

# 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, 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 - [stmarysnebraskacity@windstream.net](mailto:stmarysnebraskacity@windstream.net)

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Everett Tjaden, Carline Moles, Ned Cox, Aaron Mayberry, Angie Childers, 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, 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](mailto:stmbulletin@windstream.net) (preferred) or to the parish office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Adorers needed on **Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.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 adoror 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 EASTER SCHEDULE:** Concludes Thursday, March 29 at 5:00 p.m. and resumes on Tuesday, April 3 following the 6:20 a.m. Mass.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:** A special time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter will be Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church with Frs. McCabe, Morin, Ventre, Cyza, Scholl, and Fr. Dominic. This is an opportunity for us to experience reconciliation with our God and with one another so that we will be ready to enter into the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries in the Liturgies of the Holy Week. Every year in the season of Lent, there should be in our lives a special participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Penance is preeminently the Easter Sacrament, instituted by Jesus on the night of the very day He rose from the dead (John 20:23). Please use this opportunity for the sacrament of confession so that you may enter fully into the celebration of these mysteries of God's love.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### **St. Mary Catholic Church**

Monday-Wednesday, March 26-28 - 8:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, March 29 - 7:00 p.m. -

(Prayer time following)

Good Friday Services, March 30 - 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31 - 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

#### **CHI Health - St. Mary's Hospital Chapel**

Monday-Wednesday, March 26-28 - 6:20 a.m.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Sunday, March 25 - 2:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 28 - 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 29 - 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30 - 11:15-12:00 p.m. & 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 31 - 4-5 p.m. & 7:30-8:00 p.m.

Or by appointment

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, March 29 - concludes at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3 - resumes following 6:20 a.m. Mass

**LIKE TO SING? THE ADULT CHOIR** will practice on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. We need extra singers for the Easter Triduum. We will be singing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Good Friday at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Holy Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We need lots of voices for this joyous occasion. If you have questions, please contact Dan Giittinger, 402-873-1967, Beth Box, 402-209-1640 or Kay DeFreece, 402-209-0321.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Communal Penance Service: March 25 - 2:00 p.m.; April 5-7 - Rummage Sale; April 14 - First Communion Practice - Pictures - 9:30 a.m. & Practice 10:00 a.m.; April 15 - First Communion - 12:00 p.m.; July 15-20 - Totus Tuus.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** Today we hear the Gospel story of Jesus inviting his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit...What does Jesus mean? The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to give witness in his name. How will we respond?

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

**Mar. 18: Adult Env.: \$5845.75; Loose: \$461.26; Children's Env.: \$4.35; Online: \$830.00; Total: \$7141.36**

Combined Collection: \$1145.00; Memorials: \$1180.00; Soup Supper: \$15.00

**Needed Weekly:** \$13,322.48; Short: \$-6181.12; **Mar. 18: Needed:** \$506,254.26; Received: \$518,850.12; Over: **\$12,595.86** (\$46.14 per family)  
Southern Nebraska Register: **Needed:** \$5670.00 - **Rec'd** \$2242.00; **Bal. Needed:** **\$3428.00** Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday 2:00 p.m. Penance Service

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall

Wednesday 8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School

7:30 p.m. K of C meeting, church hall

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Rosemary Tines+	Lester Kinnison+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rose Ryan+	Herbert & Rosa Volkmer+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	George Lucas+	Special Intention	
<b>Thursday</b>	NO MASS	7:00 p.m. Edmund Klusaw+	
<b>Friday</b>	NO MASS	12:15 & 7:00 p.m. <b>Good Friday Services</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>		NO MASS	8:30 p.m. Margaret Heng+
<b>Sunday</b>		Alice Oelke+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
<b>SERVERS</b>	8:30 p.m. Steven Walters Sam Ebmeier, Reed Hamling	Ben & Blake Miller	Quinten Vasa, Alex Bebout Tyler Mucha
<b>LECTORS</b>	8:30 p.m. Buck Shawhan	Gail Walford	Wilber Fey
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	8:30 p.m. Tom Wigington, Tim Baumann Bryan Bequette	Mike Kearney, Sean Chance	Jeff Funke, Jason Esser
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	8:30 p.m. Mark & Heather Bakula Family	Bob & Kristine Moser Family	Theresa Brown Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Mar. 26-28 – Sam Ebmeier, Dane Lyons, Braedon Watkins; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Terry Smith

