

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Albert Burger, 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 our seminarians Allan Phan, Matthew Prochaska, 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 - NEEDS - THURSDAYS FROM 1-2 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. 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.

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.

ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 26. All students in second grade or older are invited to sing with the choir. We will NOT have practice this month. Please try to have your child there no later than 9:45 a.m. If you have any questions, please email Kay DeFreece at kay-defreece@cdolinc.net

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.

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.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary's Church hall for their monthly meeting. Every Catholic woman in a 30 mile radius is welcome to come and learn more about CDA. If you are already a member but haven't been to a meeting for a while we'd love to have you back. If you have any questions call Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976 or Barb Jensen at 402-321-6819. We look forward to see you there.

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." 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 and Forgiven - The Transforming Power of Confession 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 **\$176,111.09. Balance Needed: \$323,888.91.** 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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU to those that donated to the soup supper supplies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Edward & Anna Penning Family+	Ed Mills+	
Tuesday	Delora Roland+	Joanna Marron+	
Wednesday	Betty Hiesterman+	Nora Gottwald	
Thursday	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Anton & Marie Stratker+	
Friday	Larry Lowe+	Margaret Heng+	
Saturday		Sr. Mary Cecilia Mills	6:30 p.m. Delrosa Riege+
Sunday		Morton Family+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Mary Lee Duncan Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Cathy Thomas George & Mary Kay Hengen	Ric Sevening, Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
SERVERS	William, Jackson, Dilan Eppert	Grant & Ben Chance Eli Wigington	Steven Walters, Sam Ebmeier Reed Hamling
LECTORS	Barb Stukenholtz	Tom Wigington	Jeanette Eilers
ACOLYTES	Daren Box	Mark Eilers	Andy Fedoris
OFFERTORY	Jody Honeysuckle Family	Tom & Cindy Gude Family, Patty Gude	Jim & Dawna Fitzsimmons Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Feb. 20-25 – Robert Honeysuckle, Levi Anthens, Brady Schnitzer; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Joan Beccard

READINGS: Feb. 20, Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29; Feb. 21, Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37; Feb. 22, 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19; Feb. 23, Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50; Feb. 24, Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12; Feb. 25, Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16; Feb. 26, Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Faithfully strive to love our neighbors in ways that reflect the love of Jesus Christ.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL – UPCOMING EVENTS: 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

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.)

LDCCW DAY OF RECOLLECTION: What a great way to start Lent by attending a Day of Recollection on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. The theme is "the Meaning of Suffering." Take the time to prepare your hearts for remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us and to thank Him for the suffering so that we could be saved and enter heaven. Remember that a true Lenten sacrifice is not only giving something up for Lent but also doing something extra. Cost is \$10. For more information, see the flier in the entrance of the church.

THE 'UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN STUDENTS FOR LIFE' CLUB will be having pro-life speaker Melissa Ohden on our campus on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. Melissa is an abortion survivor who has founded the abortion survivor's network. She has powerful testimony to share. The event will be \$5 for all community members, and funds raised will go toward our endowment fund for a scholarship for pregnant and parenting students. **ALSO:** Before hand will be 'cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres' at Chez Hey downtown. This pre-event will be \$50 and provide front row seating and a chance to meet Melissa and some of Lincoln's elite. Those interested in attending the 'cocktails and hor-d'oeuvres' before the event are asked to RSVP at unlohden2017@gmail.com

“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.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In another passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples' way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today's Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went "the extra mile" for us. Can we be more like Jesus and "go the extra mile" for others?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Feb. 12: Adult Env.: \$6290.00; Loose: \$542.10; Children's Env.: \$2.00; Online: \$2021.00; Building Fund: \$45.00; Total: \$8,855.10

Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Joy of the Gospel: \$12,755.34

Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$4,706.54; Feb. 12: Needed: \$447,533.84; Received: \$357,069.18; Short: \$-90,464.66 (\$-335.06 per family)

Lourdes Building & Renovation – Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$176,111.09**; **Balance Needed: \$323,888.91**

Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5685.00; Received: \$2021.00 Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ST. MARY'S SOUP SUPPER – MARCH 5, 2016 – 4-7 P.M.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER will be held on Sunday, March 5 from 4-7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. We will again be serving our delicious homemade soups – chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato and homemade salads and desserts. Cost is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children 3-11 and 2 & under free, not more than \$25.00 per immediately family. Plan to bring the whole family and don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors.

