

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Website: stmarysnebraskacity.com

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael G. McCabe

Associate Pastor: Rev. James J. Morin

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

Prayer Chain: email: Patrice Wulf, 873-6848 (wulfpak@windstream.net) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - 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 (preferred) or to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adorers are needed for Wednesdays from 11-12 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.

FORMED.ORG: 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** 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.org and placed in the collection basket, mailed, dropped by the parish office or placed through Online Giving under Formed.org. 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.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY dues of **\$20.00** 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 or Rachelle Ragland, 402-713-5099.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Do you use online banking? Do you use online bill pay? If so, try St. Mary's Church Online Giving. With our online giving program, you have the choice of when and how often you give to the church. All the special collections are available for you to plan your year of giving. Your gifts are directly deposited into the church's bank account and your contribution is directly downloaded to your contribution record. So there is no depositing of checks, no recording of envelopes, no errors in posting and a savings in mailing envelopes. You save time, checks, and also have access to your contribution record at any time. So, if you haven't set up your Online Giving account, please give it a try. To start your account, go to stmarysnebraskacity.com and click on the Online Giving button. Then follow the directions. If you don't use a computer or you need help in setting up an account, please call the parish office and Linda will be glad to assist you. Currently we have **74** families that manage their own account and **9** that are managed thru the parish office. Over \$649,000.00 has been contributed through our Online Giving program. Thank you to all those that use Online Giving. **TRY IT TODAY!!! PLEASE NOTE:** If you bank at **Premier Bank**, and are still using Farmers Bank checks, please make sure that you use this routing number: 104000870

6TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE PITCH PARTY: Make plans now to attend our 6th Annual Progressive Pitch Party" (must be 19 & older) on Friday, January 26 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. Ten Point Pitch will be played along with other games for those that do not play pitch (if you have a favorite game, bring it along). If you don't know how to play Pitch, this is your chance to learn. All those attending are asked to bring \$1, your favorite snack to share, and your own beverage. It's sure to be a fun evening, so come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: January 14-February 11 - Lector & Acolyte Training - 1-3 p.m.; January 26 - Pitch Party - 6:30 p.m.; March 4 - First Confession - 3:00 p.m. & St. Mary's Soup Supper - 4-7 p.m.; April 5-7 - Rummage Sale; April 15 - First Communion - 12:00 p.m.; April 21-22 - Ministry Fair.

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE: All are encouraged and invited to the annual Walk for Life on **Saturday, January 27**. The events begin with the Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m. with Bishop Conley. Speakers will follow at the State Capitol and the walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. No registration required.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST: The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lourdes High School gym. Boys & Girls ages 8-14 are eligible. No entry fee is required. Contact Duane Stuhr (402-873-7535) for additional information.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA are conducting their annual National Education Contest. Our Lourdes and CCD students are participating but there is also an adult section. If you are a CDA member and you would like to enter, the theme this year is "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with Joy". The categories are: Poetry, Art, Computer Art and Photography. The entries need to be given to Barb Stukenholtz by February 5. Please call her at 402-209-4976, if you have any questions.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Christian stewardship begins with the call to discipleship and in today's Gospel we discover those first individuals who sought out Jesus and wanted to listen to him, learn from him and stay with him. Today, Christian stewards search out the hidden presence of Jesus in their own lives every day. They know Christ is the "Messiah" who will one day bring about a perfect restoration to a troubled world. They further understand that they are sacraments of his hidden presence in the world. Their task is to make that reality known through their own words and actions. What is one thing we can do to be better stewards of Christ's life in us?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Jan. 7: Adult Env.: \$8812.00; Loose: \$1102.45; Children's Env.: \$30; Online: \$2599.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; IRA: \$1875.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$157.00; Total: **\$14,575.45**

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Over: \$1243.27; Jan. 7: Needed: \$359,706.98; Received: \$406,906.22; Over: **\$33,876.76** (\$125.47 per family)

Franciscan Sisters: \$80.00; Southern Nebraska Register: \$15.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 5:00 p.m. CCD - 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. CCD - Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary

