

# 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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Carline Moles, Ned Cox, Aaron Mayberry, Angie Childers, 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 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:** Adorers are needed on Mondays from 2-3 p.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 CHI Health-St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. Everyone is always welcome to make a visit. If you are not a regular scheduled adorator 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.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY:** Today we are celebrating World Marriage Day and World Day of Consecrated Life and we congratulate all of our married couples and the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. A special congratulations to all of our couples that have been married 50 years or more.

**BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:** St. Mary's Christian Mothers/Altar Society and Lourdes Junior Class parents are hosting a breakfast in St. Mary's Church hall on **Sunday, February 11 following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses.** Serving cheese omelets, sausage patties, homemade cinnamon rolls, fruit salad and drinks. Free will offering. All donations will support the Lourdes Junior/Senior Post Prom. Couples who have been married 50 years or more and our Franciscan Sisters will be honored following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

**CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH:** February is designated as Catholic Press month and each household should be receiving our diocesan paper *The Southern Nebraska Register*. Our diocesan paper has international, national and local news including our parish and school along with information on how to grow in our faith. The cost to our parish is \$5670.00. Suggested donation is \$15.00 to help defray these costs. If you are able to contribute more than \$15.00, your help is appreciated. Thank you.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 14:** 6:20 a.m. (St. Mary's Hospital Chapel), 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

**K-6 CCD CLASSES - FEBRUARY 14 (ASH WEDNESDAY):** All K-6 CCD students are to meet at St. Benedict's Church for Mass at 5:30 p.m. Class will follow. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend Mass with their child.

**ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT:** Two Masses have been added - Monday & Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. beginning Monday, February 19 through Wednesday, March 21. Daily attendance at Mass is a good, positive undertaking for the season of Lent. On **Fridays at 5:15 p.m.** there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL:** Join our faith community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the entrance of the church today and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

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

Feb. 4: Adult Env.: \$9284.00; Loose: \$514.30; Children's Env.: \$2.00; Online: \$2339.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; Grain: \$3457.70; Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00; Total: **\$15,642.00** Franciscan Sisters: \$60.00; Vacuum Cleaners: \$100.00; Soup Supper Costs: \$100.00  
**Needed Weekly:** \$13,322.48; Short: \$2319.52; Feb. 4: **Needed:** \$426,319.38; Received: \$453,849.02; Over: **\$27,529.64** (\$100.84 per family)  
Southern Nebraska Register: **Needed:** \$5670.00 - **Rec'd** \$1546.00 Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Breakfast Fundraiser after 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Mass	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades K-6, Mass followed by Class
	5:00 p.m. CCD - Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's rectory		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Friday	5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry, church hall
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory		5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love. St. Therese of Lisieux

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Louise Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Paul Bauer+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Edward & Anna Penning Family+	Jakeb Myers+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Myron & Velma Henner+	Gude & Nystrom Families+	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	Mary Pudenz+	Richard Oelke+	
<b>Friday</b>	Vic & Gladys Herbst Family	Special Intention	
<b>Saturday</b>		Raymond & June Yost+	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Robert Lechner+
<b>Sunday</b>		Steve Eickhoff+	<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>	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Damon, Garrett, Robert Honeysuckle	Tristian & Alex Peter	James Mason, Thomas Ragland
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan DeFreece	Jennifer Howard	Wilber Fey
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Daren Box	Kevin Rettig	Jason Esser
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Brent & Darci Travis	Don & Jackie Loseke Family	Derek Walters Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Feb. 12-17 – Sam Ebmeier, Nick Fedoris, Dane Lyons; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Denise Davis; **FEBRUARY 14 – 6:30 P.M. Servers:** Caleb Stukenholtz, Tyler Lechner, Blayne Rumery; **Lector:** Barb Stukenholtz

**READINGS:** Feb. 12, Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13; Feb. 13, Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21; Feb. 14, Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18; Feb. 15, Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25; Feb. 16, Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15; Feb. 17, Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32; Feb. 18, Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS: ABSTINENCE:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and All Fridays of Lent. **FASTING:** All Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to observe the fast law on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting requires limiting oneself to one full meal a day and avoiding food between meals. Light nourishment may be taken on two other occasions through the course of the day. The laws of Fast and Abstinence bind under pain of sin, and substantial neglect of the laws is considered serious matter. **EASTER DUTY:** All the faithful who have received First Communion are to receive Communion at least once through the Easter Season that is between the First Sunday of Lent and Holy Trinity Sunday.

