

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, 4-5 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Kim Kelly, 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 our seminarians Joseph Butler, Noah Contreas, 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 (preferred) or to the parish office.

ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m. If you are able to be an adorer during those hours, please call Pam Gress. 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.

COMBINED COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a second collection for the Combined Collection. Each year during the holy season of Lent as a means of providing an additional opportunity for almsgiving, the national "Combined Collection" is taken up in the parishes of our Diocese. These are all national collections directed to be taken up by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Although some of the collections are used to help the Church outside of our country, most all of it is to help the cause of the Catholic Church in the United States and some of it stays here within our Diocese. All of us are asked to prayerfully consider the various needs for each of these collections. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES: Come join us for the annual Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, March 31 and April 7 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.

PRAYER CARDS FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Sunday, April 23 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 weekends of April 8-9 and 15-16 for your convenience. Our First Communicants are Marlena Chesterman, Hunter Lackey, Lillian Madison, Reagan Moser, Jaxson Reese, Harper Rutt, Dominic Schizas, Severin Stukenholtz, Addisyn Walters, Harper Weldon, Seth Whitney, Adeline Wigington, Isabelle Willson, Nadine Young.

90TH BIRTHDAY: Ruth Pfeiffer will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Friday, March 31. If you would like to help her celebrate, a card shower is being hosted by her family. Her address is 1824 14th Ave Villa #111, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Happy Birthday, Ruth!!!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL: We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a green house. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit csrceibowl.org.

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, April 2**. Thank you.

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!"

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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: May 13, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Marian Apparition at Fatima, Portugal. ALL PARISHIONERS and their family members are invited to prepare for this anniversary by joining in the Consecration to Jesus Through Mary, 33 Days to Morning Glory. This 33 day retreat will begin on April 10 and conclude on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother implored the faithful to pray the rosary and do penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world. Her messages are more relevant now than ever. If you are interested in joining in this retreat or renewing your Consecration this spring, please contact Kate Roberts, 402-209-4362. Books are available on the kiosk in the entrance of the church. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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.

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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to the generous donor for their gift to Lourdes Hot Lunch Program to pay for the two-door refrigerator. Your generosity for our school and students is greatly appreciated.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Mar. 19: Adult Env.: \$5728.00; Loose: \$558.48; Children's Env.: \$2.30; Online: \$1623.50;

Building Fund: \$20.00; Ash Wednesday: \$65.00; Total: **\$7997.28**

Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$5664.36; Mar. 12: Needed: \$509,342.04; Received: \$411,065.67; Short: **\$-98,276.37** (363.99 per family)

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

Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5685.00; Received: \$2491.36 Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Poor Souls+	Darlene (Francois) Hiskett+	5:15 p.m. Leslie Wolfe+
Tuesday	Nellie Wolfe+	Haiair Family+	
Wednesday	Nora Heng+	Addy Bruce	5:15 p.m. Agnes Wheeler+
Thursday	William Wolfe+	Margaret & Leo Sis	
Friday	Tom Funke II+	Charles Wirth+	
Saturday		Agnes Heng+	6:30 p.m. Wally Teten+
Sunday		Linda Schreiner+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
SERVERS	Derek Riege, Tyler Lechner Johnny Heng	James & Joseph Kearney Bobby Moser	Kaden Olson, Tyler Mucha Alex Bebout
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Tom Wigington	Lee Turner
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Sean Chance	Andy Fedoris
OFFERTORY	Clint & Lori Martin Family	Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser	Marv & Murilla Giittinger

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Apr. 3-8 – Dilan Eppert, Garrett Honeysuckle, Jake Bebout; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Joan Beccard

READINGS: Mar. 27, Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54; Mar. 28, Ex 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16; Mar. 29, Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30; Mar. 30, Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47; Mar. 31, Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30; Apr. 1, Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53; Apr. 2, Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: How much time do we invest in creating an illusion of greatness?

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.

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

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**, do so today! Sign-up using our parish code, "BHRREJ."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (LDCCW) will meet in Imperial on Saturday, April 8, beginning with Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time, followed by registration at 9:00 a.m. MT with the LDCCW Spring Full Board Meeting convening at 9:20 a.m. MT. All women and priests of the Lincoln Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m. behind Lourdes School on the practice field. Rain date is April 15.

FTE-MS/HS CHEMISTRY/PHYSICAL SCIENCE/PHYSICS TEACHER: Lourdes Central Catholic, a C2/D1 Pre-School-12 Catholic School seek an endorsed Science teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Email or mail cover letter and resume to: Curt H. Feilmeier, Principal, curt-feilmeier@cdolinc.net, 412 2nd Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. Extra-duties/coaching assignments available. More information by call, 402-873-6154.

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. To help aid you, Katie Dubas can help drive kids to and from sessions 3 and 4.

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 31-April 2, Sr. Ann Shields, SGL "God is Savior, Shepherd, King, April 7-9 for men and women with Msgr. Daniel Seiker, "Journeying with Christ in His Passion and Resurrection and April 13-15 for young women with the Marian Sisters, "Triduum Retreat. 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.

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 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 – www.carnivalpriest.com

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: 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 Gripenstroh, 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}): **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. **Apr. 15:** Buck & Amber Shawhan, Elizabeth Slagle, Jackie Smith, Jolene Spevak, William & Teresa Stanberry, Bruce Stanley, Carol Stehlik, Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz. **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: "The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place." St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower