

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, March 18 - 5:45-6:15 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 OF LENT - SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Lacie Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Leonard Kreifels, Albert Burger, Boston Thomasson, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, 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 Vera Lavigne.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our seminarians Dominic Winter, Brian Wirth, and James O'Neil 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 "Division Leader" or Pam Gress.

**ATTENTION!! - CONFESSIONS - TIME CHANGE:** Saturday, March 18, confessions will be held from **5:45-6:15 p.m.** due to Mass at 4:00 p.m. to begin the evening of the Lourdes Event. The regular schedule will resume on March 25.

**ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT:** Two Masses have been added - Monday & Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. through Wednesday, April 5. Daily attendance at Mass is a good, positive undertaking for the season of Lent. On **Fridays at 5:15 p.m.** there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?** Lourdes Hot Lunch Program at St. Mary's is in need of a new two-door refrigerator at a cost of \$3031.00. If you would like to help with this cost, please contact Linda Willson at 402-873-3024. All donations are welcome. Thank you.

**CUP OF GRACE - ENDOW STUDY:** All ladies of the parish are invited to join Cup of Grace on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall for the Endow study, about Pope Paul VI's encyclical On Human Life, Humane Vitae. Liz Bruggeman will be the facilitator. Please contact Kate Roberts at 402-209-4362 if you have any questions or would like to join the group. The study will go throughout the Lenten season.

**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD - BREAKFAST BUFFET:** St. Anthony's Parish in Steinauer will have the Eucharistic Miracles of the World display in the parish hall on Sunday, March 12 from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. See the fliers in the entrance of the church for more information.

**PARISH RUMMAGE SALE:** Declutter the house and garage and bring all those good clean new or used items for St. Mary's rummage sale scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 16 & 17 from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 18 from 9-1 p.m. Items can be brought to the church hall, but please by Monday, March 13 so items can be priced and displayed. To help our volunteers to prepare for the sale, please sort your donations and **fold or hang clothing.** If you would be willing to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Anna Mae Kaiser, 873-6454. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m. to box all remaining items. Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES:** Come join us for the annual Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, March 24, 31 and April 7 (there will be no fish fry on March 17) from 5-7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Featuring fried and baked fish, shrimp, pasta with marinara sauce and potato wedges with choice of dessert. Free will DONATION.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the members of the Legion of Mary. Wednesday, March 1 was the 2000<sup>th</sup> meeting of the organization here at St. Mary's. Thank you for being such an active prayerful part of our parish. To join or to learn more about the Legion of Mary, call Anna Mae Kaiser, 402-873-6454 or Murilla Giittinger, 402-873-5251.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to Jim and Cheryl Wirth and Mark & Jeanette Eilers for chairing this year's soup supper and to Teresa Albers and Jo Vasa for chairing the raffle. Thank you to all those that brought salads, pies, items for the country store, donated baskets, purchased raffle tickets, donated raffle prizes or made donations. Thank you to all those that helped prepare the soup and helped in any way during the supper. Thank you also to those that attended and brought your friends and family. Currently our income is at \$4515.75. It was a great day to share in fellowship as we worked together as a parish family. If you were unable to attend, donate a salad, pie and something for the country store, donations are still being accepted. Thank for your many gifts of time, talent and treasure.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS LENTEN PAPER DRIVE:** Please join us in collecting paper for Lourdes Central Catholic School. Drop off your reams of paper at St Mary's, St Benedict's or St Joseph's. We will collect until April 17. Thank you.