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS LENT?** Pray the Rosary at St. Mary's Church. The Rosary is prayed every morning at 7:30 a.m.

**K OF C FISH FRIES:** Come join the Knights of Columbus for the Friday Night Fish Fries during Lent. Fish Fries will be held Friday, February 16, 23, March 2, 9 and March 16 from 5-7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. The Knights will be serving baked and fried fish with coleslaw, bread/butter and choice of dessert and drink. As always, it's free will offering. Please come and support the Knights and their worthy projects.

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available today in the entrance of the church. If you have any questions or corrections, please call the parish office.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** February 14 - Ash Wednesday; February 16 - Stations and Benediction – 5:15 p.m.; Fish Fries – 5-7 p.m.; March 4 – First Confession – 3:00 p.m. & St. Mary's Soup Supper - 4-7 p.m.; Communal Penance Service: March 25 – 2:00 p.m.; April 5-7 – Rummage Sale; April 15 – First Communion – 12:00 p.m.; July 15-20 – Totus Tuus.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP – NEW VACUUMS CLEANERS NEEDED:** The parish is in need of four new vacuum cleaners (\$200.00 each) and would also like to purchase a steam cleaner (\$100.00) or a total cost of \$900.00 (Rec'd \$250) to clean the church each week. If you would like to help with the cost, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "vacuum cleaners" and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** We should never think we have a better plan than God does.

**CREATE A GIFT BASKET FOR THE SOUP SUPPER'S COUNTRY STORE – MARCH 4:** If you, your business or a group of friends would like to create a gift basket for the Country Store, we will sell chances to win these baskets. Containers will be set in front of each basket so you may choose which basket you would like a chance to win. As we draw for the raffle prizes, we will also draw winners for these baskets. Please contact Jeanette Eilers, 402-599-9536, Julia Russell, 402-209-2340 or Vonna Grooman, 308-672-5563, if you would like to donate a basket.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP - SOUP SUPPER COSTS?** The cost for all the ingredients for the soups that will be prepared for our soup supper are approximately \$450 (Rec'd \$100). If you would like to help defray this cost, your help is welcomed? Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Soup Supper Supplies" and place in the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**FORMED.ORG – WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF FORMED FOR OUR PARISH?** Have you taken the opportunity to explore 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. The Diocese of Lincoln, through the generosity of the Joy of the Gospel campaign provided all parishes in the diocese a two year subscription. Currently we have 85 subscribers. Our subscription will be expiring soon. The cost of the subscription is **\$1604.00** (Rec'd \$25) per year. If you would like to see this great learning source of our Catholic faith continue, please consider a contribution to help in its funding for our parish. Your contribution can be placed in an envelope marked "Formed" and placed in the collection basket, mailed, dropped by the parish office or placed through Online Giving under Formed. If you have not visited the Formed.org website, go to Formed.org and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code,"BHRREJ." Get the FREE FORMED APP.

**LADIES – ARE YOUR DUES PAID TO THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY?** The Christian Mothers/Altar Society includes all ladies of the parish. Annual dues are **\$20.00**. 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. 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.

**K OF C FISH FRY & ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE** hosted at St. Paulinus Church, Syracuse from 5-9 p.m. will be held February 16, March 2 and 16. Serving carp, Pollock, catfish nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

**PRAYMORENOVENAS.COM** Get Novena prayers delivered to your inbox! Feel the power of praying together with 282,262 people! Never forget to finish a Novena again! The next Novena will be prayed to St. Michael the Archangel, known as the Prince of Angels and defender of all of God's people. St. Michael is known for interceding for protection from evil and for healing. Sign-up before **February 20** at <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-michael-archangel-novena/>

**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.

**ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT:** Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: February 14 for women, Ash Wednesday LDCCW Day of Reflection, February 16-18 for women with Fr. Sean Kilcawley, "Diving Daughterhood/ Merciful Motherhood and February 23-25 for men with Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz "Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power and Possessions." Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com)

**ST. LUKE CZECH SHRINE IN LOMA:** Mass will be offered at on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. The rosary before Mass and the hymns are in Czech, but the Mass is in English. The Ostry Family Singers will provide the music.

