

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke

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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, 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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - 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 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.

**LOURDES SCHOOL K-12 CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be held on Wednesday, December 12 beginning with grades K-3 at 6:00 p.m.; 4-5 at 7:00 p.m. and 6-12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Wirth Theater. Everyone is invited to come and share in this joyous season with music.

### 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.

**RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION:** Next Sunday there will be second collection for the retired priest's collection. Each year you are invited to help with the support of the priest of our diocese. Our annual assessment for the retirement fund is **\$7570.00**. This is your opportunity to also show your support of our parish priests and those that have served at St. Mary's. Thank you.

**PENANCE SERVICES** will be held at the following locations on Sunday, December 16 at St. Mary's at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Church of the Holy Spirit, Plattsmouth. Additional Confession times: Sundays - 20 minutes prior to Mass; Thursday & Friday, December 20 & 21 - 7:15-7:55 a.m. and 12:00-1:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 22 - 7:15-7:55 a.m. & 4-5 p.m.; Monday, December 24 - 4-4:50 p.m.; Tuesday, December 25 - 8:15-8:55 a.m. or by appointment.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE - GIFTS DUE TODAY:** If you have purchased gifts for the Christmas Angel Tree Project, please make sure all gifts are placed UNWRAPPED in the box located near the Angel Tree no later than today, **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!

**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!

**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.

**PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTENERS AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS** are invited to help with our Children's Christmas Eve posada before 5:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, December 24. We are looking for preschoolers and kindergarteners to be angels and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are needed to play the role of Mary, Joseph, Innkeepers, and Narrator. If your child would like to be a part of the Posada, please email your child's name & grade to Brooke Chaney or Emily Meyer at [brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net](mailto:brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net) or [emilyameyer@gmail.com](mailto:emilyameyer@gmail.com). If you're part of the Posada, please save the date for a quick meeting December 9 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass and for practice with the choir Sunday, December 23 after 10:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you!

**SALADS NEEDED - A BENEFIT FOR EMMETT CHRISTIANSEN:** Emmett is five years old and in need of a kidney transplant. He is the grandson of Ronda Christiansen and great-grandson of Rose Gebers. The benefit 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 Emmett 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.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** December 15 - Cookie Walk; December 16 - Communal Penance Service; March 3 - First Confession; March 10 - St. Mary's Soup Supper; March 15 - Pitch Party.

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

Dec. 2: Adult Env.: \$9481.00; Loose: \$384.93; Children's Env.: \$.50; Online: \$3898.50; Poinsettias/Trees: \$230.00; Immaculate Conception: \$10.00; Total: **\$14004.93** Cloistered Sisters: \$130.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,644.41; Over: \$360.52; Dec. 2: Needed: \$300,176.70; Received: \$269,811.14; Short: **\$-30,365.56** (\$-111.23 per family)

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:40 a.m. Adult Choir Practice	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. CCD Grades 1-6, Lourdes Primary
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Saturday	8:30 a.m. Cookie Walk
	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Sunday	2:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service

**MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS**

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Nellie Wolfe+	George Hengen	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Harold Plumer+	Jakeb Myers+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Melvin, Marv, Karen	Bonnie Zellmer+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Edward & Anna Penning Family+	Donald Lutz+	
<b>Friday</b>	Gude & Nystrom Families+	Special Intention	
<b>Saturday</b>		Raymond & June Yost+	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Dave, Sr. & Pat Heng
<b>Sunday</b>		Robert Reese+	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Johnny Heng, Zachary Whitten	Ben Chance, Caleb Stukenholtz Brady Schnitzer	Nick Fedoris, Gage Schmitz Luke Chaney
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan DeFreece	Gerry Wirth	Jesse Dorman
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Daren Box	Sean Chance	Andy Fedoris
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Bob & Debbie Lechner	Jim & Bonnie Lowe, Betty Slagle	Brett & Emily Meyer Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** Jaxson Reese, Simon Bruggeman, Justis Kreifels; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** –Server: Dale Kreifels: Reader: Denise Davis

**READINGS:** Dec. 10, Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26; Dec. 11, Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14; Dec. 12, Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38; Dec. 13, Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15; Dec. 14, Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19; Dec. 15, Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10:13; Dec. 16, Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Advent is the time to allow Jesus to change our hearts.

