

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Marcie Thomasson, Donna Walters, Janet McVay, Marcia Mather, Bill Albert, John Davis, Charles & Lorraine Gude, Dan Lucas, Dean & Cheryl Hauptman, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Jerry Thede, Lois Harris, Juanita Kreifels, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, Mary Jo Ventre, Ann Spalti, Pat Bowman, Kenneth Russell 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 Charles & Lorraine Gude.

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.

ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - !!!GREAT NEED!!! WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-2 A.M. Also, Mondays from 3-4 p.m., Wednesdays from 10-11 p.m. (second adorer), and Fridays from and 5-6 p.m. (second adorer). 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.

TURKEY BINGO - HOSTED BY ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY. PAUL: Come play Turkey Bingo, Sunday, November 20 in St. Mary's Church hall. Serving pulled pork sandwiches, nachos and more starting at 11:00 a.m. all at reasonable prices. Come early to find a spot and pick your lucky card(s). Food and snacks also available during play. First game of Bingo called at 12:30 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Each game just 25 cents. If you're concerned about crowds, late-comers always welcome! Hope to see you there, and hope you win your Thanksgiving turkey!

RAVE ON A BUDDY HOLLY ROCK 'N ROLL EXTRAVAGANZA will be held Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lourdes Central Catholic Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online at www.lourdescentralcatholic.org or by calling 402-873-6154. General admission. Limited seating. Don't miss this one!!! Sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council, Lied Center for Performing Arts, Richard P. Kimmel & Laurine Kimmel Foundation.

ADVENT RECITAL - YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: Attention to students in grades 2-12! If you would like to participate in the Advent Recital on Sunday, December 4, please come to practice on Tuesday, November 22 and Wednesday, November 30 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. This recital brings choirs from the community and different churches together to get our hearts ready for Advent and Christmas. It is a beautiful evening of music and prayer. Mrs. Kate Roberts has graciously offered her time and talent to help us with our choir again this year. Questions, please call, Kay DeFreece, 4042-873-4898.

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 he is 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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after Mass for the next 2 weekends, so be sure to shop early for the best selection

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 **\$113,656.39** in new donations. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: December 10, 8:30 a.m. 24th Annual Cookie Walk, February 3, 7:00 p.m. Pitch Party, March 5, 4-7 p.m. St. Mary's Soup Supper.

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS TREES will be purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. You may donate \$10.00 per flower as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to honor someone living. Donations are also being accepted to purchase the trees. Special envelopes are available in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Please make donations by **Sunday, December 11** either through the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.

A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is available in the entrance of the church for those that would like to write the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered at Mass in the prayer intentions during the month of November.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Today we listen to the humble confession of Saint Dismas, the good thief; a confession that brought him mercy, forgiveness and great favor by the Lord. What can his humility teach those who seek to be good stewards? That we must give up our self-importance, our self-centeredness, and learn to give ourselves over to God? That God has entrusted us with everything we have as gift to be used in God's service? That we treat others not with arrogance, sarcasm or put down, but with reverence and respect as gifts from God? Is it by recognizing that God is the center of the universe, not us, and that only Christ the King can bring us genuine peace and salvation?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Nov. 13: Adult Env.: \$4490.00; Loose: \$452.00; Children's Env.: \$2.86; Online: \$1352.00; Building Fund: \$185.00; Total: **\$8755.20**
Needed Weekly: \$13,561.64; Short: \$7079.78; Nov 13: Needed: \$271,232.52; Received: \$193,328.32; Short: **\$-77,904.20** (\$-299.64 per family)
Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$7984.00; Balance Needed: \$426.00
Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$113,656.39** Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	10:00 a.m. Legion of Mary, 40 th Anniversary	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall
	11:00 a.m. Lunch & Turkey Bingo, church hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "Joy springs from a grateful heart." Pope Francis

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Jan Penning+	Carl & Nora Kreifels+	
Tuesday	Agnes Wheeler+	Steve Eickhoff+	
Wednesday	Kathleen Stukenholtz+	Frank & Alice McCabe	
Thursday	NO MASS	Robert Reese+	
Friday	Velda Kreifels+	Poor Souls+	
Saturday		Herbert Detloff+	6:30 p.m. - Patricia Heng
Sunday		Leonard Harris+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m. Saturday	8:00 a.m. Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday
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	Jackson & Rylan Esser Patrick O'Neil	James & Joseph Kearney Bobby Moser	Jack & Will Funke
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Jim Wirth	Cindy McGinnis
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland	Mike Kearney	Jason Esser
OFFERTORY	Aric & Tara Bennett Family	Larry & Nan Benscoter	Jason & Lacey Wurtele Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Nov. 21-26 – Alex Peter, Brady Schnitzer, Callen Schnitzer; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Denise Davis

READINGS: Nov. 21, Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4; Nov. 22, Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11; Nov. 23, Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19; Nov. 24, Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/LK 21:20-28; Nov. 25, Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33; Nov. 26, Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36; Nov. 27, Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Try putting God first in all things.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR LEXIS BRUNS-MORRIS will be held on Sunday, November 20 from 8-12 p.m. at the Nebraska City Eagles Club. Pancakes, biscuits and sausage gravy, drinks will be served. Free will offering. Proceeds will help with the cost of Lexis traveling on an educational trip with other students to Washington, DC in May, 2017.

