

# 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, 402-242-2631

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Shirley Gruber, Mike Crunk, 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, 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 Lois Harris.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our seminarians James O'Neil and Brian Wirth and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the success of the renovation and expansion campaign "Visions for a Vibrant and Faith-Filled Future" of Lourdes Central Catholic Schools.

**WELCOME** to all our visitors and guests. If you have recently moved to Nebraska City and would like to register as a member of St. Mary's Church, we invite you to stop by or call the parish office.

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Please submit all bulletin notices by **Monday at 11:00 a.m.** in writing either by e-mail to [stmbulletin@windstream.net](mailto:stmbulletin@windstream.net) (preferred) or to the parish office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORERS NEEDED** on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-4 p.m. If you are able to be an adorer during these 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.

**CEMETERY COLLECTION:** During the month of May each family of the parish is given an opportunity to help with the care and upkeep of our cemetery. We customarily beautify and decorate the graves of our deceased friends and loved ones during this time of year. A special envelope has been placed in your set of contribution envelopes for cemetery care. There will be a second collection today. Donations can also be given through On-Line Giving. Thank you for your continued support.

**LOURDES GRADUATION:** Everyone is invited to attend Lourdes graduation on Sunday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the gym. Come and join in the celebration of the accomplishments of the Class of 2017. Congratulations to all of our graduates.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD,** a holy day of obligation is Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 25 at 6:20 and 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. all at the church.

**BISHOP'S CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** Currently we have received pledges/contributions in the amount of \$29,740.00 toward our 2017 goal of \$55,000.00. Of that, \$7122.40 will help in funding the diocesan programs and the remaining balance will be returned to our parish. **All** parishioners are asked to *please sign* a CSA pledge card. If you have not completed your card, please take a few minutes after Mass today to stop in the entrance of the church and help make this a successful effort in support of our parish and the diocese. Thank you to all those that generously give to this annual appeal.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to stop in and spend some time with Our Lady of Fatima. She will grace our altar through the end of May.

**NATIONAL HISTORY DAY FUNDRAISER FOR WASHINGTON D.C.** will be held at Pizza Hut on Monday, May 22 from 4-9 p.m. Carry out or dine in. Buffet for \$7.99 begins at 5:30 p.m. Students participating are Genna Wigington, Gina McGowen, Jazmin Rodriguez and Ashley Green. Thank you for your support.

**THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24:** A procession into the church with the statue begins at 10:45 a.m. and Mass at 11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration will follow and conclude prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass. There will be a vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. in English and 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. An ending procession of the statue will occur following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to attend Mass or make a visit to our Lord and Lady anytime during the day. The US Tour of Peace is a nation-wide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts. That's because prayer is more powerful than any army on earth. Our Lady promised, **"in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."** The tour and your prayers will create an outpouring of grace to allow Our Lady of Fatima to claim her dominion over our country through her Immaculate Heart. See the US Tour for Peace Calendar at <https://www.fatimatourforpeace.com/the-tour>.

**PRAYER FOR THE U.S. TOUR:** *O Queen of the Rosary, Sweet Virgin of Fatima, who has deigned to appear in the land of Portugal, we beg you to watch over our dear homeland and assure its moral and spiritual revival. Bring back peace to all the nations of the world so that all, our own nation in particular, may be happy to call you their Queen and the Queen of Peace. Amen. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for our country. Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for all humanity a lasting peace.*

**FLAGS FOR CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help put up flags on Friday, May 26 at 5:30 p.m. and to take down on Monday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m.

**PRAY THE ROSARY - THE MONTH OF MAY** is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy comes down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1). You are encouraged to pray the rosary daily, especially in the month of May. The rosary is recited each day at 7:30 a.m. here at St. Mary's Church and you are invited to come and join other parishioners. Mary, Queen of the Holy Angels - Pray for Us.