### **HOLY WEEK**

### **Servers**

### **Lectors**

### **Acolytes**

Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.	William, Jackson, Dilan Eppert	Mary Kay Hengen	Jeff Funke, Daren Box, Mike Gilson
Good Friday - 12:15 p.m.	Nick & Andrew Bernard, Adam Howard	Jerry Martin, Tom Wigington	Paul Madison, Tom Gude
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.	Cade & Beau lee, Paul Shawhan	Ryan Ebmeier, Jeanette Eilers	Lynn Heng, Danny Heng

**READINGS:** Mar. 26, Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11; Mar. 27, Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38; Mar. 28, Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25; Mar. 29, Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15; Mar. 30, Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42; Mar. 31, Gn 1:1-2:2, Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4. Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7; Apr. 1, Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Have we rededicated ourselves and renewed our covenant with the Lord?

**DIocese LAUNCHING ROSARY CRUSADE:** The Diocese of Lincoln is encouraging families to pray the rosary or a daily decade of Scripture Rosary. A powerful prayer like the rosary being said by a family can make families stronger and deepen their love for Mary and the rosary. Today is "Rosary Sunday" in the Nebraska City area. Each individual or family is asked to complete a pledge card and offered as a spiritual tithe for the parish and the diocese during the offertory. If you did not complete a card last week and would like to be a part of the Rosary Crusade, please drop your card in the collection basket. More cards are available in the entrance of the church.

**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!"

**CHRISM MASS:** During Holy Week in almost every Diocese in the world, the Bishop and priests of the Diocese gather at the Cathedral (the Mother Church of the Diocese) to celebrate the "Chrism Mass." It is the spirit of being with the Lord at the Last Supper when bestowed upon the apostles and those chosen after them, a share in His Priesthood. During this Mass, the Bishop and all the priests recommit themselves to the divine call of our Lord to High Priesthood. In addition, all religious present at this Mass renew their vows of consecration to the Lord in religious life, and all laity present will renew their vows made to our Lord at Baptism. It is also during this Mass, that the Bishop consecrates all the sacred oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments in the coming year. The Chrism Mass is Monday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. It is a faith enriching experience and well worth the time for anyone who attends. The public is invited to attend. Those that are unable to attend are asked to join our diocesan family in prayer on that day at that time.

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION SURROUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD – MARCH 27 – 1:00 P.M.:** Bishop James Conley will lead the Procession beginning at the Lincoln Right to Life Center (across 48<sup>th</sup> St. from Planned Parenthood). Parking: Cornerstone Christian Church, 4849 Old Cheney Rd, Lincoln. Everyone should arrive and be in place on the public lawn and sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood prior to 1:00 p.m. The Goal: 500 Catholics following behind praying the Rosary and completely surrounding Planned Parenthood! "This is real smack down on Satan." - Zachary King

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CATHOLIC PRESS?** Each household should be receiving our diocesan paper *The Southern Nebraska Register*. The cost to our parish is \$5670.00 and currently we have received \$2242.00. Suggested donation is \$15.00 to help defray these costs. If you are able to contribute more than \$15.00, your help is appreciated. Thank you.

