

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke

Associate Pastor: Rev. James J. Morin

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, 969-0556 or Kathy Wigington, 209-1341

Confessions: Saturday, 4-5 p.m., 20 minutes before 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday Mass or by appointment CCD Coordinator - Diane Denniston, 402-209-2498

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday - 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m., 873-3024 - stmarysnebcity@windstream.net

Prayer Chain: email: Patrice Wulf, (prayerchainstm@gmail.com) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Keith Reinhard, Kathy Gilbert, Colene Copeland, Mary Lee Duncan, Kala Griepenstroh, Dan Kaiser, Tom Schreiner, Jack Bakula, Janet Frana, Kenneth Russell, Cheryl Hauptman, Everett Tjaden, 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. Additional names have been moved to our book of intentions. Thank you for your prayers.

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

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: ADORER NEEDED on Wednesdays from 11 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. 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. Everyone is always welcome to make a visit. If you are not a regular scheduled adorer and would like to be or would like more information, please call Pam Gress, 402-969-0556 or Kathy Wigington, 402-209-1341, Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators. **Beginning December 3**, Eucharistic Adoration will be held 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Please prayerfully consider committing an hour in prayer each week at the hospital chapel. Some people pick a friend to take turns with the holy hour so that you have some flexibility each week. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: If you have not completed your appeal card, please stop in the entrance today. Through this annual appeal, we have an opportunity to show our generous support to our future priests and assist these young men with their formation of the priesthood. We have been very blessed with three seminarians from our parish studying for the priesthood, Joseph Allen, James O'Neil and Brian Wirth, along with 39 others in the Diocese of Lincoln. As Catholics, we have an obligation to support and pray for these young men who will be instruments of our salvation for years to come. Our parish goal is \$14,730.00. If each of our families would be able to give a minimum of \$60.00, we would reach our goal. This averages \$.16 per day/\$1.15 per week/\$5.00 per month. Some families are able to give larger gifts and some less. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for all of our seminarians. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM - GIVING FROM THE HEART: Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than December 2 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

TURKEY BINGO at St. Joseph's Church, Paul will be held on Sunday, November 18. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 p.m. noon. First game of Bingo called at 1:00 p.m. Each game only 25 cents per card to win a turkey for Thanksgiving. Remember, kids love Bingo! Come join us for this family-friendly event. Come early to pick your cards and get a good spot.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS will be at 8:00 a.m. There will not be Mass at the hospital chapel. On this day we give thanks to almighty God for the freedom we have in our country. Around every Thanksgiving table our American families will feel closer to their loved ones and to our blessed Lord. We encourage you to attend this Thanksgiving Day Mass to worship not only as a family, but also as a parish family and give thanks for all the blessings that our Lord has bestowed upon our country and us. All are cordially invited to join in this celebration. Give thanks to the Lord for his good; his love is everlasting. Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, for his love is everlasting. *Cf. Psalm 136:1.*

CLOISTERED SISTERS - A SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up during Mass on Thanksgiving Day to support the diocesan cloistered sisters, Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters) in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters in Agnew. The contemplative community of sisters supports our Diocese by their prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin today for this collection. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's. Thank you.

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS TREES will be purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. Again this year we are purchasing two large permanent pre-lite trees at a cost of \$650. Donations are being accepted to purchase the trees and poinsettias (suggested donation \$10.00 per flower) as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to honor someone living. Special envelopes are available in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Please make donations by **Sunday, December 16** either through the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.

37TH ANNUAL ADVENT RECITAL: You are invited to celebrate the start of the Advent season with beautiful music provided by local church choirs and vocal groups at Nebraska City's annual community-wide Advent Recital on Sunday, December 2 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments will be served following the Recital in the church hall.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after Mass in the entrance of the church, so be sure to shop early for the best selection

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE: St. Mary's Church, along with the Nebraska City Ministerial Association will be participating in the Christmas Angel Tree Project. The Angel Tree Project helps families in need by providing gifts for their children. A tree will be placed in the entrance of the church next weekend and will have paper ornaments with items listed on them. Please consider taking an ornament(s) and purchasing the item listed. Place UNWRAPPED items in the box located near the Angel Tree no later than December 9. **MAKE SURE TO ATTACH THE ORNAMENT TO THE GIFT SO IT GETS TO THE CORRECT FAMILY.** If you have any questions, please contact Cindy McGinnis at 402-209-0531. Thank you for helping make their Christmas a little merrier!

THANK YOU: The Catholic Daughters would like to thank everyone who donated to the collection of items for care packages for the homeless. Your generosity was truly appreciated!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Undoubtedly, it would not be a normal day. The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting; and living each day in the awareness of the coming judgment and salvation. How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives? Are we prepared to give an accounting? How will we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Nov. 11: Adult Env.: \$5527.00; Loose: \$386.51; Children's Env.: \$.25; Online: \$2596.00; All Saints: \$2.00;

IRA: \$10,000.00; Total: **\$16,583.46**

Needed Weekly: \$13,644.41; Over: \$4,867.35; Nov. 11: Needed: \$259,243.47; Received: \$238,165.35; Short: **\$-21,078.12** (\$-77.21 per family)

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:40 a.m. Adult Choir Practice	Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		5:30 p.m. NO CCD Grades 1-6, resumes November 28
	6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Studies, Franciscan Sisters		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
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.
Monday	Mary Morin+	Tom Funke II+	
Tuesday	Bill Blockwitz+	Bonnie Zellmer+	
Wednesday	Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors	Eugene & Irene Dozier+	
Thursday	NO MASS	Carl & Nora Kreifels+	
Friday	Ann Gangel-Spalti+ (Anniv.)	Tom & Dorothy Funke	
Saturday		Lester Kinnison+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Robert Reese+
Sunday		Morton Family+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	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
SERVERS	Garrett & Robert Honeysuckle	Hayden Cline, Brayden Tift Blayne Rumery	Vance & Maverick Weninger Hank Walters
LECTORS	Dan DeFreece	Jerry Martin	Matt Rutt
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Mike Gilson	Bryan Bequette
OFFERTORY	William & Heather Howard Family	Jeff Lollmann Family	Bailey Mazzula Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Gage Schmitz, Hudson Rutt, Drake White; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Marv Giittinger

READINGS: Nov. 19, Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43; Nov. 20, Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10; Nov. 21, Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28; Nov. 22, Rv 4:1-10/Lk 19:41-44; Nov. 23, Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48; Nov. 24, Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40; Nov. 25, Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: St. Mary's Children's Choir will be singing in the Advent Recital on **Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.** This is open to students in 2nd grade and older. We will practice for the recital on Wednesday, **November 28 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** We will also practice on **Sunday, December 2 from 11:00-11:30 a.m.** **All practices will be at St. Mary's Church.** If we need additional practices, we will let you know. If you have any questions, please contact Kay DeFreece at kay-defreece@cdolinc.net

ADULT CHOIR: The adult choir will be singing in the Advent Recital on Sunday, December 2. There will be practice for the recital on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to be a part of the recital but can't be at Thursday's practice, please email Kay DeFreece at kay-defreece@cdolinc.net

SEEK 2019 – FUNDRAISER: January 3-7, FOCUS is hosting a conference in Indianapolis called SEEK, a five-day event filled with Catholic speakers, sacraments and a bit of fun. SEEK is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to learn about their faith with thousands of their peers, as well as to prepare to engage their faith in college. Fr. Morin and 12 seniors from Lourdes will be attending SEEK. **In order to help pay for the trip, there will be a fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, December 2 after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses. The Knights of Columbus have generously offered to match whatever we raise up to \$1500. Please come and support our kids!** Contributions can also be placed in the collection basket marked "SEEK."

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December 2 – SEEK Fundraiser Breakfast & Advent Recital; December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception & Consecration to Jesus through Mary. December 15 – Cookie Walk; December 16 – Communal Penance Service;

26TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the 26th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15 starting at 8:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. This event is an opportunity to involve the whole family. Each family of the parish is asked to bake 6-10 dozen cookies. Keep the size small—big ones break easily. Bring your cookies to the church hall anytime Friday, December 14 but, **please before 8:00 a.m.** on Saturday. If you need someone to pick up your cookies, please call Mary Mills, 873-6247 or call Linda Lollmann, 873-3986. If you are unable to bake cookies, please consider making a donation of \$20.