**ORDINATION MASS:** Everyone is invited to the ordination to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. Please pray for the young men that will be ordained.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS - MAY 29** will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery. If inclement weather, it will be celebrated in the church. Everyone is invited to attend. No 6:20 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel.

**THANK YOU** to the friends and family for their donations to St. Mary's Church in memory of Richard Oelke, Sr. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship.

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

May 14: Adult Env.: \$6919.10; Loose: \$549.15; Children's Env.: \$2.00; Online: \$1588.50; Building Fund: \$45.00; Total: \$9103.75  
Needed Weekly: \$13,215.48; Short: \$4111.73; May 14: Needed: \$607,912.12; Received: \$503,448.74; Short: **\$-104,463.38** (386.91 per family)  
Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: \$500,000.00; Received: \$178,986.09; Balance Needed: \$321,013.91  
Cemetery: \$100.00; Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00 Thank you for your generosity.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friday

5:30 p.m. Erect flags at cemetery, volunteers needed

## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Robin Harding+	Susan Heng	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Delora Roland+	Morton Family+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sam Nocita+	Mike Vaughn+	6:30 p.m. People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	Kathleen Beilman+ (Anniv.) (AT CHURCH)	Henry & Donna Stratker	5:30 p.m. Dave Roland
<b>Friday</b>	Francis & Vera Lavigne+	Harold Plumer+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Francis & Louise Ullsperger+	6:30 p.m. Karen McQuillan+
<b>Sunday</b>		Bill Carroll+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Mary Lee Duncan Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Cathy Thomas George & Mary Kay Hengen	Ric Sevening, Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
<b>SERVERS</b>	Tyler Lechner, John Heng	Ben & Blake Miller	Quinten Vasa, Alex Bebout, Tyler Mucha
<b>LECTORS</b>	Sharon Crunk	Jennifer Howard	Jeanette Eilers
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tom Gude	Danny Heng	Jason Esser
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Ed & Barb Stukenholtz Family	Aaron & Dana Mayberry	Mike & Virginia Heng

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - May 22-27 – Andrew Bernard, Ben Chance; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Marv Giittinger; **May 24 – 6:30 p.m. Servers** – Tanner Kochanowicz, Caleb Stukenholtz, Sam Williams; **Lector** – Frank Volkmer; **May 25 – 5:30 p.m. Servers** – Joseph Whitney, Nick Fedoris, Gage Schmitz; **Lector** – Ryan Ebmeier

**READINGS:** May 22, Acts 16:11/Jn 15:26-16:4a; May 23, Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11; May 24, Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15; May 25, Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20; May 26, Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23; May 27, Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28; May 28, Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** The Holy Spirit allows us to accomplish much.

**MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING: PENTECOST SUNDAY,** June 4, John XXIII Center, 37<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Please join in celebrating this great feast of our Catholic Faith! Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:15 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 p.m.; Praise and Worship 1:40 p.m.; Blessing of salt/water/religious articles immediately before Mass begins at 2:00 p.m.; Anointing of the Sick after the homily; Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass; Future Mass dates: September 17 and December 3, 2017. Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team.

**CAN CARE-A-VAN FOOD COLLECTION:** Channel 10-11 Can Care-A-Van is coming to Nebraska City Food Pantry on Tuesday, June 6 from 8:30-4:00 p.m. The goal for this year is 5000 pounds. St. Mary's Parish family donated approximately 480 lbs. last year. Let's see if we can donate even more this year. Most needed items are canned fruit, vegetables, cereal, mac-n-cheese, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly and laundry detergent. Baskets are available in the entrance of the church for your donations. Items can also be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church or Fareway – (Make sure you let them know it's from St. Mary's Church.) Thank you for your generosity for those in need in our community.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS** will meet Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary's Church hall. We will be setting up for our annual salad luncheon which will be held on June 7. Please bring a snack to share. 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 seeing you there.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SALAD LUNCHEON:** The Catholic Daughters will host their annual salad luncheon on Wednesday, June 7 from 11-1:30 pm. in St. Mary's Church hall. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door or from any member. Please come and support this annual fundraiser. The monies raised from this luncheon are used to support many worthwhile causes, including religious and charitable activities, scholarships and education contests.