**NEED THE PERFECT GIFT?** The Christian Mothers/Altar Society is sponsoring a That's My Pan!® Fundraiser! That's My Pan!® is known for their great quality and personalized products. If you have a Mother's Day, birthday, holiday, wedding, or other occasion that you need a gift, we have just the gift for you! Visit our Customer Ordering Website to take a look at these personalized gifts we are selling: [www.thatsmypan.biz/FRNE10027](http://www.thatsmypan.biz/FRNE10027). For more information or for help placing your order, please call Shelli Stuhr at 402-873-7535. This is a great way to get the perfect gift for someone and support our Christian Mothers/Altar Society at the same time! All proceeds go toward the support of the church in purchasing missals and music issues, altar bread and candles, vestments and cleaning, and much more. To arrive by Mother's Day, please order by April 17.

**PRAYER CARDS FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Sunday, April 15 at 12:00 p.m. students from our parish will receive their First Communion. The parish family of St. Mary's is invited to pray for our students. Prayer cards are available in the pews with student names on them for you to take home and include them in your prayers. If you would like to send them a card, a box will be available the weekend of April 7-8 and 14-15 for your convenience. Our First Communicants are Lexi Brown, Luke Chaney, Lillian Dorman, Annastyn DuVal, Jack Ebmeier, Brayden Gawart, Elizabeth McNeely, Mikayla Meyer, Amelia Moody, Paxton Olson, Leo Ramold, Hudson Rutt, Isabel Schizas, Savannah Stuck, Delayni Tynon, Archer Walters, Quinlan Weninger.

**HOLY WEEK RETREAT:** The Marian Sisters invite you to their annual Holy Week Retreat. The retreat will provide an opportunity for single young women (high school seniors through the age of 32) to enter more deeply into the Passion and Death of our Lord. The silent retreat will be held at the Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly on March 29-31. The cost is \$30 for students and \$40 for non-students. For more information or to register, please visit [marian-vocations@cdolinc.net](mailto:marian-vocations@cdolinc.net) or by phone 402-786-2750.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL:** Encounter Our Neighbors. We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information. Rice Bowls will be collected at Holy Thursday Mass on March 29.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS: ABSTINENCE:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat All Fridays of Lent. **FASTING:** All Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to observe the fast law on Good Friday. Fasting requires limiting oneself to one full meal a day and avoiding food between meals. Light nourishment may be taken on two other occasions through the course of the day. The laws of Fast and Abstinence bind under pain of sin, and substantial neglect of the laws is considered serious matter. **EASTER DUTY:** All the faithful who have received First Communion are to receive Communion at least once through the Easter Season that is between the First Sunday of Lent and Holy Trinity Sunday.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

**PARISH RUMMAGE SALE: NO TVS** 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, April 5 & 6 from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 7 from 9-1 p.m. Items can be brought to the church hall, but please by Monday, April 2 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, April 7 at 1:00 p.m.** to box all remaining items. Thank you.

**THE STAMP COLLECTION GOES THROUGH LENT!** Catholic Daughters of America are collecting new postage stamps for Lourdes School. Our Lenten drive will last until April 2. There will be a tote box in the back of church if you would like to donate. Lourdes School is such a blessing to our community, we are happy to help support them anyway we can. Please call Barb Stukenholtz with questions, 402-209-4976.

**ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT:** Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: March 29-31 for men and women with Fr. Thomas Dunavan, "Saints for Today," April 6-8 for men and women with Fr. Kubat "Divine Mercy," April 20-22 for men and women with Fr. Benjamin Holden, "Deepening your Prayer Life," and May 4-6 for men and women with Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR, "Totus Tuus: A Retreat with Mary, Mother of the Church." Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com)

**YOUR DISHES ARE WAITING FOR YOU:** There is a large number of dishes waiting for their owners in the church hall. If you have brought a dish for a parish function or for dinner for the priests recently and have not picked it up, please do so at your earliest convenience. All dishes remaining at rummage sale time will be donated. Stop and pick yours up today. Thank you.

