

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Albert Burger, Robert Willson, Boston Thomasson, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Dean & Cheryl Hauptman, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, 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 Madeline Gowing.

PLEASE PRAY for our seminarians Liam O'Shea-Creal, 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 (preferred) or to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 - 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: The Lourdes Central Catholic Junior Parents are hosting a breakfast at St. Mary's Catholic Church on **Sunday, February 12 from 8:30-12:00 p.m.** They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Free will offering. All donations will be going towards the Lourdes Central Catholic After-Prom. Please come and support this worthy cause. Hope to see you there!

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 \$5685.00. This weekend there will be a second collection to help defray these costs. Suggested donation is \$15.00. If you are able to contribute more than \$15.00, your help is appreciated. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND: **Ash Wednesday:** March 1, **Stations and Benediction and Fish Fries begin:** March 3, **St. Mary's Soup Supper:** March 5, 4-7 p.m., **Rummage Sale:** March 16-18, **Legion of Mary Acies:** March 25, 10:30 a.m. More details to come.

CREATE A GIFT BASKET FOR THE SOUP SUPPER'S COUNTRY STORE - MARCH 5: 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 Jim and Cheryl Wirth, 402-873-4901, can leave message, 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. Currently we have received \$200.00 in donations. 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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER will be Sunday, February 26 in St. Mary's Church hall. Social hour at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. All Knights and widows of Knights are invited to this event. This is a family friendly event.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY dues of **\$15.00** 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.

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](http://go.to/Formed.org) and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code." Enter the code "BHRREJ." Once registered, you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED anytime by simply logging in. New children's movies have been added.

LOURDES EVENT 2017 "THOSE FABULOUS 50'S" TICKETS are now on sale. Tickets are \$75.00 each and can be purchased by contacting Sally DuBois at 402-873-6154. The Event will be Saturday, March 18. Items on the grand auction include a week at St. Maarten Netherlands Antilles, two original Laurine Kimmel paintings, two tickets to Faith Hill and Tim McGraw concert and many more items added daily. Don't miss it this year.

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 **\$171,636.09**. **Balance Needed: \$328,363.91**. 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.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law," it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Feb. 5: Adult Env.: \$7848.00; **Loose:** \$408.34; **Children's Env.:** \$2.00; **Online:** \$2258.50; Building Fund: \$20.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00; IRA: \$1500.00; **Total: \$12,056.86** Franciscan Sisters: \$60.00; Charity & Stewardship Appeal: \$20,215.00
Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$5,762.98; **Jan. 29: Needed:** \$420,430.56; Received: \$336,113.24; Short: **\$-84,317.32** (\$-312.29 per family)
Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$171,636.09**; **Balance Needed: \$328,363.91**
Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5685.00; Received: \$1631.36 Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, church hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Bob Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Special Intention	
Tuesday	Mary Pudenz+	Francis & Ted VonTish+	
Wednesday	Nora Heng+	Herbert & Rosa Volkmer+	4:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors
Thursday	John Fischer+	Steve Eickhoff+	
Friday	Donald Schomerus+	Anna, John, Elizabeth Heng	
Saturday		Raymond & June Yost+	6:30 p.m. Myron & Velma Henner+
Sunday		Charles & Lorraine Gude+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Joe Miller Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
SERVERS	Jack & Andrew Bakula, John Heng	Colton Davis, Brock Hogeland	Joseph Whitney, Nick Fedoris, Gage Schmitz
LECTORS	Dan DeFreece	Gail Walford	Ryan Ebmeier
ACOLYTES	Tim Baumann	Danny Heng	Jeff Funke
OFFERTORY	William & Heather Howard Family	Bill & Kathy Grundman	Wilber & Marlene Fey

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Feb. 13-18 – Joseph Whitney, Steven Walters, Joss Neumeister; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Jim Lowe; Reader: Terry Smith

READINGS: Feb. 13, Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13; Feb. 14, Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21; Feb. 15, Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26; Feb. 16, Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33; Feb. 17, Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1; Feb. 18, Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13; Feb. 19, Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: We can choose to be a steward or choose not to.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL – UPCOMING EVENTS: **Wednesday, February 15:** Kindergarten Information Night/Registration – **6:30 p.m. (Primary Campus Basement).** 5:30-6:30 Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Information Night; **Wednesday, February 22:** Registration Night – all grades, but specific for Grades 1-5 and 10-12 at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes Theatre.
www.lourdescentralcatholic.org, Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter: @lourdesknights

ST. PAULINUS SOUP DINNER will be held on Sunday, February 19 from 11-1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Serving 40 different soups, multiple sandwich choices and dessert bar. Adults, \$7 and children under 12, \$3.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT: Join the Franciscan Sisters at the Convent (1503 4th Corso) for a 6 week journey along with Bishop Robert Barron as he unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. From St. Francis of Assisi to St. Catherine of Siena, from St. Thomas Aquinas to Michelangelo, all the way to Blessed John Henry Newman and G. K. Chesterton, Christ's Incarnation is on display through the minds and lives of His Church's members. Bishop Barron's **CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS** is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of Saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. **Call the Franciscan Sisters (402) 873-3052 to register. The 6 week series begins... Choose the day that best fits your schedule: Wednesday, March 1 (6:30–8:00 p.m.); Thursday, March 2 (9:00 – 10:30 A.M.); Sunday, March 5 (6:30 – 8:00 P.M.)**

