

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: [stmarysnebraskacity.com](http://stmarysnebraskacity.com)

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, 402-209-2498

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

Prayer Chain: email: Patrice Wulf, 873-6848 ([wulfpak@windstream.net](mailto:wulfpak@windstream.net)) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Shirley Hackett, Trini Lipp, Dean Hauptman, Emmett Christiansen, Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie & Lexis Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Leonard Kreifels, Albert Burger, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Donna Thoms, Juanita Kreifels, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, Mary Jo Ventre, Pat Bowman 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, Brian Wirth and 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](mailto:stmbulletin@windstream.net) (preferred) or to the parish office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORERS NEEDED** on Mondays from 3-4 p.m. If you are able to be an adorer during these hours, please call Pam Gress, Coordinator, 402-969-0556.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** All children in grades 2-12 are invited to sing in the Children's Choir. We are getting ready for the Advent Recital. We will practice on Wednesday, November 29 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and sing on Sunday, December 3 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We will have practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Advent Recital is at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 at St. Mary's Church. Students are asked to arrive at 5:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kay DeFreece at 402-209-0321. Thank you.

**WANTED!! ADULTS & TEENS:** Looking for adults and teens to sing in the adult choir. We are preparing for the Advent Recital and there will be practice on Wednesday, November 29 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The Advent Recital is Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

**POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS TREES** will be purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. We are purchasing two large permanent pre-lit 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 17** either through the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.

**THE PINK LADIES** share their gift of song on Sunday, December 3 at 9:45 a.m.

**36<sup>TH</sup> 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 3 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments will be served following the Recital in the church hall.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Come join us on December 5 at the Keeping Room at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and fun. We will play Cardo! So bring a \$5 wrapped gift. We will also be collecting small games for the Tutwiler Education Center in Mississippi, these do not need to be wrapped. See you the 5th! If you have any questions contact Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976.

**CONFIRMATION PRACTICE** will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 5:15 p.m. All students being confirmed are to attend and wear your confirmation attire. Please bring your sponsor if they are able to attend. Individual and group pictures will be taken.

**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.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** December 3 - Advent Recital - 6:00 p.m.; December 6 - Confirmation Practice - 5:15 p.m.; December 9 - Cookie Walk - 8:30 p.m.; December 10 - Confirmation - 12:00 p.m.; December 17 - Communal Penance Service - 2:00 p.m.; January 26 - Pitch Party - 6:30 p.m.; March 4 - First Confession & St. Mary's Soup Supper; April 15 - First Communion; April 21-22 - Ministry Fair.

**JOYFUL LIVING, GRATEFUL GIVING PROGRAM:** Commitment cards are still being accepted. If you have not returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to all those that have returned your commitment card and have committed your offertory support to continue to advance our parish mission. Please return your card even if you are unable to make a change in your current level of giving. Please pray for our parish and the success of this program. Thank you.

**GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED:** Two people or a couple is needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at the 6:30 p.m. Mass and one person is needed for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you would be willing to serve as a greeter/usher, please call Wayne and Brenda Kreifels, 402-873-6001.

### 25th ANNIVERSARY - ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the 25th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9 starting at 8:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. Start looking for those famous, fancy and colorful Christmas cookie recipes!! Get a group together for a cookie bake.

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 8 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. Michael McCabe, Mary Mills and Linda Lollmann, Co-Chairmen.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

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

**Nov. 19: Adult Env.:** \$8058.50; **Loose:** \$415.56; **Children's Env.:** \$1.25; **Online:** \$2219.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; **Total: \$10,714.31**  
**Needed Weekly:** \$13,322.48; Short: \$2608.17; **Nov. 19: Needed:** \$279,772.12; Received: \$260,276.67 Short: **\$-19,495.45** (\$-72.20 per family)  
Franciscan Sisters: Need: \$8400.00; Rec'd \$5000.00; Bishop's Appeal for Vocations: \$5375.00; Joy of the Gospel: \$6213.17  
Thank you for your generosity.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
	5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades 1-6, Lourdes Primary	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Children's Choir practice
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## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	John Fischer+	Eugene & Irene Dozier+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Don Uphoff+	Steve Eickhoff+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Delores Penning+	Mike Vaughn+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser Family	Jakeb Myers+	
<b>Friday</b>	Norma Jean Gress	June Russell+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Tom Lollmann+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Leonard & Lois (Anniv.) Harris+
<b>Sunday</b>		Mary Mullan+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
<b>SERVERS</b>	Zachary Whitten, Eli McNeely	Tanner Kochanowicz, Caleb Stukenholtz Sam Williams	James Mason, Thomas Ragland
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan DeFreece	Barb Stukenholtz	Cindy McGinnis
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	John Hogeland	Adam Howard	Bill Olmer
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	William & Heather Howard Family	Nile & Mary Farris	Marv & Mary Penning

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Nov. 27-Dec. 2 – Hunter Lackey, Simon Bruggeman, Justus Kreifels; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Joan Beccard

**READINGS:** Nov. 27, Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4; Nov. 28, Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11; Nov. 29, Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19; Nov. 30, Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22; Dec. 1, Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33; Dec. 2, Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36; Dec. 3, Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Charity exceeds all knowledge.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ADVENT DRIVE:** The Catholic Daughters would like your help collecting slightly used or new sleeping bags and blankets for the Catholic Social Services to distribute to the homeless. Please bring items to the entrance of the church by December 31. Call Barb Stukenholtz with any questions, 402-209-4976.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE:** St. Mary's Church, along with the Nebraska City Ministerial Association is participating in the Christmas Angel Tree Project again this year. The Angel Tree Project helps families in need by providing gifts for their children. The tree in the entrance has 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 10. 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!