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Myron Henner+	Alice Mulloy+ (Anniv.)	5:15 p.m. Oscar Heng+
<b>Tuesday</b>	Delores Penning+	Tom Funke II+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Charles & Lorraine Gude+	Leta Harshman+ (Anniv.)	4:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors (Golden Liv.) 5:15 p.m. Lourdes Class of 2018
<b>Thursday</b>	Jason Weston+	Robert Reese+	
<b>Friday</b>	Sam Nocita+	Ed Mills+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Raymond & June Yost+	4:00 p.m. Lourdes Family 6:30 p.m. Delrosa Riege+
<b>Sunday</b>		Steve Eickhoff+	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>	Damon, Garrett, Robert Honeysuckle	Nick & Andrew Bernard	Vance & Maverick Weninger
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan DeFreece	Jerry Martin	Cindy McGinnis
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tom Wigington	Kevin Rettig	Jason Esser
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Bob & Debbie Lechner Family	George & Mary Kay Hengen	Tammie Gigstad Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Mar. 13-18 – Tyler Kleineweber, Ethan Bruggeman, Gabe Baxa; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Jim Lowe; Reader: Marv Gittinger

**READINGS:** Mar. 13, Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38; Mar. 14, Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12; Mar. 15, Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28; Mar. 16, Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31; Mar. 17, Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46; Mar. 18, Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; Mar. 19, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** We are called to place our complete trust in God and leave behind our old ways.

**A THOUGHT FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT - DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?** ■ Fast from hurting words and say kind words. ■ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. ■ Fast from anger and be filled with patience. ■ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. ■ Fast from worries and trust in God. ■ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. ■ Fast from pressures and be prayerful. ■ Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. ■ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. ■ Fast from grudges and be reconciled. ■ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT:** There's still time to join the Franciscan Sisters at the Convent (1503 4<sup>th</sup> Corso) for a 6 week journey along with Bishop Robert Barron as he unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. From St. Francis of Assisi to St. Catherine of Siena, from St. Thomas Aquinas to Michelangelo, all the way to Blessed John Henry Newman and G. K. Chesterton, Christ's Incarnation is on display through the minds and lives of His Church's members. Bishop Barron's **CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS** is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of Saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. **Call the Franciscan Sisters (402) 873-3052 to register. The 6 week series began on March 1. Choose the day that best fits your schedule: Wednesday (6:30–8:00 P.M.); Thursday (9:00–10:30 A.M.); Sunday, March 5 (6:30–8:00 P.M.)**

**A LENT TO REMEMBER** is a parish wide study of the newly released program **FORGIVEN – The Transforming Power of Confession**. With beautiful film-making and teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, FORGIVEN will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss as a family or as a group of friends. The reviews of FORGIVEN have been strong. **A Lent to Remember** will be a 4-week study, with a 30-minute episode to watch each week. There are accompanying discussion guides that help penetrate the beauty and mystery of God's mercy and the importance of regular confession. The final week of the study is capped with an episode from the stunning video series SYMBOLON. **SYMBOLON Episode 6: The Paschal Mystery** dives deep into the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection and the difference it makes in our day to day life as Catholics. If you have not visited [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG), do so today! Sign-up using our parish code, "BHRREJ."

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS LENT?** Pray the Rosary at St. Mary's Church. The Rosary is prayed every morning at 7:30 a.m.

**HOLY TRINITY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER** will be held on Sunday, March 12 from 11-1 p.m. at the Avoca Town Hall in Avoca. Corned Beef & Cabbage, Ham, Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Desserts and Drinks. Adults \$8.00, Children 4-12 \$4.00.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

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

**Mar. 5: Adult Env.: \$10,149.00; Loose: \$378.50; Children's Env.: \$.25; Online: \$2538.50;**

Building Fund: \$20.00; Ash Wednesday: \$1546.00; **Total: \$14,632.25**

**Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Over: \$1070.61; Mar. 5: Needed: \$484,218.76; Received: \$393,885.40; Short: ~~\$-90,333.36~~ (334.57 per family)**

Lourdes Building & Renovation – Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$176,111.09**; **Balance Needed: \$323,888.91**

Franciscan Sisters: \$60.00; Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5685.00; Received: \$2391.36 Thank you for your generosity.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters	Thursday	9:00 a.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale, church hall
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Friday	9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale, church hall
	5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary		5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters	Saturday	9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale, church hall

**LOURDES EVENT 2017 "THOSE FABULOUS 50'S"** is fast approaching on Saturday, March 18. Tickets are still available for \$75.00 and include a buffet dinner, silent and grand auction and an open bar. All profits generated goes directly back into our General Fund to help keep our operating expenses lower. The classes have made some exceptional projects this year and I know you do not want to miss them! Please email Sally DuBois, [sally-dubois@cdolinc.net](mailto:sally-dubois@cdolinc.net) or call 402-873-6454 to purchase tickets. This is great opportunity to meet other families and get a night out with your spouse! Many are dressing in 1950's attire so it should prove to be a very festive night! There is a sock hop in the practice gym at 10:00 to end the evening's festivities.

