

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: stmarysnebraskacity.com

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY, MAY 28, 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 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 (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.

REMINDER: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Friday, May 26 until following the 6:20 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, May 30.

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. Memorial Day is a day that commemorates the departed Service men and women and all those loved ones who have died. Please pray for the health and safety of all who are serving our country in the military to protect our freedom and are away from their families. Keep them safe...God Bless them and the USA. Pray for Peace!!

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. Donations can also be given through On-Line Giving. Thank you for your continued support.

BISHOP'S CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: Currently we have received pledges/contributions in the amount of \$32,130.00 with only \$15,870.00 to reach 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 do so today and return by the weekend of **June 3-4** 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.

HELP NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN FLAGS AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY: If you are able to help, please come on Monday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m. Thank you.

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.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's second reading, we hear it proclaimed that we are blessed if we share in the sufferings of Christ. What then does it mean to "share in His sufferings" in this context? Most of us do not live in a part of the world where we could be killed for being a follower of Jesus. But we could face or "suffer" mockery, ridicule and disapproval from others. Far too often, and for various reasons, those who profess faith in Christ act as though they are ashamed of him. But to act ashamed is the same as a denial. Stewards of the Good News are never ashamed to reveal their love for the Lord. How do you reveal to others that you are a follower of Christ each day.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

May 21: Adult Env.: \$12,286.40; Loose: \$621.61; Children's Env.: \$1.50; Online: \$4066.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; Total: **\$16,995.51**
Needed Weekly: \$13,215.48; Over: \$3780.03; May 21: Needed: \$621,127.60; Received: \$520,444.25; Short: **-\$100,683.35** (372.91 per family)
Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$178,986.09**; Balance Needed: **\$321,013.91**
Cemetery: \$3167.08; Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Joy of the Gospel: \$3835.21 Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 5:30 p.m. Take down flags at cemetery, volunteers needed Wednesday 8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

| | 6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel) | 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
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| Monday | Agnes Heng+ | Tom Sawyer+ | |
| Tuesday | Deceased Priests+ | Matthew Heng+ | |
| Wednesday | Oscar Heng, Sr. | Charles & Dorothy Moore+ | |
| Thursday | Marie Skubic+ | Stratker Children | |
| Friday | Special Intention Lisa Parsons | Dan & Paulette Clanahan Family | |
| Saturday | | Fr. Tony Opem+ | 6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+ |
| 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 | Zachary Whitten, Eli McNeely | Grant & Ben Chance Eli Wigington | Michael Bequette, Sam Bolin Jase Rosane |
| LECTORS | Dan DeFreece | Jerry Martin | Wilber Fey |
| ACOLYTES | Lynn Heng | Mark Eilers | Bryan Bequette |
| OFFERTORY | Larry & Marcia Talmon | John & Janet Palmtag | John & Linda Hogeland Family |

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - May 29-June 3 – Aidan & Tyler Kleineweber; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Terry Smith

READINGS: May 29, Acts 29, 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33; May 30, Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a; May 31, Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-56; June 1, Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26; June 2, Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19; June 3, Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25; June 4, Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: For nearly 50 years after His crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus' followers were called disciples.

85TH BIRTHDAY: Florian Brown will be celebrating his 85th Birthday on Wednesday, May 31. If you would like to help him celebrate, cards may be sent to him at 905 Terrace Dr., Nebraska City, NE 68410. Happy Birthday, Florian!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE 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 p.m. 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.

TOTUS TUUS (TOTALLY YOURS), a summer catechetical youth program is being held Monday-Friday, June 26-30 from 9:00–3:00 p.m. for students entering grades 1-8. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. For grades 9-12, the program runs June 25-29 from 8-10 p.m. TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN!!! The youthfulness and energy of the team is contagious, come out and join us!!! All are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Registration forms are available on our website or in the entrance of the church. Registration forms and payment can be returned to the parish office, through the collection basket or dropped off at Lourdes School. Limited space so register early. **Deadline – June 19.** Cost is \$25 per child for the first two children in the family and \$10 for each additional child. For more information, please call Patrice Wulf, 402-873-6154.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET – DECEMBER 10: For families with children that are preparing for the sacrament of confirmation, the unofficial date has been set for December 10 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. We have not received the official letter from the bishop, but please save the date. More details to come.

CANTOR FOR 8:00 A.M. MASS: Do you like to sing? Would you be willing to share your gift with our parish and cantor at the 8:00 a.m. Mass? For more information, please call Gerry Wirth, 402-873-4339.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING: PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 4, John XXIII Center, 37th & 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.