**FOOD PANTRY - HARVEST/HOLIDAY OFFERING SHOPPING LIST:** The Nebraska City Food Pantry is preparing holiday gift boxes to be given to those in need for the holidays. A shopping list has been prepared of items needed for the baskets. Items are to be taken and left on the stage at the First United Methodist Church prior to December 4 and December 18. Value of all items needed is approximately \$20. Shopping lists are available in the entrance of the church.

**WHITE MASS** for those in the medical field will be celebrated with Bishop James Conley on Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 a.m. in the John XXIII Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Following Mass there will be light breakfast and presentation entitled, "Suffering: Theological and Practical Approaches" by Fr. Steven Thomlison.

**CATHEDRAL CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE:** December 2 from 9-4 p.m. at Cathedral of the Risen Christ School – 3245 S 37th St, Lincoln. Shop for the holidays with over 45 craft vendors. A wide variety for every interest such as hand-made accessories, kid's items, Christmas ornaments and decor, and easy-prep dips and sides. Stock up on baked goodies such as cookies, breads and pies for your holiday events. Lunch available from 11-1 p.m. and Santa will visit from 11-1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the work of Cathedral of the Risen Christ's Parish Council of Catholic Women.

**MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Sunday, December 3 at John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:15 p.m. until Mass begins, Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 p.m., Praise and Worship until Mass begins at 2:00 p.m., Anointing of the Sick after the homily, Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after Mass. Dates for 2018: March 11, June 10, Sept. 9, Dec. 9. Please join us! Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team.

**"A TIME FOR ANGELS,"** the 19th Annual Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. at Marshall Funeral Chapel. It is a program for the entire community dedicated to those who have lost a loved one. Each family attending will be given a beautiful angel in memory of their loved ones, available for use as a Christmas tree ornament or a decoration for the home. Words of comfort will be given by Fr. Michael Ventre and Rev. David Butz. Refreshments to follow. Questions? Call Marshall Funeral Chapel, 873-5331.

**LIVE NATIVITY:** Experience the true meaning of Christmas! Bethel United Church of Christ is pleased to present this live nativity as a Christmas gift to our community of Sunday, December 10 & 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. Drive through, stay warm in your car and come to witness the story of Christ's birth by seeing the manger scene with costumed characters and live animals. Kid's will love the live animals. Admission is a food item to be donated to the Nebraska City Food Pantry. There will also be a free will offering to help support an annual live nativity.

**ABORTION TUESDAYS:** PLEASE! We need people praying for the abortion mothers to choose life for their babies on Tuesday. One half of all abortion mothers going in on Tuesdays are married mothers. From Helpers of God's Precious Infants and Mothers Sidewalk Counselors/Prayer People.

**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 are only \$4 and books are \$6. Your generous donations help continue our ministry and we are able to purchase additional CDs, books and booklets.

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**ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT:** Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: December 1-3 for men and women with Bishop Robert Finn "Baptize, Teach and Know I am With You" (Catechists), December 7-10 for men with Fr. Michael Mitchell, LC and Fr. Peter Krezalek, LC "Regnum Christi: Spiritual Exercises and December 15-17 for men and women with Bishop James Conley and Fr. Gary Coulter – Advent Retreat. Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN:** Nov. 27: Pat Stoner, Nov. 29: Shelli Stuhr, Dec. 2 Shawn Stukenholtz, Dec. 4: Marcia Talmon, Dec. 6: Julie Volkmer, Dec. 9: Allison Weddle, Dec. 11: Hope Weninger, Dec. 13: Kathy Wigington, Dec. 16: Cheryl Wirth Dec. 18: Emily Wolken, Dec. 20: Teresa Albers, Dec. 23: Maureen Chance, Dec.27: Vonna Grooman, Dec. 30: Heather Bakula. 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}): Dec. 2:** Mary Wright, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie & Aubrey Wurtele, Jason & Lacey Wurtele, Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd Yost, Anna Young, Carl Abbott, Sally Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers. **Dec. 9:** Mike & Patti Alex, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Bret & Kathy Allgood, Evelyn Alonso, William & Kathy Aultz, William & Roberta Aultz, John Baker, Lisa Baker, Mark & Heather Bakula, Chris & Tammy Bando. **Dec. 16:** Tim & Nancy Baragary, Colleen Barrett, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Aaron & Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Aric & Tara Bennett, Larry & Nan Benscoter, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard, Dallas & Shelley Beshaler. **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:** *Even God had a cost in loving; he gave his Son.* St. Teresa of Calcutta