**FISH FRY:** St. Paulinus Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 17 and 31 from 5-8 p.m. in the church hall. Serving carp, Pollock, catfish nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

**RAFFLE WINNERS:** \$350 Meat Gift Certificate - Rock Creek Swine – Rita Matthews; \$300 W & H Manufacturing – Tom Wigington; \$100 Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom, & Stilmock Lawyers – Mary Allgood; \$100 – Sunflower Sales Vinyl Fencing – Brenda Baumann; \$100 7 Mile Style – Todd Chaney; \$50 Waddell & Reed, Inc. – Bonnie Lowe; \$50 – Borns Financial Planning, Inc – Mary Mills; \$50 Gas Cards – Easter & Associates – Pau Neu; \$50 Gas Cards – Easter & Associates – David Heng; \$50 Moser's U-Save Pharmacy – Jill Travis; \$50 – Scott O'Neil, DDS – David Frana; Holy Family Picture – Keeping Room – Barbara DuBois; Cooler-Tote Pkg. – Premier Bank – Fred Allen; Gift Card & Product – LaReese's Beauty Salon – John Gawart; \$25 - Gude Mortuary – Shawn Stukenholtz; \$25 – Molly McNeely, DDS – Daren Box; Large One-Topping Pizza- Valentino's – Mary Allgood; Baskets: Liz Bruggeman, Elaine Heng, Julie Parker, Kathy Wigington, Mary Kay Hengen, Isabelle Willson. Thank you to all those that donated prizes and baskets and those that sold and purchased tickets. Your generosity it greatly appreciated.

**FIND THE RIGHT WORDS: ABORTION DIALOGUE ACADEMY:** If you've ever found yourself tongue-tied when defending your pro-life beliefs, please consider coming to the FREE two-hour workshop presented by the Abortion Dialogue Academy (ADA). The ADA is a nonprofit organization that teaches pro-life people how to respond effectively to their pro-choice peers. The workshop will cover how to respond to the three most common pro-choice arguments. It will take place at Peru State College in the CATS conference room on Wednesday, March 15, from 6-8 p.m. Come hear some exciting conversion stories and learn how you can change people's hearts and minds! For more information, please contact Dylan Reinhardt at [dylan.reinhardt07433@campus.peru.edu](mailto:dylan.reinhardt07433@campus.peru.edu) or visit <http://www.abortiondialogueacademy.org/>.

**THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (CSS) DONATION TRAILER** is coming to St. Mary's Church March 17-24. This is your chance to donate your good, used items to CSS. All useable donated items will be distributed to the needy across southern Nebraska or sold at one of Catholic Social Services' Gift & Thrift Stores with proceeds used to support our Emergency Services program. Even well used clothing will be accepted for recycling. **We are not able to accept any Gas appliances, televisions or toys.** A great many of the toys are made in China and have problems with toxic materials in their manufacture. Since we do not have a repair facility, we are looking for gently used items that are immediately usable and not broken. Let us share God's love for us by serving people in need. Thank you for your generosity.

**LEGION OF MARY ACIES:** All Auxiliary and Active members of the Legion of Mary are invited to the Acies at St. Mary's in Nebraska City on Saturday, March 25. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. with lunch in the church hall to follow. Bishop Conley will be the celebrant at the Mass. **Acies:** The Latin word meaning, an army arranged in battle array. Mary, Queen of the Legion's army, calls her soldiers, active and auxiliary members, to assemble and renew their fealty to her and from her to receive strength and blessings for yet another year's battle with the forces of evil. To draw up her Legion in united array! The whole worldwide Legion seeks each year to celebrate the Acies on or near the Feast of the annunciation, March 25. The essential idea of the Legion, upon which all else is built, is that of working in union with and in dependence on Mary, its Queen. The Acies is the solemn expression of that union and dependence. "I am all yours my Queen, my Mother, and all that I have is yours." The project of the true devotion to Mary is never done once and for all but must keep going back to the basic principles and trying to live them better throughout our lives. This ceremony is one of the most beautiful and profound functions of the Legion – An act of renewal of dependence on our Mother Mary.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL:** We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Pick up your family's Rice Bowl from the entrance of the church today and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app or visit [csrcece.org](http://csrcece.org) for more information.