**HEALING: BRINGING THE GIFT OF GOD'S MERCY TO THE WORLD** will be presented by Dr. Mary Healy, S.T.D. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/ UNL Newman Center on February 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration for this presentation is \$10. All are welcome for the 6 p.m. vigil Mass, then join Dr. Healy for a healing prayer service from 7-10 p.m. There is no cost or registration required for the prayer service. To register for the presentation, go to <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.

**HOLD THE DATES MOTHERS OF GIRLS 10-13 YRS:** Please join us for the upcoming "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Mother Daughter Program" Saturday, March 24 from 9-12 p.m. This program is designed to educate and empower girls as they approach and experience puberty; all in light of God's design. Cost is \$20/girl or \$30/family. Registration required by March 17. To register contact Jennifer Davis at 402-261-6375 or [jmdavis17@gmail.com](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com)

**FATHERS OF BOYS 10-14 YRS:** Father/Son program for ages 10-14 yrs will be held at Lourdes on March 18 from 2-4 p.m. Guest speakers -will be Fr. Cyza, Dr. DeFreece, and Dr. Crotty. Questions, contact Patrick Gress @ 402873-0326 or [patrickgress@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickgress@yahoo.com).

**CAMP KATERI DUELING PIANOS BENEFIT:** Camp Kateri is hosting its annual benefit dinner on Friday, April 13 at Stone Creek Reception Hall in McCool Junction. The entertainment is The Fun Piano Show, by 176 Keys. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The Dueling Piano Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$350 for a reserved table of eight. To order tickets, please email [CampKateriI@gmail.com](mailto:CampKateriI@gmail.com) or call [402-724-2596](tel:402-724-2596).

**SKY CAMP & LEADERSHIP CAMP REGISTRATION:** Online registration is open for SKY Camp and Leadership Camp. To register your child, or learn more about these outdoor experiences, go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org)

**LEADERSHIP CAMP & SKY CAMP VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS:** Camp Kateri is looking for youth counselors and adult volunteers for all summer camp programs. To download an application form, go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org).

**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)

**THE STAMP COLLECTION GOES THROUGH LENT!** Catholic Daughters of America are collecting postage stamps for Lourdes School. Our Lenten drive will last until April 2. There will be a tote box in the back of church if you would like to donate. Lourdes School is such a blessing to our community, we are happy to help support them anyway we can. Please call Barb Stukenholtz with questions, 402-209-4976.

**PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES & FATIMA:** Come along November 5-15, 2018, to some of the most sacred places in all of Europe! We'll visit both of the great Shrines to Mary, Lourdes in southern France and Fatima in Portugal, and many great places in Spain. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,249 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 515-332-2856 or email [frdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN:** Feb. 12: Vonna Grooman, Feb. 14: Kathy Grundman, Feb. 17: Stephanie Hackett, Feb. 19: Noreen Harris, Feb. 21: Pat Heng, Feb. 24: Sharon Heng, Feb. 26: Elaine Heng, Feb. 28: Mary Kay Hengen. Mar. 3: Alyce Hollesen, Mar. 5: Jennifer Howard, Mar. 7: Anna Mae Kaiser, Mar. 10: Jean Kreifels, Mar. 12: Jenny Kearney, Mar. 14: Tamara Levins, Mar. 17: Linda Lollmann, Mar. 19: Jackie Loseke, Mar. 21: Amy Lucas, Mar. 24: Suzi Martin, Mar. 26: Patricia McConnell, Mar. 28: Cindy McGinnis, Mar. 31: Mary Mills. 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}): Feb. 17:** Becky Hippen, John & Linda Hogeland, Alyce Hollesen, Dan & Alice Holtz, Adam & Jennifer Howard, William & Heather Howard, Robb & Maggie Johnson, Michael & Cara Justice, Scott & Tracy Juranek. **Feb. 24:** Anthony & Michelle Kaiser, Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, Bradley & Catherine Kassube, Mike & Jenny Kearney, Patricia Kleineweber, Brian Kochanowicz, Sheri Kochanowicz. **Mar. 3:** Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Kreifels, Wayne & Brenda Kreifels, Grant & Shana Lackey, Larry & Debbie Lance, Janelle Krisko, Juli Lechner, Robert & Debbie Lechner, Ronald & Katherine Lechner, Tanya Lee. **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.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR LENT:** God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, embrace the Good News and draw closer to You. During this season of Lent, help us use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in our hearts and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.