COUNTRY STORE: Will be open Saturday, March 4 following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, Sunday, March 5 following the 8 & 10 a.m. Mass and during the Soup Supper from 4-7 p.m.

RAFFLE: Please help us sell raffle tickets. 17 great prizes will be raffled that were donated by many generous businesses. Books of tickets will be available in the entrance of the church next weekend. Thank you to all those that donated prizes.

CREATE A GIFT BASKET FOR THE COUNTRY STORE: 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEED: Please stop in the entrance of the church today to sign-up to help at the Soup Supper and Country Store.

EACH FAMILY is asked to participate by helping with the following:

Sell a book of 25 raffle tickets and return them with the proceeds through the collection, at the parish office or at the supper, but be sure to do so by Sunday, March 5.

Plan to make one homemade pie or fancy dessert, one large salad and something for the Country Store (baked goods, craft items, new or gently used household items such as pictures, dishes, candles, religious items, baskets, etc.). Items for the Country Store can be brought to the entrance of the church between 3:00 p.m. until Mass time, Saturday, March 5. Please price items, if you wish.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 5 and plan to take part in this parish event.

In 2016 we cleared \$4498.50, so let's make this year even better. For more information or to volunteer to help, please call our chairpersons, Jim and Cheryl Wirth, 402-873-4901, can leave message.

Thank you to all those that give generously of their time and talent in making this a successful event.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS LENTEN PAPER DRIVE: Please join us in collecting paper for Lourdes Central Catholic school. Drop off your reams of paper at St Mary's, St Benedict's or St Joseph's. We will collect until April 17. Thank you.

HEALING MASS: Sunday, February 26 John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:15 p.m. until Mass begins at 2 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 p.m. Praise and Worship until Mass begins. Anointing of the Sick after the homily. Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass.

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.youthgidiocese.weebly.com/gbfj-registration.html, or call 308-532-2707. See flier in the entrance of the church.

CURSILLO RETREATS are for practicing Catholics who want their Catholic faith to grow more deeply through a retreat and through local monthly meetings. There are two upcoming retreats in McCook. For men March 16-19 and for women March 23-26. Those who already belong to Cursillo should explain Cursillo to others and encourage them to attend the Cursillo retreat. Fr. Bush has registration forms, or call John Springer (402) 826-2699.

SKY Camp: For those who will be entering grades 6 thru 8 next year, you can register your child now for Sky Camp. All camps will fill up fast. Cost of camps is \$120 and \$160. Go to www.CampKateri.org. To help aid you, Katie Dubas can help drive kids to and from sessions 3 and 4.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Want to join the 10 day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Spain and Fatima taking place this summer July 5-14? Please call Fr. Gary Coulter (402) 786-2705.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Feb. 20: Hope Weninger, Feb. 22: Kathy Wigington, Feb. 25: Cheryl Wirth, Feb. 27: Emily Wolken, Mar. 1: Teresa Albers, Mar. 4: Bobbi Aultz, Mar. 6: Kathy Aultz, Mar. 8: Heather Bakula, Mar. 11: Chris Bando, Mar. 13: Brenda Baumann, Mar. 15: Katie Bebout, Mar. 20: Kelly Bequette, Mar. 22: Beth Box, Mar. 25: Maureen Chance, Mar. 27: Suzanne Cooksey, Mar. 29: Kay DeFreece. 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. 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. **Mar. 11:** Stephen Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick, Joe & Marliiss Miller, Scott & Kristin Miller, Mary Mills, Carline Moles, Robert & Kristine Moser, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Jennifer Mucha, Sam & Pat Nanfito. **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: "To keep a lamp burning you have to keep putting oil in it." St. Teresa of Calcutta