

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 - 4:00-5:00 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) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 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 our seminarians Andrew Schwenka, Joseph Wahlmeier, 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.

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 "Day Captain" or Pam Gress.

FIRST CONFESSION will be held on Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. for our second grade students. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Communion on Sunday, April 23.

ST. MARY'S SOUP SUPPER - MARCH 5, 2017 - 4-7 P.M.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER will be held on Sunday, March 5 from 4-7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. We will again be serving our delicious homemade soups - chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato and homemade salads and desserts. Cost is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children 3-11 and 2 & under free, not more than \$25.00 per immediately family. Plan to bring the whole family and don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors.

COUNTRY STORE: Will be open Saturday, March 4 following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, Sunday, March 5 following the 8 & 10 a.m. Mass and during the Soup Supper from 4-7 p.m.

RAFFLE: Please help us sell raffle tickets. 17 great prizes will be raffled that were donated by many generous businesses. Books of tickets will be available in the entrance of the church next weekend. Thank you to all those that donated prizes.

VOLUNTEERS NEED to help at the Soup Supper and Country Store.

EACH FAMILY is asked to participate by helping with the following:

Sell a book of 25 raffle tickets and return them with the proceeds through the collection, at the parish office or at the supper, but be sure to do so by Sunday, March 5.

Plan to make one homemade pie or fancy dessert, one large salad and something for the Country Store (baked goods, craft items, new or gently used household items such as pictures, dishes, candles, religious items, baskets, etc.). Items for the Country Store can be brought to the entrance of the church between 3:00 p.m. until Mass time, Saturday, March 5. Please price items, if you wish.

In 2016 we cleared \$4498.50, so let's make this year even better. For more information or to volunteer to help, please call our chairpersons, Jim and Cheryl Wirth, 402-873-4901, can leave message and Mark & Jeanette Eilers, 402-599-9536.

Thank you to all those that give generously of their time and talent in making this a successful event.

ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT: Two Masses have been added - Monday & Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. beginning Monday, March 6 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.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. If you would like to learn more about the stewardship committee or volunteer to serve on the committee, please call Julie Parker, 402-297-0677 or Scott and Jan O'Neil, 402-259-3325.

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 begins on March 7 and will go throughout the Lenten season.

THANK YOU to the friends and family of Charles & Lorraine Gude for your gifts to St. Mary's Church. Contributions were used to purchase a new electronic keyboard for our church. Your generosity in their memory is greatly appreciated.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC JUNIOR PARENTS POST PROM COMMITTEE is having a fundraiser at Runza in Nebraska City. This will take place on Tuesday, March 7 from 5-8 p.m. We will earn 15% of the sales from that evening. Please come out and support this worthwhile cause!

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary's Church hall for their monthly meeting. Every Catholic woman in a 30 mile radius is welcome to come and learn more about CDA. If you are already a member but haven't been to a meeting for a while we'd love to have you back. If you have any questions call Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976 or Barb Jensen at 402-321-6819. We look forward to see you there.

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 March 5-12 from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. There will also be a breakfast buffet on March 5 from 8:30-12:30 p.m. in the parish hall sponsored by the Steinauer Fire & Rescue. See the fliers in the entrance of the church for more information.

HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT SESSIONS for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **March 7, 7-9 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials). To register, please call 402-473-0620.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES: Come join us for the annual Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, March 10, 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

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM for girls 10-13 on Sunday, March 12 from 2-4:30 p.m. at the John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. The program is presented by the Diocese of Lincoln Family Life Office. It is a time set aside for a mother and daughter to explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman. Topics include: the changes in a young woman's body as it prepares for motherhood; the onset of ovulation and subsequent menstrual periods; the functions of the female reproductive system; the sacredness of human life; the virtue of chastity; and a confidential question and answer segment. The purpose of the program is to provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss the important topic of growing up and to establish a foundation for continued communication between parent and child. Cost is \$15.00/child or \$20/family (non-refundable) for the program and includes a gift for each girl. Reservations are required by March 8. Space is limited. Please complete the reservation form below and mail it with a check made payable to the Family Life Office. Refreshments will be served.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL: We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? 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 csrkricebowl.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!"

