

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

PRAY FOR THE SICK - 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 Delrosa Riege.

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.

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 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.

"MARY ULBRICK'S STYLE CHICKEN DINNER: All are invited to dinner with Mary at St. Benedict's Church on Sunday, October 16 from 4-7 p.m. The menu features fried chicken and all your favorite creamed vegetables and salads from Mary Ulbrick's cookbook. Plus beverages and lots of pie!!! Cost is \$10.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is "Mercy Changes the World." Pope Francis invited the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands and parts of Latin American and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. There will be a second collection for your donations. Thank you.

ALL SOULS DAY INTENTIONS: Special envelopes are available in the entrance of the church to list names of deceased family and friends that you would like to have remembered at Mass on All Souls' Day and throughout the month of November. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or dropped by the parish office.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE: The first two weekends of October a count was taken of those attending Mass. The weekend of October 1-2 there was 600 in attendance and the weekend of October 8-9 there was 413 attending. According to our census as of June 30, 2016, there are 1010 registered parishioners of St. Mary's Church.

MATCHING GRANT - LOURDES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: The John, Paul, 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 \$47,209.39 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.

LDCCW OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE: The Diaper Drive continues through the end of October. The Centers we serve advise the Diaper sizes 3, 4 & 5 are in greatest demand. Your diaper donations are greatly appreciated. Cash donations or checks made to the order of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) will be accepted and should be mailed to the LDCCW Service Commission, Kay Wessel, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements. Currently our parish has donated 644 diapers. Let's try for 1000. Envelopes are also available for monetary donations. Thank you to all that have generously donated diapers.

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 October 21-23 for men and women with Fr. Jonathan Haschke "Praying the Mysteries of the Rosary" (Legion of Mary), October 28-30 for men and women with Fr. Steven Thomlison "Angels & Demons: Spiritual Warfare and Discernment." 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.

SAVES TIME, MONEY AND CHECKS - use Online Giving. By using online giving your church receives a consistent income. No envelopes to open and no money to handle - contributions are deposited directly into the church bank account. No posting of envelopes - contributions are automatically downloaded into the church collection program. See your contribution record at the click of the mouse. **Don't use the computer, but would like to try it?** Call Linda at the parish office and she will be glad to help get it set up for you. Online giving is safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Getting started is easy - just visit our website at www.stmarysnebraskacity.com and click our **Online Giving** link. So, what are you waiting for, give it a try **TODAY!** Thank you to all those that use online giving. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you bank at **Premier Bank**, please make sure that you use this routing number: 104000870.

THANK YOU to all those that helped or participated in the Life Chain. Your prayers and support for the unborn is greatly appreciated.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: If we want to know what Jesus' parable is about in today's gospel, it seems that we don't need to work too hard because Saint Luke tells us right at the beginning: "Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart." This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus' time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Oct. 9: Adult Env.: \$6132.00; Loose: \$425.00; Children's Env.: \$2.00; Online: \$2392.00; Total: \$8951.00

Building Fund: \$107.00; Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$7335.00; Balance Needed: \$1065.00

Vocations: Needed: \$9424.79; Received: \$4136.50; Balance Needed: \$5288.29

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$47,209.39** Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. CCD Classes - Grades 1-6, Lourdes Primary
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		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	Thelma Nielsen+ (Anniv.)	Special Intention	
Tuesday	Special Intention (JW)	Rosetta Wirth+ (Anniv.)	
Wednesday	Spidell Family	Robert Beccard+	4:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors
Thursday	Mary Pudenz+	Mildred Schreiter	
Friday	Charles Williams+	Boyd Hayden+	
Saturday		Hartley Family	6:30 p.m. Karen McQuillan+
Sunday		Scott Schreiner+	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 Griepentstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Cathy Thomas George & Mary Kay Hengen	Ric Sevening, Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
SERVERS	Damon, Garrett, Robert Honeysuckle	Grant & Benjamin Chance Eli Wigington	Joseph Whitney, Nick Fedoris Gage Schmitz
LECTORS	Sharon Crunk	Jennifer Howard	John Dubas
ACOLYTES	Ted Bernard	Danny Heng	Jeff Funke
OFFERTORY	Bill & Bobbi Aultz	Tom & Kathy Wigington	Duane & Hope Weninger Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Oct. 17-22 – Tyler Kleineweber, Giovanni Lopez, Gage Schmitz; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Denise Davis

READINGS: Oct. 17, Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21; Oct. 18, 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9; Oct. 19, Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48; Oct. 20, Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53; Oct. 21, Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59; Oct. 22, Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9; Oct. 23, Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Stewardship is based on an “attitude of gratitude.”

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.

SALAD LUNCHEON: The First Lutheran Church women are hosting their annual Fall Salad Luncheon on Thursday, October 20 from 11-1:30 p.m., 315 S. 16th St. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or from the women of the church. Each year the salad luncheon benefits a local, state and global project. Proceeds from this year’s luncheon will benefit the Nebraska City Food Pantry, ELCA World Hunger and FELC Flooring Project.

CATHOLIC COFFEEHOUSE: The Diocesan Evangelization Office invites you and your family to Gianna’s Java & Gelato, 2241 O St., Lincoln from 7–8:30 p.m. (1 hour presentation followed by 30 minutes for Q&A) Sunday evenings this fall/winter. This year’s theme: “The Pilgrim Church: Rediscovering the Faith through Pilgrimage.” Visit www.lincolndiocese.org/coffeehouse for more information. **October 16** – Jeff Schinstock – World Youth Day 2016: Pilgrimage of Mercy; **November 20** – Fr. Chris Kubat – Our Pilgrimage with Gianna Emanuela, The Daughter of St. Gianna; **December 11** – Bishop James D. Conley – John Henry Newman and the Pilgrim Church; **January 15** – Fr. Rand Langhorst – Irish Saints and Places **February 12** – Fr. Coulter – The Rosary Pilgrimage of the Holy Land.