#### **LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**LOURDES EVENT RAFFLE DRAWING FOR A TRIP FOR 2 TO PUERTO VALLARTA!** The Lourdes Event fundraiser is selling raffle tickets for a chance to "Escape to the Tropics". This trip for two includes 8 days, 7 nights in deluxe accommodations among the jungled landscapes of the Sierra Madre Mountains, world-class golf, white sand beaches, plus abundant shopping, restaurants, and nightlife. Airfare voucher included. A \$50 raffle ticket could win you this exciting trip & supports Lourdes Central Catholic School! Entry forms are available on Lourdes Central Catholic School's website, [www.lourdescentralcatholic.org](http://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org) or by stopping by the school office. The drawing will be held April 7 at the Lourdes Event-need not be present to win. Thanks to World Auto Sales for sponsoring the raffle.

**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE LOURDES EVENT, "ESCAPE TO THE TROPICS" ON APRIL 7 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. 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](mailto:brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net)

**CAMP KATERI DUELING PIANOS BENEFIT:** Camp Kateri is hosting its annual benefit dinner on Friday, April 13 at Stone Creek Reception Hall in McCool Junction. The entertainment is The Fun Piano Show, by 176 Keys. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The Dueling Piano Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$350 for a reserved table of eight. To order tickets, please email [CampKateriT@gmail.com](mailto:CampKateriT@gmail.com) or call [402-724-2596](tel:402-724-2596).

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN:** Mar. 26: Patricia McConnell, Mar. 28: Cindy McGinnis, Mar. 31: Mary Mills, April 2: Kilee Olson, April 4: Mary Penning, April 7: Mary Pargett, April 9: Rachelle Ragland, April 11: Margaret Rumery, April 14: Julia Russell, April 16: Jackie Smith, April 18: Pat Stoner, April 21: Shelli Stuhr, April 23: Shawn Stukenholtz, April 25: Marcia Talmon, April 28: Julie Volkmer, April 30: Allison Weddle. 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.):** **Mar. 30:** Laci Meyer, Stephen Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick, Joe & Marliiss Miller, Scott & Kristin Miller, Mary Mills, Robert & Kristine Moser, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Jennifer Mucha, Sam & Pat Nanfito. **Apr. 7:** Darrell Navrkal, James & Patricia Neu, Aaron & Kelly O'Donnell, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer, Erik & Kilee Olson, Nick Smith, Jessica Olson, Scott & Jan O'Neil, Tom & Mary Paap, John & Janet Palmtag, Ken & Mary Pargett. **Apr. 14:** Marv & Mary Penning, Tim Peter, Jim & Dawna Fitzsimmons, Chad & Angela Peterson, Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carissa Phillips, Robert & Heather Popish, Robert & Sarah Racek, Tom & Rachelle Ragland, Merle & Muriel Rakes, **Apr. 21:** David & Sonja Ramold, Amanda Rayhel, Laura Recker, Charlene Reese, David Reese, Dean & Diane Reese, Jeff Reese, Ellen Reeves, Kevin & Deb Rettig, Nicole Richardson. **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, 402-209-2340, Mary Mills, 873-6247, Sharon Heng, 873-5105.

**IN PREPARATION FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 8:** The Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday, March 30, nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8. St. Faustina wrote in her diary: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls." During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions. Additional, preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, include the following: 1) Attend a Divine Mercy Celebration, the Sunday after Easter, 2) Sincerely, repent of all our sins, 3) Place our complete trust in Jesus, 4) Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday, 5) Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast of Divine Mercy, 6) Venerate, the Image of the Divine Mercy, and 7) Be Merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, April 8 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Novena to the Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the entrance of the church.

**FORMED – THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND:** STUDY...WATCH...LISTEN...READ... The best Catholic content all in one place. Register today on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) or visited the website for awhile, take a look today and be inspired! Lenten resources and more. Parish code: BHRREJ.