**STUDENTS – REGISTER NOW - TOTUS TUUS (TOTALLY YOURS),** for another fun, faith-filled summer catechetical youth program that will be held June 25-30 for students entering grades 1-12. Register early, as space is limited. Registration forms are available in the entrance of the church.

**FOR MEN & WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM DIVORCE:** The **Catholic Divorced Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This **12 week program** features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **June 5** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, from 7-9 p.m. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net)

**EXPERIENCE A DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING WITH DR. MARGARETT SCHLIENTZ:** June 17 at St. Joseph Church, Lincoln. The day begins with Mass at 8:15 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Margaret is the Asst. Director at the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University where she teaches and ministers to seminarians in an intensive ten week spiritual renewal program each summer. Committed to the ministry of healing, she has taught numerous workshops throughout the world aiding clergy and laity in the ministry of healing and deliverance. To register send \$20.00 to St. Benedicts Prayer Team, c/o Jeannie Moxley, 4500 Neumann Lane, Lincoln, 68516. Coffee and rolls after Mass. Box lunch included. RSVP by June 13. For information call Mary at 402-314-0479.

**FORMED.ORG?** FORMED, the Catholic Faith on Demand with 24/7 access to the best Catholic teaching content on any device, including your computer, tablet or smart phone with internet access. With FORMED you will find video programs that explains the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and inspiring audio talks. To get FORMED, go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code." Enter the code "BHRREJ." New children's movies and Forgiven – The Transforming Power of Confession have been added.

**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.

**SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO'S DIAPER DRIVE,** for pro-life pregnancy centers, is May 1-31. Help babies & mothers in need, and put your faith in action through donating to the various drop-off sites: Capital Animal Clinic, Gianna's Java & Gelato, and Spirit Catholic Radio FM- Studios in Lincoln. All sizes of diapers are needed, especially sizes 3, 4 & 5. Thank you for supporting the pro-life mission.

**18TH ANNUAL MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE:** Learn how storytelling is important to maintaining our culture. Come hear Raymond Arroyo talk about his new Will Wilder book series at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 in Wichita, KS. Save up to \$30 with early Bird Registration by July 16. Register online at [catholicfamilyconference.org](http://catholicfamilyconference.org) or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to [midwconf@cox.net](mailto:midwconf@cox.net).

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** May 22: Mary Kaiser, May 24: Jean Kreifels, May 27: Jenny Kearney, May 31: Linda Lollmann, June 3: Jackie Loseke, June 5: Amy Lucas, June 7: Rosie Marcotte, June 10: Suzi Martin, June 12: Cindy McGinnis, June 14: Mary Mills, June 17: Kilee Olson, June 19: Mary Penning, June 21: Mary Pargett, June 24: Rachele Ragland, June 26: Margaret Rumery, June 28: Julia Russell. 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}):** **May 27:** Chris & Tammy Bando, Tim & Nancy Baragary, Colleen Barrett, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Helen Beccard, Aaron & Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Eric & Tara Bennett, Larry & Nan Benscoter, Bryan & Kelly Bequette. **June 3:** Ted Bernard, Dallas & Shelley Beshaler, Jack & Jeanine Blevins, Richard Blobaum, Caroline Bolin, Richard & Gail Bond, Marcia Boone, Jennifer Booth, Ronda Booth, Daren & Beth Box, Roger & Ranae Brandt. **June 10:** Theresa Brown, Jody Honeysuckle, Carolyn Bryant, Ken & Paula Carlstedt, Chris & Kelly Carpenter, Mary Causgrove, Sean & Maureen Chance, Joe & Brooke Chaney, Richard Sevening, Kris Chaney, Marianne Chesterman. **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.

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God – St. John Vianney