

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 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.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

CCD FOR GRADES K-6: Kindergarten CCD begins and grades 1-6 resumes on Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes Primary. Registration for kindergarten can be completed the first night of class. For more information, contact Diane Denniston, CCD Coordinator, 402-209-2498.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Please join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm in St Mary's Church hall for our 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.

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 Rachele Ragland, 402-713-5099.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all those that helped at our mother's funeral. Thank you to Fr. Morin, the acolyte, servers, choir and organist, those that prepared food and hosted the dinner. You all have a true vocation to our church family. *The Family of Margaret Heng*

THANK YOU to the friends and family of Margaret Heng for your donations to St. Mary's Church in her memory. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHP MOMENT: Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Jan. 1: Adult Env.: \$17595.50; Loose: \$715.00; Children's Env.: \$.50; Online: \$6134.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; Christmas: \$295.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$756.32; ; Total: **\$25,518.32**

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Over: \$12,195.84; Jan. 1: Needed: \$359,706.98; Received: \$392,340.47; Over: **\$32,633.49** (\$120.86 per family)

Franciscan Sisters: Need: \$8400.00; Rec'd \$8854.00; Bequest: \$5000.00; Southern Nebraska Register: \$50.00; Memorial: \$765.00

Retired Priests: Need: \$7487.00; Rec'd: \$2661.16;

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
Monday	7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting, church hall		5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades 1-6, Lourdes Primary
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
	6:30 p.m. CDA meeting, church hall		

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *The soul cannot live without love. We can never love our neighbor too much.* St. Francis de Sales

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Special Intention	Jakeb Myers+	
Tuesday	Poor Souls+	Susan & Matthew Heng+	
Wednesday	Special Intention	Bonnie Zellmer+	
Thursday	Parishioners @ Riverview Terrace	Ed Mills+	
Friday	Homebound Parishioners	Avis Gilson+	
Saturday		Priest's Intention	6:30 p.m. Dennis & Brian Heng+
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	Grant, Sam, Miles Draus	James & Joseph Kearney Bobby Moser	Joseph & Seth Whitney Jaxson Reese
LECTORS	Sharon Crunk	Gail Walford	Cindy McGinnis
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng	Mark Eilers	Bryan Bequette
OFFERTORY	Scott & Jan O'Neil	George & Mary Kay Hengen	Kevin & Deb Rettig

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Jan. 8-13 – Robert Honeysuckle, Levi Anthen, Gabriel Baxa; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Dale Kreifels

READINGS: Jan. 8, Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11; Jan. 9, 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28; Jan. 20, 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39; Jan. 11, 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45; Jan. 12, 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12; Jan. 13, 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17; Jan. 14, 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42.

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.

A LECTOR AND ACOLYTE TRAINING for men will be held on five Sundays beginning January 14 and ending on February 11 with a Day of Recollection from 1-3 p.m. at St. Mary's Church for those that would like to serve at Mass. On Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. lectors and acolytes will be installed at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ by Bishop Conley. If you are in good standing with the Church and would like to serve as a lector or acolyte, please call the parish office. We have a great need for lectors at the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: January 12-13 for women with Fr. Thomas Lux and Fr. Thomas McGuire, LDCCW Winter Symposium and January 19-21 for men and women with Fr. William Holoubek "Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds. 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, catholicflo@cdolinc.net.

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

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STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Jan. 8: Katie Bebout, Jan. 10: Kelly Bequette, Jan. 13: Beth Box, 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. 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}): **Jan. 13:** Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Nile & Mary Farris, Charles & Joan Fedoris, Anna Felber, Wilber & Marlene Fey, Marcia Fox, David Frana, Janet Frana, Marlene Frana. **Jan. 20:** 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 Gudelf **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.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: Loving and merciful God, You are the Lord of new beginnings. You sent us Your Son so that we may begin anew and enjoy new life in Your Spirit. We ask you to bless this new year, to guide and direct our plans, and to show us how to find the resources necessary to carry out these plans. Give us the wisdom to take advantage of opportunities we may have to help and serve others, to bring peace to the hearts of those who are troubled, and hope to those who suffer. Help us approach this new year as good stewards of your abundant gifts, with an awareness of your daily presence, and the obedient spirit we need to be your faithful servants. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen