

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) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Shirley Gruber, Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Gripenstroh, 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 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Come and support our students that will be attending National History Days in Washington, DC at a pancake breakfast today, Sunday, May 7 from 8:30-12 p.m. Serving scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Students attending are Genna Wigington, Gina McGowen, Jazmin Rodriguez and Ashley Green. Free will donation.

BISHOP'S CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: Today our parish begins the annual Bishop's Charity & Stewardship Appeal/DDP. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our diocese. Once a year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us.

Each family of the parish should be receiving a letter from Bishop Conley along with information about the appeal and the programs that it sponsors. Our goal for 2017 is again \$55,000.00. Of that, \$7122.40 will help in funding the diocesan programs and the remaining balance will be returned to our parish. Experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education. **All** parishioners are asked to *please sign* a CSA pledge card. Please take a few minutes after Mass 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.

LOURDES MUSICAL - "THE LITTLE MERMAID" will be performed in the Lourdes Theater on May 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Tix.com. Cost is \$10.00. Questions or assistance, call Lesley Gould, 402-713-9319.

THE LAST CCD CLASS FOR STUDENTS in grades 7-12 will be on Sunday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's rectory and for grades K-6 will be on Wednesday, May 10 beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Benedict's Church followed by the traditional ice cream sundae celebration in the school basement. All CCD families are welcome to join us for ice cream!

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.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal at on Saturday, May 13 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Blessed Virgin came to us in Fatima from May 13 to October 13, 1917. During this special 100th Anniversary celebration, consider making a commitment to one or more of these requests made by Our Lady during her apparitions in Fatima: Pray the Rosary, Offer Sacrifice for Sinners, Consecration and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Five First Saturday Devotions, Wear the Brown Scapular. "The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...of the life of peoples and nations that cannot be solved by the rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." - Sister Maria Lucia of Fatima.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY, 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY - FOLLOWING 8:00 A.M. MASS - MAY 13: If you have participated in the retreat of the 33 Days to Morning Glory, you are welcome to join others in the Consecration Prayer following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 13 in the front of the church.

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED on Saturday, May 13 at 8:45 a.m. for the annual spring clean-up. Bring rakes, chain saws, etc. **FLAGS FOR 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.

CARNATIONS FOR MOTHER'S DAY: The Southeast Nebraska Right to Life will offer carnations after each Mass next weekend for a donation of \$2.00 each. Proceeds will go to the Southeast Nebraska Center for Pregnancy Counseling and for the annual pro-life scholarship. For more information, call Noreen Harris, 873-9392.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Saint Peter plays a prominent leadership role in the first two readings, urging his listeners to be baptized and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit; and encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have just renewed our baptismal promises at Easter and the Holy Spirit dwells in us in a special way. Are we good stewards of those baptismal vows? Have we renewed our commitment to follow in Jesus' footsteps? Have we opened our hearts to discern the will of God in our lives? Take some time to reflect on the importance of our baptismal renewal and our lives as disciples of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

April 30: Adult Env.: \$11422.68; Loose: \$434.48; Children's Env.: \$.32; Online: \$1603.50; Building Fund: \$20.00;

Easter: \$25.00; Total: \$13,505.98 Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,215.48; Over: \$290.500; April 23: Needed: \$581,481.16; Received: \$482,222.61; Short: **\$-99,258.55** (367.63 per family)

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$178,886.09**; Balance Needed: **\$321,113.91**

Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, church hall	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass - 100 th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima
	5:00 p.m. 7-12 CCD, St. Benedict's Rectory		8:45 a.m. Cemetery Spring Clean-Up
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory		
	5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Mass, Lourdes Primary,		Mother's Day Carnations available following weekend Masses

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Sam Nocita+	Ullsperger & Henner Families+	
Tuesday	Delora Roland+	Dennis & Brian Heng+	
Wednesday	Marge Buescher+	Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser Family	
Thursday	Mary Pudenz+ (Anniv.)	Steve Eickhoff+	
Friday	Robin Harding+	Anna, Johnny, Elizabeth Heng	
Saturday		Ewald Beilman+ (Anniv)	6:30 p.m. Myron & Velma Henner+
Sunday		Raymond & Helen Frana	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	Nick & Andrew Bernard	Vance & Maverick Weninger
LECTORS	Buck Shawhan	Jim Wirth	Lee Turner
ACOLYTES	Larry Lance	Sean Chance	Duane Stuhr
OFFERTORY	Mike & Janis Riege Family	Gail Walford & Jane Lutz	Lynn & Sharon Heng Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - May 8-13 – Steven Walters, Anthony Onate, Jake Bebout; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Jim Lowe; Reader: Sharon Crunk

READINGS: May 8, Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18; Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30; May 10, Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50; May 11, Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20; May 12, Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6; May 13, Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14; May 14, Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: We are called to be Good Shepherds to all those with whom we come in contact.

ST. PADRE PIO RELICS will be at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, on Saturday, May 13. The relics, a fingerless glove that the saint used to cover his stigmata, the mysterious wounds similar to those Jesus suffered on the cross; a piece from the bed upon which he slept in the monastery; and a piece of cloth that he used to clean his stigmata, will be visible for veneration from 8-8 p.m. and will be visible to the public between liturgical celebrations. A vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. in honor of St. Padre Pio. See the Southern Nebraska Register, page 16 for more information.

THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA – ST. BENEDICT’S CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24: The “world-famous” International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is currently on a two-year Fatima Centennial US Tour for Peace, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, visiting more than 100 dioceses in all 50 states through December 20, 2017. The historic statue was sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim. The image reflects the description of Sr. Lucia, the oldest of the three Fatima seers. On October 13, 1947, more than 150,000 Fatima pilgrims witnessed the blessing of this image of Our Lady by the Bishop of Leiria at Fatima, Portugal as he commissioned it to serve as the Pilgrim Virgin who would carry the blessings of Fatima and Our Lady’s message throughout the world to the many millions of her children who would never have an opportunity to visit Fatima. The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has traveled the world many times visiting more than 100 countries, including Russia and Red China, bringing the great message of salvation and of hope, “the peace plan from heaven,” to countless millions of people. So many miracles and signal graces have been reported wherever the statue has traveled that, in 1951, Pope Pius XII remarked: *“In 1946, we crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the next year, through Her Pilgrim Statue, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favors She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes.”* Patrick L. Sabat, who has served as one of the custodians of this statue for many years, is its principal custodian. See the US Tour for Peace Calendar at <https://www.fatimatourforpeace.com/the-tour>. More details next week.

LOURDES ELEMENTARY PTO’S SPRING FUNDRAISER HAS BEGUN! Thru May 18 our school will earn 20% of Schwan’s purchases and 40% of Schwan’s eGift Card sales. 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!

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. Registration forms are available in the entrance of the church.

NEW INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC CDS AND BOOKS: Want to enrich and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and your understanding of the Catholic faith? Stop in the entrance of the church today to see what is new from Lighthouse Catholic Media. CDS and booklets are only \$4 and books are \$5. Your generous donations help continue our ministry and we are able to purchase additional CDs, books and booklets.

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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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: May 8: Sharon Heng, May 10: Elaine Heng, May 13: Mary Kay Hengen, May 15: Alyce Hollesen, May 17: Jennifer Howard, May 20: Anna Mae Kaiser, May 22: Mary Kaiser, May 24: Jean Kreifels, May 27: Jenny Kearney, May 31: Linda Lollmann. 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 13:** Gerry Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth, Emily Wolken, Mary Wright, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie & Aubrey Wurtele, Jason & Lacey Wurtele, Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd Yost, Anna Young. **May 20:** Carl Abbott, Sally Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Mike & Patti Alex, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Bret & Kathy Allgood, Evelyn Alonso, William & Kathy Aultz, William & Roberta Aultz, Mark & Heather Bakula. **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. **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.