**ST. MONICA'S PRAYER:** During the month of March, all ladies of the parish are urged to attend daily Mass and pray this Prayer of St. Monica each day: "O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved you to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Monica, pray for us!"

**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 **\$176,111.09. Balance Needed: \$323,888.91.** 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.

**BEST LENT EVER – HAVE YOU EVER HAD A LIFE-CHANGING LENT?** Do something life-changing. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever email program. Each day you will receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. They will guide you through Matthew's newest book, "Resisting Happiness." There will also be a free downloadable study guide. The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver](http://DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver). Don't miss the opportunity to experience a powerful Lent this year.

**CURSILLO RETREAT** is not just a weekend...it's a way of life... daily growing in relationship with Christ... If you are interest in deepening your faith and/or discovering a simple way to live your Baptismal promises in everyday life, Cursillo may what you're searching for. There are two upcoming retreats in McCook. For men March 16-19 and for women March 23-26. Those who already belong to Cursillo should explain Cursillo to others and encourage them to attend the Cursillo retreat. To register call John Springer (402) 826-2699.

**LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The Lincoln Diocese Counsel of Catholic Women will be here to assist our Deanery in leadership training on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. All women, all parishes are invited to attend. We will meet in St. Benedict school basement. Questions contact, Dotti Easter 402-297-1211. Training for individual parishes is also available.

**INDULGENCES:** The faithful can receive a partial indulgence if they recite the following prayer after Communion before a crucifix or other image of Christ crucified. On the Fridays of Lent, the indulgence is plenary. **Prayer Before A Crucifix:** Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Your face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Your five wounds, pondering over them within me, and calling to mind the words which, long ago, David the prophet spoke in Your own person concerning You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all My bones."

**STUDENTS – SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 25-30 - TOTUS TUUS (TOTALLY YOURS)**, for another fun, faith-filled summer catechetical youth program for students entering grades 1-12. More details to come.

**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.

**SKY CAMP:** For those who will be entering grades 6 thru 8 next year, you can register your child now for Sky Camp. All camps will fill up fast. Cost of camps is \$120 and \$160. Go to [www.CampKateri.org](http://www.CampKateri.org). To help aid you, Katie Dubas can help drive kids to and from sessions 3 and 4.

**CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL:** All Catholics across Nebraska are encouraged to attend the 2017 Catholics at the Capitol on March 21. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church basement (14th & K Streets). The Catholic women are invited to a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion following the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Reservations for the luncheon (\$20) must be received by Teresa Koch, 812 W. Walnut Road, Odell, NE 68415 by March 13. Please plan to join in praying the Rosary at Planned Parenthood after lunch.

**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 for men and women on March 20-24 FOCCUS Campus Ministry, and March 24-26 for men and women with Fr. Mark Cyza "Healing in the Heart of Christ." 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.

**THE RED MASS** with Bishop Conley to pray for all in the legal profession will be Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln. A breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Andy Barry, "St. Thomas More and the Idea of a Constitution". All are invited. More info at: [redmass2017.eventbrite.com](http://redmass2017.eventbrite.com)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** Want to join the 10 day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Spain and Fatima taking place this summer July 5-14? Please call Fr. Gary Coulter (402) 786-2705.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Fr. Mark Cyza will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land July 10-23, 2017. Cost is \$2,999.00. Visit [stbens.org](http://stbens.org) or call 402-873-3047 for more information.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF LOURDES AND FATIMA – NOVEMBER 3-13:** Join veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas in this meaningful journey to Spain, Portugal and France. Includes Barcelona (Sagrada Familia), Salamanca, Avila, Madrid, Montserrat and much more. Time for devotion and prayer. Includes daily Mass, R/T Air, First Class Hotels, daily tours, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing and Gov't taxes/airline surcharges. \$3189 from Chicago. \$3289 from Omaha. Seats are limited. This will fill up fast. For complete information: Fr. John Vakulskas, Box 347, Okoboji, IA 51355; 712-490-8047 – [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com) – [www.carnivalpriest.com](http://www.carnivalpriest.com)

