

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

218 N. 6th St., Nebraska City, NE 68410

Telephone: 402-873-3024

Website: stmarysnebraskacity.com

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Robert Willson, Boston Thomasson, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Dean & Cheryl Hauptman, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Jerry Thede, 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 Luke Fleck, Robert Froeschl, 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.

ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - !!!GREAT NEED!!! WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-2 A.M. Also, Mondays from 3-4 p.m., Wednesdays from 10-11 p.m. (second adorer), and Fridays from and 5-6 p.m. (second adorer). 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. **ADORATION RESUMES** on Tuesday, January 3 following the 6:20 a.m. Mass.

CUP OF GRACE resumes on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the church hall.

CCD CLASSES - GRADES K-6 resumes Wednesday, January 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes Primary. **GRADES 7-12** resumes Sunday, January 8 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's rectory. Kindergarten CCD begins January 4 and will join the 1st grade class.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

R.C.I.A. CLASS resumes on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Lourdes School.

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.

A LECTOR TRAINING will be held in January at St. Mary's Church for those that would like to serve their parish by reading during Mass. Dates of the training are five Sundays beginning January 15 and ending on February 12 with a Day of Recollection. The time will be from 1-3 p.m. On Sunday, February 25 lectors will be installed at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ by Bishop Conley. If you are in good standing with the Church and have considered being a lector, please call the parish office. We have a great need for lectors at the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings.

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 **\$153,564.09**. **Balance Needed: \$346,435.91**. 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 DO NOT REMOVE THE MISSALS & MUSIC ISSUES FROM THE CHURCH: Our new music issues need to last through November 2017 and the missals need to last until holy week. Please do not remove them from the church so those that are attending Mass can use them. Thank you.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. If you serve your parish by participating on this committee, please feel free to join us. For more information, please call Julie Parker, 402-297-0677 or Scott and Jan O'Neil, 402-259-3325.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A sincere thank you to all that helped in any way to make our parish celebrations of Christ's birth so special. Thanks to all who helped with the liturgical celebrations - the organists, choirs, youth directors, youth, and to all that came to celebrate with joy the Masses of Christmas. Thanks, also, to the ministers at the altar: servers, acolytes, lectors, ushers, and our seminarians. Special thanks to those who provided for and did the decorating and all the families that donated for the poinsettias and trees in memory or honor of loved ones. As we enter the New Year of our Lord 2016, we ask God's blessing on all of you and your families, and thank all who have given so generously of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the honor and glory of God in the service of our Parish Family.



IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY: We currently have two of the 10" x 18" gallery-wrapped canvas prints of the Vilnius Image of the Divine Mercy. These prints are handmade at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, with top-quality wood, canvas and inks. Also included with each print is the booklet "Divine Mercy Image Explained." Cost is \$25. If you are interested in purchasing one for a gift or for yourself, please call the parish office.

The Image of Divine Mercy, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." Our Lord's words to St. Faustina Kowalska as recorded in her *Diary*, 48.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Dec. 25: Adult Env.: \$9135.00; Loose: \$5825.60; Children's Env.: \$7.10; Online: \$4522.00; Building Fund: \$160.00;

Christmas: \$4410.00; Total: **\$24,104.70** Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Retired Priests: \$245.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Over: \$10,543.06; Dec 25: Needed: \$352,622.36; Received: \$283,832.16; Short: **\$-68,790.20** (\$-264.58 per family)

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$153,564.09**; Balance Needed: **\$346,435.91**

Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting, church hall

Wednesday 8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School

5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary

Sunday

5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Sr. Alice Stroger+	Velda Kreifels+	
Tuesday	Mary Jo Ventre	Jim Durr+	
Wednesday	Joe Ventre	Leo & Margaret Sis	
Thursday	Patricia Feucht	Herbert & Rosa Volkmer+	
Friday	Jeff Feucht	Dona Vasa+	
Saturday		Margie Ventre	6:30 p.m. Donald Schomerus+
Sunday		Steve Eickhoff+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
SERVERS	Jack & Andrew Bakula	Nick & Andrew Bernard	Michael Bequette, Sam Bolin, Jase Rosane
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Tom Wigington	Tanya Lee
ACOLYTES	Larry Lance	Mike Gilson	Andy Fedoris
OFFERTORY	Laurence & Sally DuBois Family	Mark & Jeanette Eilers	Joe & Brooke Chaney Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Jan. 2-7 – Maverick Weninger, Gabriel Baxa, Ethan Bruggeman; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Marv Giittinger

READINGS: Jan. 2, 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28; Jan. 3, 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34; Jan. 4, 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42; Jan. 5, 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51; Jan. 6, 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11; Jan. 7, 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11; Jan. 8, Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: "...keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Jump start 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.

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.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS UP-TO-DATE - CHANGED ADDRESSES, PLANNING TO MOVE? DROPPED YOUR LAND LINE, ADDED A CELL, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please call the parish office with your new information. If you are planning to move out of our community, please also, let us know. Thank you.