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	Parishioners @ Morton Place	Delrosa Riege+	
Tuesday	Parishioners @ Ambassador	Francis McCabe+	
Wednesday	Alice Ann McCabe	Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors	4:00 p.m. Myron & Velma Henner+ (NC Care & Rehab)
Thursday	Parishioners @ NC Care & Rehab	Grace Lee	
Friday	Mandy Lee	Joe & Brooke Chaney Family	
Saturday		Mike Vaughn+	6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+ (Anniv.)
Sunday		Leta Harshman+	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, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
SERVERS	Jase Rosane, Hunter Lackey	Nick & Andrew Bernard, Adam Howard	Nick Fedoris, Gage Schmitz, Harper Weldon
LECTORS	Dan DeFreece	Tom Wigington	Ron Schmitz
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Mike Gilson	Andy Fedoris
OFFERTORY	Robert & Heather Popish Family	Tony & Michelle Kaiser Family	Matt & Audra Rutt Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Jan. 15-20 – Hunter Lackey, Simon Bruggeman, Cy Walton; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Denise Davis

READINGS: Jan. 15, 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22; Jan. 16, 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28; Jan. 17, 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6; Jan. 18, 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12; Jan. 19, 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19; Jan. 20, 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21; Jan. 21, Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20.

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.

THE STAMP COLLECTION GOES THROUGH LENT! Catholic Daughters of America will be 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'd 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.

FOOD PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable foods and personal care products are always needed for our local Food Pantries and especially during the holidays. Items needed each month are laundry soap, toilet tissue, shampoo, soup, macaroni and cheese. A box is available in the entrance of the church. **(Please, no expired items.)** Thank you for your generosity.

54TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DANCE, RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION will be held on Friday, January 26 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Pla Mor Ballroom, 6600 West O St., Lincoln to benefit Villa Marie Home and School For Exceptional Children. See flier in entrance of the church for more details.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: January 19-21 for men and women with Fr. William Holoubek "Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds, February 2-4 for men and women with Fr. Joseph Walsh "Stewardship: Sharing the Master's Joy," 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 Bruskwewitz "Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power and Possessions." Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

FOR MEN & WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM DIVORCE: The **Catholic Divorced Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **February 5** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9 p.m. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, catholicfio@cdolinc.net.

"HEIGHTEN OUR HEART-TO-HEART COMMUNICATION" Marriage Encounter-weekend in Lincoln on February 9-11. To register contact Pat (308-940-0670) & Janelle (308-940-1105) Benson or 308-946-3568 Home.

JOY & HOPE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION MASS and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 11** at the regular **9:00 a.m.** Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more **who have registered.** Family guests are welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple to cover reception costs appreciated! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.

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MARRIAGE SAVING – THE WEEKEND PHASE: During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend of February 16-18, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

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>.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Jan. 15: Suzanne Cooksey, Jan. 17: Kay DeFreece, Jan. 20: Sally DuBois, Jan. 22: Janie Ebmeier, Jan. 24: Jeanette Eilers, Jan. 27: Mary Farris, Jan. 29: Marlene Fey, Jan. 31: Janet and Marlene Frana, Feb. 3: Judy Francois, Feb. 5: Lynn Gibson, Feb. 7: Lana Gilson, Feb. 10: Maggie Griepenstroh. 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}): Mark & Judy Francois, Jeff & Hettie Funke, Tom & Dorothy Funke, David & Pat Garris, Rynn Gawart, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad, Dan & Richarda Giittinger, Pam Giittinger. **Jan. 27:** Mike & Lana Gilson, Mary Gomez, Melissa Greedy, Pam Gress, Mike & Janelle Gress, Chris & Connie Griepenstroh, Maggie Griepenstroh, Bill & Kathy Grundman, Patty Gude, Tom & Cindy Gude, Tyler & Taylor Gude. **Feb. 3:** Maureen Gygi, Steven & Stephanie Hackett, Mary Lynn Hall, Roger & Rachel Hamling, John & Paige Harpham, Alissa Harris, Diana Harris, Jay & Jessica Harris, Bill & Noreen Harris, Deroy Harshman. **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.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another.* Blessed John Henry Newman

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

What: Progressive Pitch Party

When: January 26 from 6:30–9:30 pm

Where: St. Mary's Church Hall

Bring a snack, \$1.00, and
your drink of choice.



Prizes will be awarded to low and high winners!

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