**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 or would like more information, please call Nora Gottwald, 402-209-0322 or Cathy Sawyer, 402-873-7250.

**QUEST** is a retreat for young Catholics between the ages of 14 and 16 who are freshmen and sophomores in high school. It is woven around the theme of the Three Circles of Love: Love of Self, Love of Others, and Love of God. The name QUEST implies "searching for" and "seeking out." As such, this retreat is designed to bring young people together and invites them to search for and seek out a deeper understanding and appreciation of themselves, others, and God. Cost is \$80 for the retreat. The next QUEST Retreat is March 23-26 at St. Joseph Church in Auburn, NE. For more information, call the Youth Ministry Office at 402-473-0625. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest>.

**TEC** is a weekend retreat for Juniors and Seniors in High School. The retreat is designed to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The experience of Christ on the weekend will leave you yearning for more in your daily life. The retreat begins on Saturday morning and concludes Monday afternoon. If the TEC weekend is full, please call or email the Family Life Office to be placed on the waiting list. Registration cost: \$90. Registration is all on line at <http://www.dioceseoflincoln.org>, Tab on Family Life Office, then Youth Ministry. The next TEC is April 6-8 at Camp Kateri, McCool Junction.

**EASTER FLOWERS & LILIES:** We are accepting donations of \$10.00 to purchase Easter Lilies and flowers to decorate the altar. Special envelopes are in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Contributions may be dropped in the collection basket. Please indicate along with your contribution if you wish to make a memorial or dedication to someone; kindly do this by **Sunday, March 20**. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** Mar. 13: Brenda Baumann, Mar. 15: Katie Bebout, Mar. 20: Kelly Bequette, Mar. 22: Beth Box, Mar. 25: Maureen Chance, Mar. 27: Suzanne Cooksey, Mar. 29: Kay DeFreece, Apr. 1: Sally DuBois, Apr. 3: Janie Ebmeier, Apr. 5: Jeannette Eilers, Apr. 8: Mary Farris, Apr. 10: Joan Fedoris, Apr. 12: Marlene Fey, Apr. 15: Janet and Marlene Frana, Apr. 17: Judy Francois, Apr. 19: Hettie Funke, Apr. 22: Lynn Gibson, Apr. 24: Lana Gilson, Apr. 26: Maggie Griepstroh, Apr. 29: Kathy Grundman. 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.}):** **Mar. 18:** James & Patricia Neu, Matthew Nienaber, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer, Erik & Kilee Olson, Jessica Olson, Scott & Jan O'Neil, Tom & Mary Paap, Ken & Mary Pargett, Marv & Mary Penning, Tim Peter, Jim & Dawna Fitzsimmons, Rosemarie Pfeiffer. **Mar. 25:** Carissa Phillips, Robert & Heather Popish, Robert & Sarah Racek, Tom & Rachelle Ragland, Merle & Muriel Rakes, David & Sonja Ramold, Amanda Rayhel, Charlene Reese, Dean & Diane Reese, Jeff Reese. **Apr. 1:** Ellen Reeves, Kevin & Deb Rettig, Nicole Richardson, Mike & Janis Riege, Luke & Colleen Ritz, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Christine Runyon, Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Teresa Schlorholtz. **Apr. 8:** David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Ron Schmitz, Donald & Lynell Schomaker, Kevin & Elizabeth Schomerus, Ronald & Diane Schomerus, Clarence & Carol Schram, Steve Schreiner, Keith & Arlene Schreiter, Ted & Carmen Schreiter. **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:** "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them." Pope Francis