On Saturday, come and bring your friends and family to walk around the tables and choose those special cookies for your bucket. If you have not been to our "Cookie Walk" before, you will be amazed at the sight of all the tables full of beautiful and delicious cookies. Buckets are available for \$8.00 or if you bring last year's bucket, the cost is \$7.50. They make great Christmas gifts.

This is a great fundraiser for our parish, so please plan to participate in this annual event. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent for your parish. May God Bless you for your gifts. Fr. Jonathan Haschke, Mary Mills and Linda Lollmann, Co-Chairmen.

Students needing community service are invited to help with the Cookie Walk. Call Mary, 402-873-6247 or Linda 402-873-3986.

ARE YOU 70 ½ OR OLDER AND REQUIRED TO TAKE A MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA? Are you aware that you do not have to claim your annual required minimum distribution as income, if you donate it or a portion directly to St. Mary's Church? You can make up to \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00, if your spouse is also 70 ½, in donations to a charitable organization. Direct-from-your-IRA donations are called qualified charitable distributions, or QCDs. They are tax-free and no deductions are allowed for them, so QCDs don't directly affect your tax bill. However, they count as withdrawals for purposes of meeting the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules that apply to your traditional IRAs after age 70 1/2. For more information, contact your investment manager or the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: St. Francis Gift & Thrift in Auburn is in need of more volunteers during the Christmas shopping season. Volunteers will be working at or running the cash register or helping wrap & bag purchases. There are also jobs to do in the back room, especially testing small appliances & cleaning them as well as cleaning other donations. Your gift of time & talent can be two hours a week, two hours every other week, two hours a month--whatever time works into your schedule. Please stop by the store (1014 Central Ave.) during business hours (Tues, Thurs, Fri.--2:00-6:00; Wed. & Sat.--10 am-2 pm) or call the store: 402-274-4818 or Lana Fulton, 402-274-7462 for more information or to ask questions. Many thanks to all our faithful volunteers for the countless hours you have dedicated these last 14 1/2 years bringing God's work come to fruition at the St. Francis Center. We would not be there without you! All the volunteers, shoppers & donors are in our prayers of thanksgiving.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program being offered February 15-17, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-800-470-2230 or check the web site www.retrouvaille.org. February 5 is the last day to sign up for Retrouvaille.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. HASCHKE AND FR. MORIN: Nov. 19: Vonna Grooman, Nov. 21: Kathy Grundman, Nov. 24: Stephanie Hackett, Nov. 26: Noreen Harris, Nov. 28: Pat Heng, Dec. 1: Sharon Heng, Dec. 3: Elaine Heng, Dec. 5: Mary Kay Hengen, Dec. 8: Alyce Hollesen, Dec. 10: Jennifer Howard, Dec. 12: Anna Mae Kaiser, Dec. 15: Jean Kreifels, Dec. 17: Jenny Kearney, Dec. 19: Tamara Levins, Dec. 22: Linda Lollmann, Dec. 26: Jackie Loseke, Dec. 29: Amy Lucas. 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 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}): **Nov. 24:** Elizabeth Slagle, Shannon Slater, Jackie Smith, Linda Smith, Jolene Spevak, William & Teresa Stanberry, Bruce Stanley, Carol Stehlik, Jena Stoll, Kori Stuck. **Dec. 1:** Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz, Larry & Maria Talmon, Cami Tedrow, Cathy Thomas, Gerald & Donna Thoms, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy. **Dec. 8:** Brent & Darci Travis, Mark & Melissa Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Lee & Joyce Turner, Joe & Kristin Tynon, Brad & Jo Vasa, Karen Vaughn, Maria Villagomez, Frank & Julie Volkmer. **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.

Be thankful for all our blessings of life. We thank you Lord for all the good things of our lives, our faith and our country. Keep us safe and protected in your loving arms. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!