LENTEN REGULATIONS: ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on All Fridays of Lent. **FASTING:** All Catholics from their 18th birthday to their 59th 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.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT: Join the Franciscan Sisters at the Convent (1503 4th 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 begins 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.)**

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. Don't miss the opportunity to experience a powerful Lent this year.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: At the beginning of this Lenten season we hear proclaimed the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. He responds to the first temptation by saying that one does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. The season of Lent invites us to consider how we nourish our hearts, how we act as stewards of the Word of God entrusted to us. A good reflection for the week: What do we live on? What keeps us going? Could it be possessions, prestige, the need to be in control, the need for security, addictions? Or the fervent desire to listen to God's word?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Feb. 26: Adult Env.: \$6466.50; **Loose:** \$3326.97; **Children's Env.:** \$4.00; **Online:** \$3641.00;

Building Fund: \$40.00; Ash Wednesday: \$60.00; **Total: \$13,538.47**

Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$23.17; **Feb. 26: Needed:** \$472,657.12; Received: \$379,253.15; Short: **\$-93,403.97** (345.94 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: \$2346.36 Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Country Store Opens after Masses 4:00 p.m. Soup Supper, church hall 5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory 6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters	Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory 5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary 6:30 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Monday	7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting, church hall	Thursday	9:00 a.m. Lenten Spiritual Enrichment, Franciscan Sisters
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall 6:30 p.m. CDA meeting, church hall	Friday	5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry, church hall 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	Jan Penning+	Dorothy Moore+ (Anniv.)	5:15 p.m. Msgr. Pleskac+
Tuesday	Walt & Rita Wenzl	Ed Mills+ (Anniv.)	
Wednesday	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Boyd Hayden+	5:15 p.m. Lourdes Class of 2017
Thursday	Steve & Donna Walters+	Joanna Marron+	
Friday	Carl & Helen Heng+	Davel & Beccard Families+	
Saturday		Ed & Elsie Clayton+ Judy Cole+	6:30 p.m. David & Patricia Heng
Sunday		Betty Beckman+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
SERVERS	Grant, Sam, Miles Draus	Hayden Cline, Brayden Tift, Blayne Rumery	Mason, Cade, Beau Lee
LECTORS	Sharon Crunk	Jennifer Howard	Kelly Madden
ACOLYTES	Larry Lance	Adam Howard	Tom Funke
OFFERTORY	Janelle Krisko Family	Martin & Elaine Heng	Richard & Lynn Gibson

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Mar. 6-11 – Andrew Bernard, Ben Chance, Anthony Onate; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Denise Davis

READINGS: Mar. 6, Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46; Mar. 7, Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15; Mar. 8, Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11-29-32; Mar. 9, Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12; Mar. 10, Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26; Mar. 11, Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48; Mar. 12, Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: To truly follow Jesus we must decide to put God at the center of our lives.

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."

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.

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 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.

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.

2-DAY UNBOUND CONFERENCE: Participants will learn about Unbound through live talks & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Unbound will equip you to get free and come into a deeper relationship with God. Prayer will be made available on Saturday afternoon. Join us at **St. Mary's School-Lincoln** Friday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 11 from 8-5 p.m. Please register at: <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/unbound>. Event is free. Questions: Contact Matt at 402-805-9668 or matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net.

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 **beginning March 6**, 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.

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.

A CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER will be hosted by Murray Christian Church, Taylor & Young St., on Friday, March 17 from 5-7 p.m. Serving corned beef with all the trimmings, cookies, sloppy joes. Free will offering.

GOING BANANAS FOR JESUS: Registration is now open for the March 17-19, 2017, Going Bananas for Jesus event in North Platte. The 3-day event is for youth in grades 6-12 and their adult sponsors. The cost of this Bananas weekend is \$80.00 per person which includes meals for the event and a Bananas t-shirt. Students stay with host families. Register online at: www.youthgidiocese.weebly.com/gbfj-registration.html, or call 308-532-2707.

TIME CHANGE – CONFESSIONS: Saturday, March 18, confessions will be held at **5:30-6:15 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 or call 402-786-2705. Schedules are available in the entrance of the church.

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.

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.

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

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, please sign the sheet in the entrance of the church. Members will deliver and pick up the statue at your home. For 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Mar. 6: Kathy Aultz, Mar. 8: Heather Bakula, Mar. 11: Chris Bando, 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. 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. 11:** Stephen Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick, Joe & Marliss Miller, Scott & Kristin Miller, Mary Mills, Carline Moles, Robert & Kristine Moser, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Jennifer Mucha, Sam & Pat Nanfito. **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. **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