#### **DIOCESAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST)** is a weekend experience for high school juniors and seniors on a Catholic journey of faith, which emphasizes the relationship of Jesus in your life. During TEC you experience:

- a chance to meet other high school seniors and juniors . . .
- a time to reflect on your life through the eyes of Jesus . . .
- an opportunity for prayer and sharing with others . . .
- a God you can believe in, encountering Christ risen and alive!

The weekend begins in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and concludes on the final day at about 4:00 p.m. You will need to be there the entire time. The next TEC will be at Camp Kateri in McCool Junction from April 14-16. The final TEC of the school year will be June 9-11 at David City Aquinas. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>.

**THE STEUBENVILLE MID-AMERICA YOUTH CONFERENCE** will be July 13-15. There is an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and presenters, to challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, to rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ as their guide, friend and Savior, and to show them that faith to the world. For more information or to register today at [www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference).

**THE DIOCESAN CANOE TRIPS ARE COMING UP!** This three-day outdoor adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the evening hours. Dates are July 8-10 and July 10-12, cost is \$100. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>.



#### **Knights of Columbus Council #3152 Nebraska City**

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You're invited to this month's meeting  
**March 28 - 7:30 p.m. - St. Mary's Church Hall**

The Pro-Life Essay and Poster Contest Winners for 2018 are: High School: #1 Piper Monson; #2 Colter Fulton; #3 Ethan Roberts and #4 Renee Box. Poster Winners are #1 Brooke Crunk, #2 Tony Martinez, #3 Auggie Bruggeman, #4 Jaxx Matson, #5 Savannah Stuck, #6 Mikayala Meyer, #7 Aaron Alvarado. We want to thank the Judges: the Franciscan Sisters, Deanna Sand and Karen Vaughn. Also, thanks to Patrick Gress for chairing the Pro-Life Contest.

The Fish Fries were very successful. Thanks to all who helped with the fish fries, served, cooked and worked the dining room. Special thanks to Bruce Stanley and Ron Osovski for chairing the fish fries.

An announcement at the Religious Appreciation Dinner revealed the Jesse and Kim Dorman family as Knights Family of the Year for 2018. The Knight of the Year for 2018 was Nile Farris. Congratulations to all!

We will be sponsoring part of the Lourdes event again this year. Any Knight wishing to help please contact Nile Farris 402-209-1171.

The Knights Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 24 with a rain date of March 31 on the practice football field behind Lourdes. Special thanks to Nile Farris and McDonalds for donating Gift certificates to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Auburn is having an exemplification on Sunday April 15. The Second and Third Degrees will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m., however, we ask that candidates arrive a half hour before the ceremony begins. The ceremony will last until approximately 3:30 p.m. We would like to get as many 1<sup>st</sup> degrees as possible to this. Contact Bruce Stanley or Jerry Jensen so we can arrange transportation.

**WISHING A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR KNIGHTS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:** Mark Madison, Walter Wenzl, Matthew Nienaber, Ryan Beccard, Brian Wirth, Leroy Kreifels, Donald Green, Luke Jensen, Richard Sevensing, Edward Miller, Tim Baragary, Aaron O'Donnell, Nathan Wigington and Jeffrey Funke.

**KNIGHTS WITH MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL:** Louis Beccard, Joseph Wenzl and Keith White-39 years; Patrick Gress-29 years; Nick Schmitz-24 years; Kevin Boos-23 years; Wayne Kreifels, Melvin Carlstedt, Laurence DuBois, Jeffrey Funke, Steven Stukenholtz and Randy Wurtele-22 years; Bradley Vasa-17 years; Robert Wulf-16 years; Adolfu Aldana, David Ramold, Mark Madison-10 years; Jonathan Casey, Adam Howard-9 years; Ryan Ebmeier, Mike Kearney, Kelly Madden and Jerome Martin-6 years; Donald Schomaker, Jacob Staroscik and Nathan Wigington-5 years.

Come and welcome our new insurance agent Spencer Ashburn, he will be at the MARCH 28 MEETING.

Next month's meeting will be April 25.