

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 the happy repose of the soul of Dora Parker.

PLEASE PRAY for our seminarians Loudon Redinger, Alec Sasse, 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. If you are able to contribute more than the suggested \$15.00, your help is appreciated. Thank you.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE - MARCH 1: 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 - MARCH 1 (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, March 6 through Wednesday, April 5. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND: **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.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available in the entrance of the church. If you have not picked yours up, please do so today. If you have any questions or corrections, please call the parish office.

ST. MARY'S SOUP SUPPER RAFFLE TICKETS are available this weekend. Please pick up a book of raffle tickets and help sell them for our soup supper but don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets by Sunday, March 5 as you might be one of the lucky winners - 17 great prizes. Thank you to all those that donated prizes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

ST. MONICA'S PRAYER: During the month of March, all ladies of the parish are urged to attend daily Mass and pray this Prayer of St. Monica each day: "O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved you to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Monica, pray for us!"

LENTEN REGULATIONS: ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and All Fridays of Lent. **FASTING:** All Catholics from their 18th birthday to their 59th 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES: Come join us for the annual Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7 (there will be no fish fry on March 17) from 5-7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Featuring fried and baked fish, shrimp, pasta with marinara sauce and potato wedges with choice of dessert. Free will DONATION

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.

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.)

BEST LENT EVER – HAVE YOU EVER HAD A LIFE-CHANGING LENT? Do something life-changing. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever email program. Each day you will receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. They will guide you through Matthew's newest book, "Resisting Happiness." There will also be a free downloadable study guide. The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver. Don't miss the opportunity to experience a powerful Lent this year.

A LENT TO REMEMBER is a parish wide study of the newly released program **FORGIVEN – The Transforming Power of Confession**. With beautiful film-making and teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, FORGIVEN will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss as a family or as a group of friends. The reviews of FORGIVEN have been strong. **A Lent to Remember** will be a 4-week study, with a 30-minute episode to watch each week. There are accompanying discussion guides that help penetrate the beauty and mystery of God's mercy and the importance of regular confession. The final week of the study is capped with an episode from the stunning video series SYMBOLON. *SYMBOLON Episode 6: The Paschal Mystery* dives deep into the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection and the difference it makes in our day to day life as Catholics. If you have not visited **FORMED.ORG**, do so today! **Sign-up using our parish code, "BHRREJ."**

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.

PRAY IT FORWARD: With Lent approaching, you might be thinking about what you plan to "give up." What if, instead of a typical "give up," you "take up" instead? Join Spirit Catholic Radio and take up praying for someone you've never met through our brand new *Pray it Forward Project*. Enter by **February 28**. Go to spiritcatholicradio.com and click on the **Pray it Forward banner** on the **homepage**. This link will provide you with further information and it will show you how to enter.

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.

FIRST CONFESSION will be held next Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. for our second grade students. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Communion on Sunday, April 17.

CUP OF GRACE – ENDOW STUDY: All ladies of the parish are invited to join Cup of Grace on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall for the Endow study, about Pope Paul VI's encyclical On Human Life, Humane Vitae. Liz Bruggeman will be the facilitator. Please contact Kate Roberts at 402.209.4362 if you have any questions or would like to join the group. The study begins on March 7 and will go throughout the Lenten season.

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.

HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT SESSIONS for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **March 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials). To register, please call 402-473-0620.

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.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Feb. 19: Adult Env.: \$6456.00; **Loose:** \$444.00; **Children's Env.:** \$2.00; **Online:** \$1723.50; **Building Fund:** \$20.00; **Total:** **\$8645.50**
Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; **Short:** \$4,916.14; **Feb. 19: Needed:** \$461,095.48; **Received:** \$365,714.68; **Short:** **~~\$-95,380.80~~ 353.27** per family)
Lourdes Building & Renovation – Match Contributions: **Needed:** **\$500,000.00**; **Received:** **\$176,111.09**; **Balance Needed:** **\$323,888.91**
Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Southern Nebraska Register: **Needed:** \$5685.00; **Received:** \$2186.36 Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Thursday	9:00 a.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Friday	5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry, church hall
	5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary		5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters	Sunday	4:00 p.m. Soup Supper, church hall
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MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Gude & Nystrom Families+	Tom Funke II+	
Tuesday	Isadore & Cecilia Mayrose+	Henry & Donna Stratker	
Wednesday	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Lourdes Faculty & Staff	6:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Thursday	Sam Nocita+	Mel Steffes+	
Friday	Rosa Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Anna, Johnny, Elizabeth Heng	
Saturday		Stratker Children	6:30 p.m. Dennis & Brian Heng+
Sunday		Linda Schreiner+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
SERVERS	Jackson & Rylan Esser, Patrick O'Neil	Aidan & Tyler Kleineweber	Michael Bequette, Sam Bolin, Jase Rosane
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Mary Kay Hengen	Tanya Lee
ACOLYTES	Ted Bernard	Mike Gilson	Bill Olmer
OFFERTORY	William & Heather Howard Family	Bill & Noreen Harris	Jeff & Hettie Funke Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Feb. 27-Mar. 4 – Brayden Tift, Sam Ebmeier, Reed Hamling; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Sharon Crunk **Ash Wednesday, March 1 – 6:30 p.m. Servers** – Derek Riege & Tyler Lechner; **Lector** – Wilber Fey

READINGS: Feb. 27, Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27; Feb. 28, Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31; Mar. 1, Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18; Mar. 2, Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25; Mar. 3, Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15; Mar. 4, Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32; Mar. 5, Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: A steward places all things in the hands of the Lord.

