

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: [stmarysnebraskacity.com](http://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](mailto:wulfpak@windstream.net)) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 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 our seminarians Brett Jamrog, Robert Johnson, 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](mailto: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.

**ATTENTION!!! JOY OF THE GOSPEL PAYMENTS:** Please send all payments to the campaign office along with your ID number that is included on the payment stub. Please do not send to St. Mary's Church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.

**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 - STARTING TODAY** 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.

**THANK YOU FROM THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** to all that donated to the coat drive. Over 200 coats were collected and distributed! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Valentino's for dinner and our regular 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, please call Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976 or Barb Jensen at 402-321-6819. We look forward to seeing you there.

**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 **\$170,566.09**. **Balance Needed: \$329,433.91**. 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.



**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.

**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.**

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** As the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading, the Lord continues to remind us that we are his servants. Imagine the Lord speaking these words to you personally: "You are my servant. Through you I show my glory. I formed you as my servant from your mother's womb. I will make you a light so that you may shine the light of my salvation everywhere you go, and reveal my glory to everyone you encounter. I will give you the strength to do this. I will give you confidence. Heed my words, for I have spoken to you." What would your response be to the Lord? Would it be different from the response you give the Lord now?

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Jan. 8: Adult Env.: \$4937.00; Loose: \$355,500; Children's Env.: \$0.00; Online: \$1713.50; Building Fund: \$432.00; Christmas: \$50.00;

Solemnity of Mary: \$170.00; Total: **\$7698.00** Franciscan Sisters: \$60.00;

Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$5,863.64; Jan. 8: Needed: \$379,745.64; Received: \$311,233.36; Short: **-\$68,512.28** (\$-263.51 per family)

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$170,564.09**; Balance Needed: **\$329,435.91**

Thank you for your generosity.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	1-3 p.m. Lector Training	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.
<b>Monday</b>	Parishioners @ Ambassador	Tom Funke II+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Charles Williams+	Kathleen Stukenholtz+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Anna Rae (Ryder) Johnson+	Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv & Dec'd & Father Directors	4:00 p.m. Parishioners @ Golden Living
<b>Thursday</b>	Myron Henner+	Gerald & Helen Schmitz+ Judy Cole+	
<b>Friday</b>	Parishioners @ Morton Place	Bill Carroll+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Leta Harshman+	6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+
<b>Sunday</b>		Raymond & Helen Frana+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	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
<b>SERVERS</b>	Jackson, & Rylan Esser Patrick O'Neil	Tanner Kochanowicz, Caleb Stukenholtz Sam Williams	Jack & Will Funke
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan DeFreece	Jim Wirth	Cindy McGinnis
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tom Gude	Kevin Rettig	Bill Olmer
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Nile & Mary Farris	Sean & Maureen Chance Family	Laurence & Sally DuBois Family Barbara DuBois

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Jan. 16-21 – Tyler Kleineweber, Giovanni Lopez, Jagar Matson; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Jim Lowe; Reader: Joan Beccard

**READINGS:** Jan. 16, Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22; Jan. 17, Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28; Jan. 18, Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6; Jan. 19, Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12; Jan. 20, Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19; Jan. 21, Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21; Jan. 22, Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Respond to Christ's sacrifice by living lives of giving of ourselves in many ways.

**LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL – UPCOMING EVENTS:** Next Home Basketball game Knights Vs Auburn Bulldogs, Tuesday, January 17; Early Dismissal 1:30 pm. Faculty & Staff Development, Wednesday, January 18; National Honor Society Induction after 8:00 a.m. Mass, Friday, January 20; Regional Decathlon, Saturday, January 21.  
[www.lourdescentralcatholic.org](http://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org). Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter: @lourdesknights

**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. Only 400 seats!

**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](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/coffeehouse) for more information. February 12 – Fr. Coulter – The Rosary Pilgrimage of the Holy Land.

**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! 55+ million innocents have lost their lives in the scourge of abortion. Please pray for all those attending the National March for Life and all the innocent victims of abortion.

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND:** February 3, 7:00 p.m. Pitch Party, February 12, World Marriage Day, March 1, Ash Wednesday, March 3, Stations and Benediction and Fish Fries begin, March 5, 4-7 p.m. St. Mary's Soup Supper and March 16-18 Rummage Sale. More details to come.

**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.

**FOR VALENTINE'S DAY,** consider giving your spouse a gift that will last all year long - attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Register now to attend the upcoming WWME Weekend "Making our Good Marriage Better" February 10-12 in Lincoln. This is a great way to increase communication and build better marriages. We need to change the world and keep marriages strong as God had intended. For more information or to register visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact Pat & Janelle Benson, Janelle 308-940-1105, Pat 308-940-0670, Home 308-946-3568.

**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."

**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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705. Schedules are available in the entrance of the church.

**THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. 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.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) on the web.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** 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. 21:** Alissa Harris, Diana Harris, Jay & Jessica Harris, Bill & Noreen Harris, Deroy 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. **Feb. 4:** Scott & Tracy Juranek, Anthony & Michelle Kaiser, Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, Mike & Jenny Kearney, Patricia Kleineweber, Brian Kochanowicz, Sheri Kochanowicz, Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Kreifels. **Feb. 11:** Cliff & Jean Kreifels, Wayne & Brenda Kreifels, Grant & Shana Lackey, Larry & Debbie Lance, Janelle Krisko, Juli Lechner, Robert & Debbie Lechner, Ronald & Katherine Lechner, Tanya Lee. **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:** "Do we know our poor people? Do we know the poor in our house, in our family?...are you sure there is no one there who feels unwanted, deprived of affection?" St. Teresa of Calcutta