**“A TIME FOR ANGELS.”** The 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Refreshments to follow. Questions? Call Marshall Funeral Chapel, 873-5331 or visit marshallfuneral.com

**JOIN US AT ST BENEDICT’S CHURCH HALL** on December 14 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 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.

**A GREAT LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR CATHOLIC MEN:** The Knights of Columbus are having a 1st Degree for new members on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary’s Church hall. Our Knights council supports all four parishes and is part of the world’s largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. For more information, contact Ed Stukenholtz, 402-873 9027 or Ken Carlstedt, 402-873-6527. You can also visit kofc.org.

**LIVE NATIVITY:** Experience the true meaning of Christmas! Bethel United Church of Christ is pleased to present this live nativity as a Christmas gift to our community of Sunday, December 16 & 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and December 24 at following the 7:00 p.m. worship. Drive through, stay warm in your car and come to witness the story of Christ’s birth by seeing the manger scene with costumed characters and live animals. Kid’s will love the live animals. Admission is a food item to be donated to the Nebraska City Food Pantry. There will also be a free will offering to help support the annual live nativity.

**MASS AT LOMA** will be celebrated at St. Luke’s Czech Catholic Shrine on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. The Ostry family will sing Czech Christmas carols beginning at 3:30 p.m.

**RETREAT WITH BISHOP CONLEY DECEMBER 14-16 AT GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE:** Bishop James Conley and Father Gary Coulter will lead a retreat Dec. 14-16 at Good Counsel Retreat House for men and women of all ages. Entitled, “The Mysteries of Christmas,” the retreat theme ties in with the Rosary Crusade that Bishop Conley has invited the diocese to participate in this year, encouraging families to take time in daily prayer and the rosary. “The rosary is a powerful weapon,” Bishop Conley said. “Praying the rosary allows us to meditate on the life of Jesus as we reflect upon the mysteries of the rosary.” Several of the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary are typically associated with Christmas, such as the Annunciation, Nativity, and Presentation in the Temple, but what not everyone knows is that Epiphany is traditionally associated not only with the wise men but also two other mysteries: the Baptism of Jesus and the Miracle at the Wedding in Cana are also ‘Epiphanies’ that make Jesus known. Fr. Coulter points out, “Although Mary plays a key role in the Christmas story, and occupies a central focus in the Rosary, she always leads us to know and love her son, Jesus. As Mary’s last recorded words in the gospels say, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ (John 2:5)” As both great books for Advent reading, and as source for the retreat, Bishop Conley recommends Jesus of Nazareth: the Infancy Narratives by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Fr. Coulter recommends Joy to the World: How Christ’s Coming Changed Everything (and Still Does) by Dr. Scott Hahn. The retreats begin at 8:00 p.m. Friday with a Rosary and Mass, and end at noon Sunday with Mass and lunch, for a suggested donation of \$170. *Note: Bishop Conley will present 3 talks, Father Coulter will present 4 talks.* See the full schedule of retreats and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com). Also listen to free recordings of past retreats, sign-up for a monthly email newsletter, leave a prayer request, make a donation, and more. One can also email [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net) or call 402-786-2705.

**REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE:** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means ‘rediscovery’. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend on February 15-17, call 1-800-470-2230 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) on the web.

**WHAT IS A WORLD WIDE 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 [pjbjben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbjben@yahoo.com) \*\*Need to call well in advance for facility reservations.**

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. HASCHKE AND FR. MORIN:** Dec. 17: Jenny Kearney, Dec. 19: Tamara Levins, Dec. 22: Linda Lollmann, 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. 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. 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. **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. **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:** “This is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of memories of goodness and thus open the doors of hope.” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI