

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 Clement "Clancy" O'Flahery.

PLEASE PRAY for our seminarians Carson Kain, Rev. Mr. Timothy Kennett, 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.

ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - !!!GREAT NEED!!! WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-2 A.M. Also, Fridays from and 5-6 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.

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.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

THE YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Wednesday, January 25 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. and sing on Sunday, January 31 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Students in grades 2-12 are invited to attend. For more information call Kay DeFreece, 402-209-0321 or email kay-defreece@cdolinc.net.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

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 22 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.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 24-29: "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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be holding the annual Free Throw Contest next Sunday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m. in Lourdes High School gym. Boys & girls ages 8-14 are eligible to participate. Contact Duane Stuhr (402-873-7535) for additional information.

THE SPIRIT 102.7-FM MORNING SHOW, SPIRIT MORNINGS, will be broadcasting LIVE from Lourdes Central Catholic in Nebraska City on Tuesday, January 31. The Spirit Mornings show airs from 6:40-9:00 a.m. During this special broadcast, guests from Lourdes Central Catholic will be interviewed. Tune in to Spirit 102.7-FM to listen to this Catholic program featuring our school! You can also listen online at spiritcatholicradio.com or by downloading our free app in your phone's app store.

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.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's Gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus' teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open and resistant to the Gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God's glory to others?

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Dennis & Brian Heng+	Ray Haiar+ (Anniv.)	
Tuesday	Parishioners @ Riverview Terrace	Grandchildren of Leonard & Mary Kaiser	
Wednesday	Larry Lowe+	Joanna Marron+	
Thursday	Homebound Parishioners	Sevon Family+	
Friday	Sam Nocita+	Delora Roland+	
Saturday		Robert Beccard+	6:30 p.m. Delrosa Riege+
Sunday		Tom Funke, Jr.+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Arnie Kreifels, Carline Moles Scott & Jan O'Neil	Jim & Bonnie Lowe Charles Moyer, Gail Walford	Mike Heng, Joe Miller Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
SERVERS	Damon, Garrett, Robert Honeysuckle	James & Joesph Kearney, Bobby Moser	Kaden Olsen, Alex Bebout, Tyler Mucha
LECTORS	Barb Stukenholtz	Jennifer Howard	Ron Schmitz
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Mike Kearney	Jason Esser
OFFERTORY	Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Chuck & Sue Eickhoff	Ryan & Janie Ebmeier Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Jan. 23-28 – Garrett Honeysuckle, Alex Peter, Jake Bebout; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Sharon Crunk

READINGS: Jan. 23, Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30; Jan. 24, Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35; Jan. 25, Act 22:3-6/Mk 16:15-18; Jan. 26, 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25; Jan. 27, Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34; Jan. 28, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41; Jan. 29, Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Keep concentrating on the Lord, on loving Him, serving Him, and responding to His call to us.

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Valentino's for dinner and 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.

SCOUTING RELIGIOUS AWARD CEREMONY FOR BOYS & GIRLS! Applications and fees from your religious medal workbooks are due at the Office of Family Life by January 23! The Mass & Award Ceremony will take place at Cathedral of the Risen Christ on Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Conley presenting the awards! If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 402-473-0620.

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 **\$170,666.09**. **Balance Needed: \$329,333.91**. 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.

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.

WORSHIP AND PRAISE: All are invited to St. Mary's Church on Thursday, February 2 from 1:45-3:15 p.m., as we celebrate Catholic Schools week with our Lord in His Eucharistic Presence. Lourdes students, parents and supporters are invited to attend. This time of Worship and Praise has been organized by the T412 students who attended World Youth Day and Our Lady of Guadalupe Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. Danny Leger will be providing the music

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

5th ANNUAL PITCH PARTY: Make plans now to attend our "5th Annual Pitch Party" (must be 19 & older) on Friday, February 3 at 7:00 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.

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, March 16-18 Rummage Sale, March 25, 10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary Acies. More details to come.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Jan. 15: Adult Env.: \$4582.00; **Loose:** \$349.50; **Children's Env.:** \$2.30; **Online:** \$1181.00; Building Fund: \$20.00;
Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00; **Total: \$6184.80** Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00;

Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$7,376.84; **Jan. 15: Needed:** \$393,307.28; Received: \$317,418.16; Short: **-\$75,889.12** (\$-291.88 per family)
Lourdes Building & Renovation – Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$170,666.09**; **Balance Needed: \$329,333.91**

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		3:30 p.m. Youth Choir
Monday	7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting, rectory		5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary

CREATE A GIFT BASKET FOR THE SOUP SUPPER'S COUNTRY STORE – MARCH 5: 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. Please contact Jim and Cheryl Wirth, 402-873-4901, can leave message, if you would like to donate a basket.

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. With the way society views marriage today, it is vital to keep marriages strong and know that God is an important part of the sacrament. See how much your marriage can grow...in ONE weekend! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For more information or to register visit www.wwme.org or contact Pat & Janelle Benson, Janelle 308-940-1105, Pat 308-940-0670, Home 308-946-3568.

WINTER MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL is **Saturday, February 11, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club**, 9401 East O Street. Our guest speaker is **Father Troy Schweiger!** Experience a morning of inspiration and fellowship as we hear Father's up-lifting witness of how the Holy Spirit has lead him on a journey of Joy as Christ's Priest! **Seating is limited! Register by Monday, February 6. Send your \$20 check (\$10 for students)** made payable to *Magnificat c/o* Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. **Pre-paid reservations only.** For information call Rhonda Litt at [402-489-3819](tel:402-489-3819) or [402-525-6396](tel:402-525-6396).

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. **February 12** – Fr. Coulter – The Rosary Pilgrimage of the Holy Land.

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 Laurie 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!

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. Thank you to all those that use 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 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.

MARRIAGE SAVING - THE POST SESSION PHASE: The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **February 24-26** call 1-888-317-5654 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com on the web.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Jan. 23: Mary Penning, Jan. 25: Mary Pargett, Jan. 28: Rachelle Ragland, Jan. 30: Margaret Rumery, Feb. 1: Julia Russell, Feb. 4: Jackie Smith, Feb. 6: Pat Stoner, Feb. 8: Shelli Stuhr, Feb. 11: Shawn Stukenholtz, Feb. 13: Marcia Talmon, Feb. 15: Julie Volkmer, Feb. 18: Allison Weddle, Feb. 20: Hope Weninger, Feb. 22: Kathy Wigington, Feb. 25: Cheryl Wirth, Feb. 27: Emily Wolken. 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. 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: "We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother." St. Louis de Monfort