

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: [stmarysnebraskacity.com](http://stmarysnebraskacity.com)

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael G. McCabe

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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

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 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, 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 Philip Hanigan, Caleb Hile, 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.

**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 **\$169,564.09**. **Balance Needed: \$330,435.91**. 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.



**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 PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR:** Good and gracious God, a new year of grace is upon us, giving us impressions of crisp beginnings, new goals, a fresh sense of hope. Though we cling to our own expectations for the year ahead, we know you alone are the sovereign of our future, Lord of our lives, and the source of whatever good we may do. We thank you, O Lord, for the gift of the days and weeks you have entrusted to us. Teach us to be good stewards of our time ahead, that we go about our days keeping you at the center of our lives. In the midst of our daily pursuits and activities, focus our eyes on the needs of others; help us respond with compassion to the poor; and open our hearts to a suffering world. We ask for a year of peace, a year that brings an end to hatred and strife, and a year where we find a deeper joy that can only be found in you. We ask this through Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** In today's second reading we hear the teachings of Saint Paul to the members of the Church at Ephesus. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God's loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is at work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on Saint Paul's words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the Gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards of Christ's justice and peace?

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

Jan. 1: Adult Env.: \$13298.00; Loose: \$1894.80; Children's Env.: \$2.40; Online: \$1954.00; Building Fund: \$490.00; Christmas: \$210.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$1854.00; Total: **\$19,703.20** Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Retired Priests: \$70.00; So. NE Register: \$180.00  
Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Over: \$6,141.56; Jan. 1: Needed: \$366,184.00; Received: \$303,535.36; Short: **\$-62,648.64** (\$-240.96 per family)  
Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$169,564.09**; Balance Needed: **\$330,435.91**  
Thank you for your generosity.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory	Wednesday	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
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory		

**MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS**

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Bud Dueling+	Children of Leonard & Mary Kaiser	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oscar Heng+	Jerry & Ronnie Schmitz+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mark Detloff+	Leonard & Clara Heng+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Eileen Gunn+	Matthew Heng+	
<b>Friday</b>	Marie Hotovy+	Ed Mills+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Karen McQuillan+	6:30 p.m. Walt & Rita Wenzl
<b>Sunday</b>		Robert Reese+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Joe Miller Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Grant, Sam, Miles Draus	Hayden Cline, Brayden Tift, Blayne Rumery	Vance & Maverick Weninger
<b>LECTORS</b>	Sharon Crunk	Gerry Wirth	Kelly Madden
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tom Wigington	Adam Howard	Tom Funke
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	David & Lori Everett	Lacie & Lexis Bruns-Morris, Phil Hauptman	John & Deb Dubas Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Jan. 9-14 – Reed Hamling, Brayden Tift, Kevin Ramirez; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Terry Smith

**READINGS:** Jan. 9, Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mt 3:13-17; Jan. 10, Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28; Jan. 11, Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39; Jan. 12, Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45; Jan. 13, Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12; Jan. 14, Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17; Jan. 15, Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Christ calls us to be sacrificial in our commitment to God and to those around us.

**PRO-LIFE MASS & NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE JANUARY 14 – LINCOLN:** Every year, the Nebraska Right to Life sponsors the Nebraska Walk for Life. The Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. on the north side of our State Capitol. Beforehand, the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities sponsors a Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary's Church (14th & K). The Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. and will be celebrated by Most. Rev. George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha. Rebekah Buell is the keynote speaker for the Walk and will share about how she reversed her RU-486 chemical abortion and accepted the gift of life. Please see the flier in the entrance of the church for more information.

**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!

**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/>

**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. **January 15** – Fr. Rand Langhorst – Irish Saints and Places **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! 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](http://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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND:** February 3, 7:00 p.m. Pitch Party and March 5, 4-7 p.m. St. Mary's Soup Supper.

**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."

**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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** "Making our Good Marriage Better" is the theme for the Marriage Encounter Weekend in Lincoln, February 10-12. For more information or to register, please contact Pat or Janelle Benson. Pat, 308-940-0670; Janelle, 308-940-1105 or Home, 308-946-3568.

**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. 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: Rachele 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. 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, 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 Hollisen, 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:** "No created mind, no created heart, no human force is capable of knowing how much love the heart of Mary had for Our Lord." *St. Jerome*