35TH 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 4 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments will be served following the Recital in the church hall.

ONLINE GIVING: Do you use online banking? Do you use online bill pay? If so, try St. Mary's Church Online Giving. With our online giving program, you have the choice of when and how often you give to the church. All the special collections are available for you to plan your year of giving. Your gifts are directly deposited into the church's bank account and your contribution is directly downloaded to your contribution record. So there is no depositing of checks, no recording of envelopes, no errors in posting and a savings in mailing envelopes. You save time, checks, and also have access to your contribution record at any time. So, if you haven't set up your Online Giving account, please give it a try. To start your account, go to stmarysnebraskacity.com and click on the Online Giving button. Then follow the directions. If you don't use a computer or you need help in setting up an account, please call the parish office and Linda will be glad to assist you. Currently we have 58 families that manage their own account and 11 that are managed thru the parish office. Thank you to all those that use Online Giving. **TRY IT TODAY!!! PLEASE NOTE:** If you bank at **Premier Bank**, please make sure that you use this routing number: 104000870

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Jumpstart 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.

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 December 2-4 for men and women with Msgr. Timothy Thorburn, "Does Jesus Really Care?" (Catechist Retreat), December 8-11 for men with Fr. Joshua West, LC (Regnum Christi) "Spiritual Exercises: The Kingdom of Christ," December 16-18 for men and women with Bishop James Conley and Fr. Gary Coulter, "Advent Retreat." 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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The First United Methodist Church is hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3 from 8:30-2 p.m. Auction items, themed baskets, country store, baked goods, homemade soups, sandwiches, pie, cake, rolls and musical entertainment. Proceeds go toward missions and the church.

INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC CDS, BOOKS, AND BOOKLETS: 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 \$3 and books are \$5. Your generous donations help continue our ministry and we are able to purchase additional CDs and books.

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IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION AT 70 1/2: Did you know that you could save money on your taxes by donating your annual required minimum distribution directly to St. Mary's Church or Lourdes Capital Campaign? You can make up to \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 if your spouse is also 70 1/2 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Nov. 21: Judy Francois, Nov. 23: Hettie Funke, Nov. 26: Lynn Gibson, Nov. 28: Lana Gilson, Nov. 30 Maggie Griepenstroh, Dec. 3: Kathy Grundman, Dec. 5: Stephanie Hackett, Dec. 7: Noreen Harris, Dec. 10: Pat Heng, Dec. 12: Sharon Heng, Dec. 14: Elaine Heng, Dec. 17: Mary Kay Hengen, Dec. 19: Alyce Hollesen, Dec. 21: Jennifer Howard, Dec. 26: Anna Mae Kaiser, Dec. 28: Mary Kaiser, Dec. 31: Jean Kreifels. 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}): **Nov. 26:** Tim & Nancy Baragary, Colleen Barrett, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Helen Beccard, Aaron & Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Aric & Tara Bennett, Larry & Nan Benscoter, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard. **Dec. 3:** Jack & Jeanine Blevins, Richard Blobaum, Caroline Bolin, Richard & Gail Bond, Marcia Boone, Jennifer Booth, Ronda Booth, Daren & Beth Box, Roger & Ranae Brandt. **Dec. 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. **Dec. 17:** Suzann Cooksey, Logan & Jessica Crunk, Mike & Sharon Crunk, Will & Sue Daniel, Craig & Joni Davis, Denise Davis, Dan & Kay DeFreece, David & Melanie Dines, Jesse & Kimberly Dorman, John & Debra Dubas. **Dec. 24:** Laurence & Sally DuBois, Barbara DuBois, Robert & Mary Lee Duncan, Kasey DuVal, Ryan & Janie Ebmeier, Charles & Sue Eickhoff, Mark & Jeanette Eilers, Stephanie Eppert, Mike & Sheila Essary. **Dec. 31:** Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Nile & Mary Farris, Charles & Joan Fedoris, Wilber & Marlene Fey, Marcia Fox, David Frana, Janet Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois. **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.

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!!!