ST. MARY'S SOUP SUPPER – MARCH 5, 2017 – 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 and Mark & Jeanette Eilers, 402-599-9536.

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.

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.

2-DAY UNBOUND CONFERENCE: Participants will learn about Unbound through live talks & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Unbound will equip you to get free and come into a deeper relationship with God. Prayer will be made available on Saturday afternoon. Join us at **St. Mary's School-Lincoln** Friday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 11 from 8-5 p.m. Please register at: <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/unbound>. Event is free. Questions: Contact Matt at 402-805-9668 or matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE: Declutter the house and garage and bring all those good clean new or used items for St. Mary's rummage sale scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 16 & 17 from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 18 from 9-1 p.m. Items can be brought to the church hall **beginning March 6**, but please by Monday, March 13 so items can be priced and displayed. To help our volunteers to prepare for the sale, please sort your donations and **fold or hang clothing**. If you would be willing to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Anna Mae Kaiser, 873-6454. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m. to box all remaining items. Thank you.

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.

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.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - DISHES NEED OWNERS!!! Many dishes are waiting for their owners in the church hall. If you have brought a dish for a parish function or for dinner for the priests and have not picked it up, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (CSS) DONATION TRAILER is coming to St. Mary's Church March 17-24. This is your chance to donate your good, used items to CSS. All useable donated items will be distributed to the needy across southern Nebraska or sold at one of Catholic Social Services' Gift & Thrift Stores with proceeds used to support our Emergency Services program. Even well used clothing will be accepted for recycling. **We are not able to accept any Gas appliances, televisions or toys.** A great many of the toys are made in China and have problems with toxic materials in their manufacture. Since we do not have a repair facility, we are looking for gently used items that are immediately usable and not broken. Let us share God's love for us by serving people in need. Thank you for your generosity.

CURSILLO RETREAT is not just a weekend...it's a way of life... daily growing in relationship with Christ... If you are interest in deepening your faith and/or discovering a simple way to live your Baptismal promises in everyday life, Cursillo may what you're searching for. 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. To register 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.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES: All Auxiliary and Active members of the Legion of Mary are invited to the Acies at St. Mary's in Nebraska City on Saturday, March 25. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. with lunch in the church hall to follow. Bishop Conley will be the celebrant at the Mass.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Fr. Mark Cyza will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land July 10-23, 2017. Cost is \$2,999.00. Visit stibens.org or call 402-873-3047 for more information.

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.

TRY ONLINE GIVING!!! Online Giving gives you the opportunity to share your gift of treasure with St. Mary's Parish Community weekly, twice per month, monthly or a one-time gift. It helps you support your parish even when you travel out of town. It's easy to create and manage your account. It's convenient since you do not need to write a check, as your contribution will be withdrawn from your checking or savings account and you receive a reminder email in advance of each debit from your account. It also permits users to make changes to amounts quite easily as a family's budget shifts and to make contributions to special collections. It is a cost-saving program from the perspective of the parish administration and a convenient resource for members of the parish community. Please take a few moments today and check it out by visiting our website at stmarysnebraskacity.com and click on the **Online Giving** link. **Don't use the computer, but would like to try it?** Call Linda at the parish office and she will be glad to help get it set up for you. Online giving is safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. When you as Online Giver feel the need to have an envelope for the collection basket, use one of the Online Giving cards available in the pews. Thank you to all those that use Online Giving. **TRY ONLINE GIVING TODAY!!!**

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 **\$15.00**. Dues may be placed in the collection basket, given to Mary Mills or given through Online Giving. 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.

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION AT 70 ½ for 2017: 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: 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}): **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 & Marliss Miller, Scott & Kristin Miller, Mary Mills, Carline Moles, Robert & Kristine Moser, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Jennifer Mucha, Sam & Pat Nanfito. **Mar. 18:** James & Patricia Neu, Matthew Nienaber, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer, Erik & Kilee Olson, Jessica Olson, Scott & Jan O'Neil, Tom & Mary Paap, Ken & Mary Pargett, Marv & Mary Penning, Tim Peter, Jim & Dawna Fitzsimmons, Rosemarie Pfeiffer. **Mar. 25:** Carissa Phillips, Robert & Heather Popish, Robert & Sarah Racek, Tom & Rachelle Ragland, Merle & Muriel Rakes, David & Sonja Ramold, Amanda Rayhel, Charlene Reese, Dean & Diane Reese, Jeff Reese. **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: "May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you." St. Teresa of Avila