ONLINE GIVING is the best way to take control of your Sunday Stewardship. If you have an Online Account, you can make the changes when you want to and deduct the stewardship payment from your account when you want it to be deducted. You can also review your yearly giving and adjust it at any time. To start your account, go to stmarysnebraskacity.com and click on the Online Giving button. Then follow the directions. All the special collections are available for you to plan your year of giving. If you have changes to your income during the year, take a few moments and review the funds that you have set up and adjust amounts accordingly. Questions or help in setting up your account, please call the parish office, 402-873-3024. **During 2016,** \$125,339.00 was contributed through Online Giving from 1533 transactions from 53 contributors. Since we began Online Giving, \$495,990.55 has been contributed. Thank you to all those that use Online Giving. "I Give Online Cards" are available in the pews for your convenience for the Offertory Collection.

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION AT 70 1/2: Did you know that you could save money on your taxes by donating your annual required minimum distribution directly to St. Mary's Church or Lourdes Capital Campaign? You can make up to \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 if your spouse is also 70 1/2 in donations to a charitable organization. Direct-from-your-IRA donations are called qualified charitable distributions, or QCDs. They are tax-free and no deductions are allowed for them, so QCDs don't directly affect your tax bill. However, they count as withdrawals for purposes of meeting the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules that apply to your traditional IRAs after age 70 1/2.

TRAVELING OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE: The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima for families to host in their home for one-two weeks. A special prayer to be said each day will be supplied. It is said that Our Lady has bestowed special graces on the host families. If you would like to host Our Lady of Fatima in your home, please sign the sheet in the entrance of the church. Members will deliver and pick up the statue at your home. For more information, please call Nora Gottwald, 402-209-0322 or Cathy Sawyer, 402-873-7250.

"PRAYER AND BATTLE: A MAN -- TO -- MAN PERSPECTIVE": **February 24-26** - Man -- to -- Man for Men only with Fr. Sean Kilcawley. Fr. Sean Kilcawley is the Director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Lincoln. He was ordained a priest in 2005 for the diocese. In 2013 Fr. Kilcawley completed a License in Sacred Theology at the John Paul II institute for marriage and family studies in Rome. He is a nationally known speaker on the Theology of the Body and is currently serving as theological advisor for Integrity Restored.com--a non-profit organization that seeks to restore the integrity of families affected by pornography by providing education and resources to individuals, spouses, parents and clergy; to both heal and prevent wounds inflicted by the sexualized culture.

THE APPLE CORPS ANNUAL SHOW is on Saturday, March 4 at the Lourdes performing arts theater with shows at 2 & 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 prior to the show and \$12 at the door. Also performing will be Masterpiece an International Gold Medal Quartet, Belles-a Peelin', and champion ragtime pianist Marty Mincer. For tickets, call Gerry Wirth, 402-873-4339.

CAMP KATERI BENEFIT DINNER: Camp Kateri is hosting its annual benefit dinner on Saturday, March 4 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. All proceeds will go to new activities for our summer camp. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$500 for a reserved table of eight. To order tickets, please email CampKateriT@gmail.com or call 402-724-2596.

GOING BANANAS FOR JESUS: Registration is now open for the March 17-19, 2017, Going Bananas for Jesus event in North Platte. The 3-day event is for youth in grades 6-12 and their adult sponsors. The cost of this Bananas weekend is \$80.00 per person which includes meals for the event and a Bananas t-shirt. Students stay with host families. Register online at: www.youthgdiocese.weebly.com/gbfj-registration.html, or call 308-532-2707. See flier in the entrance of the church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Feb. 13: Marcia Talmon, Feb. 15: Julie Volkmer, Feb. 18: Allison Weddle, Feb. 20: Hope Weninger, Feb. 22: Kathy Wigington, Feb. 25: Cheryl Wirth, Feb. 27: Emily Wolken. 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.}): **Feb. 18:** Jeff Lollmann, Linda Lollmann, Mike Lollmann, Don & Jackie Loseke, Mark Loseke, James & Bonnie Lowe, Amy Lucas, Dan & Jean Lucas, Gail Walford, Jane Lutz. **Feb. 25:** Kelly & Sue Madden, Mark & Jennifer Madison, Paul & Angie Madison, Arvon & Lu Marcotte, Mark & Rosemary Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Jerry & Suzi Martin, Tyler & Kelli Mason, Rita Mathews, Aaron & Dana Mayberry. **Mar. 4:** Bailey Mazzulla, Kevin & Veronica Meier, Roger & Patricia McConnell, Derek McGinnis, Taylor DeVorss, Kent & Cindy McGinnis, Jason & Molly McNeely, Frank & Dana Medeiros, Brett & Emily Meyer, Laci Meyer. **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.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "...whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."
Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel