays beginning January 14 and ending on February 11 with a Day of Recollection from 1-3 p.m. at St. Mary's Church for those that would like to serve at Mass. On Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. lectors and acolytes will be installed at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ by Bishop Conley. If you are in good standing with the Church and would like to serve as a lector or acolyte, please call the parish office. We have a great need for lectors at the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** January 14-February 11 - Lector & Acolyte Training - 1-3 p.m.; January 26 - Pitch Party - 6:30 p.m.; March 4 - First Confession - 3:00 p.m. & St. Mary's Soup Supper - 4-7 p.m.; April 5-7 - Rummage Sale; April 15 - First Communion - 12:00 p.m.; April 21-22 - Ministry Fair.

**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 2018, 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 MOMENT:** When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

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

**Dec. 26: Adult Env.:** \$9860.00; **Loose:** \$185.00; **Children's Env.:** \$3.42; **Online:** \$25016.50; Building Fund: \$20.00; Christmas: \$6390.43; Immaculate Conception: \$25.00; Grain: \$1010.90; IRA: \$500.00; Stock: \$3628.66; **Total: \$12763.55**

**Needed Weekly:** \$13,322.48; **Over:** \$33,317.43; **Dec. 26: Needed:** \$346,384.50; **Received:** \$366,822.15; **Over: \$20,437.65** (\$75.70 per family)

Franciscan Sisters: Need: \$8400.00; Rec'd \$6597.00; Cookie Walk Donations: \$40.00; Memorial: \$10,000.00; Poinsettias & Trees: \$50.00;

Southern Nebraska Register: \$150.00; Retired Priests: Need: \$7487.00; Rec'd: \$2661.16;

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** *We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas.*

Pope St. John XXIII

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	NO MASS	Louise Weigle+ (Anniv.) (9:00 a.m.)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Special Intention	Claude Thorne+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	T.R. Morin+	Liz Detloff Family	
<b>Thursday</b>	Margaret Morin+	Karen Vaughn	
<b>Friday</b>	Poor Souls+	Jakeb Myers+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Pat Larson	6:30 p.m. Lois Harris+
<b>Sunday</b>		Marie Hotovy+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
<b>SERVERS</b>	Damon, Garrett, Robert Honeysuckle	Hayden Cline, Brayden Tift Blayne Rumery	Vance & Maverick Weninger Sam Bolin
<b>LECTORS</b>	Frank Volkmer	Barb Stukenholtz	Kelly Madden
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tom Wigington	Danny Heng	Tom Gude
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Laci Meyer Family	Leo & Sonja Heng	Dean & Diane Reese

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Jan. 1-6 – Nick Fedoris, Gage Schmitz, Brayden Tift; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Joan Beccard

**READINGS:** Jan. 1, Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21; Jan. 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, 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11; Jan. 7, Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Celebrate the holiness and joy of the Holy Family.

**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.

**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 "Register. Sign-up using your parish code."BHRREJ." Get the FREE FORMED APP.

**ELECTRONIC 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.

**ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT:** Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: January 12-3 for women with Fr. Thomas Lux and Fr. Thomas McGuire, LDCCW Winter Symposium and January 19-21 for men and women with Fr. William Holoubek "Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds. Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com)

**FOR MEN & WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM DIVORCE:** The **Catholic Divorced Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **February 5** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9 p.m. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net).

**MARRIAGE SAVING – THE WEEKEND PHASE:** During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend of February 16-18, call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LOURDES EVENT. "ESCAPE TO THE TROPICS" ON APRIL 7, 2018 AT LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL.**

The Lourdes Event is our annual fundraiser that supports the goals and operations of Lourdes Central Catholic School. The Event is a fun evening that starts with Mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by a social hour and silent auction, dinner and grand auction at Lourdes. We hope you will join us for the evening and we also welcome any donations for the silent or live auction! We appreciate any item handmade or purchased, large or small, vacations, weekend getaways, tickets to sporting events or concerts, etc. If you would like to volunteer, have a gift you would like to donate, or would like more information about the Lourdes Event, please contact Brooke Chaney 402-873-6154 or [brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net](mailto:brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN:** January 3: Chris Bando, Jan. 6: Brenda Baumann, Jan. 8: Katie Bebout, Jan. 10: Kelly Bequette, Jan. 13: Beth Box, Jan. 15: Suzanne Cooksey, Jan. 17: Kay DeFreece, Jan. 20: Sally DuBois, Jan. 22: Janie Ebmeier, Jan. 24: Jeanette Eilers, Jan. 27: Mary Farris, Jan. 29: Marlene Fey, Jan. 31: Janet and Marlene Frana. 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}):** **Jan. 6:** Laurence & Sally DuBois, Barbara DuBois, Nina Durr, Kasey DuVal, Mark Easter, Ryan & Janie Ebmeier, Charles & Sue Eickhoff, Mark & Jeanette Eilers, Stephanie Eppert, Mike & Sheila Essary. **Jan. 13:** Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Nile & Mary Farris, Charles & Joan Fedoris, Anna Felber, Wilber & Marlene Fey, Marcia Fox, David Frana, Janet Frana, Marlene Frana. **Jan. 20:** Mark & Judy Francois, Jeff & Hettie Funke, Tom & Dorothy Funke, David & Pat Garris, Rynn Gawart, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad, Dan & Richarda Giittinger, Pam Giittinger. **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.