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

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 and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code."](http://www.formed.org) Enter the code "BHRREJ." [New children's movies and Forgiveness – The Transforming Power of Confession](#) have been added.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS UP-TO-DATE - CHANGED ADDRESSES, PLANNING TO MOVE? DROPPED YOUR LAND LINE, ADDED A CELL, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please call the parish office with your new information. If you are planning to move out of our community, please also, let us know. Thank you.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER: Would you be interested in serving the parish and assisting the pastor in planning and decision making? The Parish Council meets every other month on the fourth Monday. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Parish Council, please call Linda Hogeland, 402-873-6317 or the parish office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Fr. Ventre's last day as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church will be Sunday, June 18. There will be a farewell with coffee and cookies following the 6:30 p.m. Mass; coffee and rolls following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and a covered dish following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Those attending lunch at 11:00 a.m. are to bring a covered dish to share. Fr. Ventre has been assigned as pastor of St. Joseph Church at Paul and St. Bernard Church at Julian. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Jump start your Catholic spirituality with an hour of adoration and prayer in Eucharistic Adoration. Consider spending quality time with our Lord in a quiet and intimate setting. The fruit of spending time in adoration is bountiful. Jesus awaits all to come to Him and richly rewards those who take the time and make the sacrifice of their time. See for yourself. Several options exist for you to get involved: regular adorer, substitute adorer or temporary adorer to cover open hours until they are filled. Please pray about this. Many graces are given to all who spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

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: Start a new family tradition by coming to the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 in Wichita, KS. Listen to great speakers and take advantage of daily mass, adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic procession. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by July 16th. Register online at catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net. Come hear PJ Anderson, picked as one of the top Catholic musicians, live on Friday night at the Midwest.

LOURDES ELEMENTARY PTO'S FUNDRAISER: If you are a current Schwan's customer, please use our Campaign ID #31697 with your next order and support Lourdes Central Catholic elementary. If you are new to Schwan's, you can order by phone or online. Simply call 1-855-870-7208 or visit www.schwans.com and provide campaign ID #31697 at checkout to support our fundraiser. After your initial order, Schwan's will automatically give our fundraiser credit for any future orders you place. Schwan's will continue to contribute 5% of all orders to our school through August 18. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school!

ONLINE GIVING: The convenient way to return a portion of your gifts back to our Lord. It's easy to set up, safe, secure and you can check as often as you like to see what you have given to the church and special collections throughout the year. Go to our website at www.stmarysnebraskacity.com. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you to all those that are already using online giving.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: 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}): **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 Sevensing, Kris Chaney, Marianne Chesterman. **June 17:** Suzann Cooksey, Logan & Jessica Crunk, Mike & Sharon Crunk, Jeffrey & Meredith Cumro, Will & Sue Daniel, Craig & Joni Davis, Denise Davis, Dan & Kay DeFreece, Jesse & Kimberly Dorman, John & Debra Dubas, Briana Dubas, Nick Herman. **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: *We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.* –St. Teresa of Calcutta

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARY'S:

Baptism: Please call the pastor to arrange for a baptismal instruction (of first child) and to schedule a baptism.

Marriage: The Diocese of Lincoln asks couples to participate in a program of preparation, which lasts from 4-6 months. Before setting a wedding date, the couple needs to contact the parish 6-12 months before the wedding date and begin the program of preparation with one of the priests.

Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick: People who are home-bound, even temporarily, are encouraged to call the rectory to arrange for a visit from one of the priests; shut-ins are ordinarily visited on the First Friday of the month.

Holy Order/Religious Life: Please see one of the priests for spiritual guidance in discerning whether God may be calling you to serve in one of these ways. As always, pray for vocations—for those already studying for the priesthood and religious life as well as for those God is calling.



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You're invited to the upcoming meeting
MAY 31 - 7:30 p.m. - St. Mary's Church Hall

Congratulations to our Scholarship winners: Laura Box, Emmanuel Encina -Garcia, Ben Jensen, Mason Lee, Hayden Miller, Kaden Olson, Patrick O'Neil and Dylan Paap. We wish them good luck in their future endeavors. The Knights give out approximately \$6,000 in scholarships per year.

We are still in need of a Deputy Grand Knight and a Chancellor for the up-coming fiscal year. Please reflect on this and call Nile Farris 402-209-1171 with any questions you may have concerning these positions. These are one year positions.

The Knights Food Bank continues to serve people in need, donations of food, hygiene products and monetary donations are always appreciated.

ROME - Pope Francis on Thursday met with Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, who presented the pope with a \$1.6 million donation and also discussed his organization's efforts on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. The Knights of Columbus have played a lead role in raising consciousness about the realities of anti-Christian violence around the world. Among other things, a report prepared by the Knights was instrumental in triggering a finding from the U.S. State Department in March 2016 that Christians, Yazidis and other minorities are the victims of an ISIS-led genocide in Iraq and Syria.

WISHING A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR KNIGHTS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE:

David Heng, Horacio Perdomo, Herman Weber, Leonard Kaiser, Ed Bade, Wilber Fey, Jon Casey, Kevin Retting, Fr. Christopher Miller, Nile Farris, Duane Weninger, William Daniel and Jim Wirth.

KNIGHTS WITH MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE:

David Heng, Leo Heng, Leonard Kaiser, Walt Wenzl 69 years, Robert Folden 68 years, Martin Heng, Leonard Kreifels 50 years, Dennis Bintner, Lynn Heng, Aaron Mayberry, Thomas Paap, Bryan Stukenholtz 22 years, and Brett Leibhart, 8 years. Congratulations to all and thank you for your service.

Next Meeting will be June 28, 2017.

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