CHICKEN NOODLE MANIA – Sunday, October 23 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Murray Christian Church. Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, cole slaw, roll & butter, dessert and drink. Homemade goodies and quilt raffle.

TEKAKWITHA GAMES (CAMP KATERI): Join us for Catholic fellowship and fun at the Tekakwitha Games, a family event for ages 10 and up. It will be held at Camp Kateri on Sunday, October 23 (1-5 p.m.). In the Games, three teams will compete in a series of events and challenges to win the St. Kateri Cup. The cost is \$10 per person, with each participant receiving a free team T-shirt. To register, go to www.tekakwithagames.org. For more information, email CampKateriI@gmail.com or call 402-319-3289.

THE HOLY FAMILY SHRINE will host a concert on October 23 at 3:00 p.m. The performers will be Heartland Flute Choir with Dr. Christine Beard. These wonderful musicians have performed at the Shrine before and we are honored they have chosen to come back. If you are looking for a peaceful afternoon in a beautiful setting, don’t miss this performance! To get to the Shrine take I-80 to exit 432, turn south onto highway 31 and go about a mile to Pflug Road, turn west onto Pflug Road and go about a mile. For further information call the Shrine at 402-332-4565.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS CONFERENCE: Spirit Catholic Radio presents the Catholic Answers Conference, Saturday, October 29 at DJ Sokol Arena in Omaha. Learn how to share the faith with others from speakers Patrick Coffin, Trent Horn, Tim Staples, Karlo Broussard and Christopher Check, as heard on the hit radio program *Catholic Answers LIVE!* Archbishop George J. Lucas of the Archdiocese of Omaha and Bishop James D. Conley of the Diocese of Lincoln, will also be speaking. Learn how to be an evangelist and leave feeling on fire for your faith! Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the conference last from 10-4:30 p.m. Lunch and conference materials are provided. Parking is FREE! Ticket sales locations, online ticket sales and more information is available at spiritcatholicradio.com or by calling 855-571-0200.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SPONSORED BY THE LDCCW: For women interested in enhancing their leadership and personal skills, the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is inviting women and pastors to join in the Leadership Development program, presented by the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) on Saturday, November 5, (8:30–3:00 p.m.), at St. Ann’s Parish Hall, 202 N. 5th, Doniphan, NE 68832. This program is designed by the attendees. When the attendee registers, she/he is given a pre-assessment form to complete and mail to the NCCW program chair. In this way, each person has input into what is included in the training. Previous attendees have commented that they learned how to motivate members, how to inspire future leaders, and learned new skills on how to change, improve and grow, and to find HOPE. Cost is \$30 per person (includes coffee & rolls, lunch and program materials). Click on the Leadership Training tab on the LDCCW web page tiny.cc/LDCCW to register or contact Ann Jansky at arjansky@gmail.com or 402-826-0219 (cell) with questions.

QUEST is a retreat for freshmen and sophomores in high school. Rooted in the life and love of the Blessed Trinity, we learn to love our community and ourselves. Dates are November 5-6 in Lawrence and March 25-26 in Auburn. For more information or to register, visit the Youth Ministry page at lincolndiocese.org or call 402-473-0625.

DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME? ARE YOU SITTING AT HOME BORED? Have you considered volunteer work? We could use you. No experience necessary. To learn how you can help, please call Friends of Faith Thrift Shop, 402-873-6575. Proceeds of the store help Nebraska City.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Oct. 17: Brenda Baumann, Oct. 19: Katie Bebout, Oct. 22: Kelly Bequette, Oct. 24: Beth Box, Oct. 26: Brooke Chaney, Oct. 29: Maureen Chance, Oct. 31 Suzanne Cooksey, Nov. 2: Kay DeFreece, Nov. 5: Sally DuBois, Nov. 7: Janie Ebmeier, Nov. 9: Jeanette Eilers, Nov. 12: Mary Farris, Nov. 14: Joan Fedoris, Nov. 16: Marlene Fey, Nov. 19: Janet and Marlene Frana, Nov. 21: Judy Francois, Nov. 23: Hettie Funke, Nov. 26: Lynn Gibson, Nov. 28: Lana Gilson, Nov. 30 Maggie Griepentstroh, 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.): **Oct. 22:** Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz, Mary Ann Sturm, Cathy Thomas, Gerald & Donna Thoms, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy, Brent & Darci Travis, Mark & Melissa Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Lee & Joyce Turner, Brad & Jo Vasa, Karen Vaughn, Michaela VestECKA, Frank & Julie Volkmer. **Oct. 29:** Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, Christopher & Allison Weddle, Erin Weldon, Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, John & Mary Wenzl, Joshua & Carolyn Whitney. **Nov. 5:** Evert & Lisa Whitten, Doug Wichman, Richard Wichman, Natalie Kelly, Nathan & Mary Wigington, Tom & Kathy Wigington, Larry Williams, Christopher Winscot, Gerry Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth. **Nov. 12:** Emily Wolken, Mary Wright, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie & Aubrey Wurtele, Jason & Lacey Wurtele, Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd Yost, Anna Young, Carl Abbott. **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.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: “In whatever you do, think of the glory of God as your main goal.” St. John Bosco