LINCOLN DIOCESE COUNSEL OF CATHLIC WOMEN: All women are invited to the Winter Symposium on January 13-14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center in Waverly. Register online at <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule/>

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – JANUARY 24-29, 2017: "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." Join hundreds of thousands of your generation in the fight to protect the most vulnerable! *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta* Five full buses are available to transport you and others from the Lincoln Diocese to march for life and visit our nation's capital. 55+ million innocents have lost their lives in the scourge of abortion. The cost is \$450. To register, visit the Youth Ministry page at www.lincolndiocese.org or call the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, 402-473-0625.

UNBOUND LINCOLN: Have you ever wondered what exactly deliverance is or how it fits into our Catholic Faith? To learn more all are invited on Wednesday, February 1 at St. Mary's Parish, Lincoln in Flynn Hall from 7:30-9 p.m.

ALL MARRIED COUPLES are invited to the "Joy and Hope" Anniversary Recognition Mass on Sunday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. Special recognition to those celebrating 10, 25, 40 or 50 years of marriage.

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. Enter the code "BHRREJ."

ONLINE GIVING: The convenient way to return a portion of your gifts back to our Lord. It's easy to set up, safe, secure and you can check as often as you like to see what you have given to the church and special collections throughout the year. Go to our website at www.stmarysnebraskacity.com. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you to all those that are already using online giving.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE: The retreats are silent or preached retreats providing the retreatant guidance in prayer, as well as ample opportunity to be alone with God. Retreat typically begins with Rosary and Mass at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening and end with Mass on Sunday followed by noon lunch. Each retreat includes: Celebration of the Eucharist, meditations given by a retreat master, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation, silence, prayer, recollection, and opportunities for meeting/spiritual direction with the retreat master. Upcoming retreats are Jan. 20 -22 for men & women "The Seven Signs in St. John's Gospel: A New Creation" with Fr. Jay Buhman, Feb. 3-5 for men & women "Is my Faith and Trust in God Growing?" with Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Feb. 17-19 for men & women "Personal Prayer and Deep Relationship with God" with Fr. Jacques Philippe, Feb. 24-26 for men "Prayer and Battle Man-to-Man" with Fr. Sean Kilcawley, and March 1 for women "Ash Wednesday" on day - \$10. For more information or to register, go to www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705. Schedules are available in the entrance of the church.

CATHOLIC COFFEEHOUSE: The Diocesan Evangelization Office invites you and your family to Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O St., Lincoln from 7-8:30 p.m. (1 hour presentation followed by 30 minutes for Q&A) Sunday evenings this fall/winter. This year's theme: "The Pilgrim Church: Rediscovering the Faith through Pilgrimage." Visit www.lincolndiocese.org/coffeehouse for more information. The Daughter of St. Gianna; December 11 – Bishop James D. Conley – John Henry Newman and the Pilgrim Church; January 15 – Fr. Rand Langhorst – Irish Saints and Places February 12 – Fr. Coulter – The Rosary Pilgrimage of the Holy Land.

LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE: Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **February 24-26, 2017** call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Jan. 2: Jenny Kearney, Jan. 4: Linda Lollmann, Jan. 7: Jackie Loseke, Jan. 9: Amy Lucas, Jan. 11: Rosie Marcotte, Jan.14: Susie Martin, Jan. 16: Cindy McGinnis, Jan. 18: Mary Mills, Jan. 21: Kilee Olson, Jan. 23: Mary Penning, Jan. 25: Mary Pargett, Jan. 28: Rachelle Ragland, Jan. 30: Margaret Rumery. 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}): **Jan. 7:** Jeff & Hettie Funke, Tom & Dorothy Funke, David & Pat Garris, Rynn Gawart, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad, Dan & Richarda Giittinger, Pam Giittinger, Mike & Lana Gilson, Mary Gomez. **Jan. 14:** Pam Gress, Mike & Janelle Gress, Chris & Connie Griepenstroh, Maggie Griepenstroh, Bill & Kathy Grundman, Patty Gude, Tom & Cindy Gude, Tyler & Taylor Gude, Steven & Stephanie Hackett, Mary Lynn Hall **Jan. 21:** Alissa Harris, Diana Harris, Jay & Jessica Harris, Bill & Noreen Harris, Dero Harshman, Aaron Conz, Daniel & Robin Heng, David & Debbie Heng, David & Pat Heng. **Jan. 28:** Lynn & Sharon Heng, Martin & Elaine Heng, Roger Heng, George & Mary Kay Hengen, Julie Parker, John & Linda Hogeland, Alyce Hollesen, Dan & Alice Holtz, Adam & Jennifer Howard, William & Heather Howard. **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: "Reflect that in reality you have a greater need to serve the poor than they have of your service." St. Angela Merici