

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

218 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Nebraska City, NE 68410

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

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](mailto:wulfpak@windstream.net)) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Charles & Lorraine Gude, Delrosa Riege, 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 Dennis Heng.

**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.

**LIFE CHAIN - RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2**, as designated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Southeast Nebraska Right-To-Life cordially invites you to stand in silent, prayerful witness to human life at the annual Life Chain in Nebraska City on Sunday, October 2 from 1:00-2 p.m. along Eleventh Street. Pick up signs at the parking lot behind Arbor Bank at 12:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the life chain. Your prayers for success in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For information, please call Pam Gress, 402-969-0556 or Noreen Harris, 402-209-1450.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. Anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters is welcome and members are encouraged to invite a friend. Membership is open to all Catholic women within a 30 mile radius of Nebraska City. Please contact Patrice Wulf at 873-6848 if you have any questions.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE PARISH AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT?** The Stewardship Committee invites you to join them on the first Wednesday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in the church hall. The Mission of the committee is to promote making time for God in prayer, sharing of our time and talent for the common good, giving of our treasure and nourishing our faith so that we can share with others. The goals are to engage our parish by communicating and actively living the stewardship message of hospitality, prayer, formation and service. The group will be studying "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" as part of their spiritual growth. For more information, please call Julie Parker, 402-297-0677, Scott and Jan O'Neil, 402-259-3325 or the parish office. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please join us.

**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS:** Each family should have received promotional materials and a donor card with your parish ID number. The theme for this year's appeal is "Missionaries of Mercy & Truth," in support of the Church's Year of Mercy. Our parish's assessment for this year is \$9424.79. Currently we have received \$3286.50. With approximately 260 active giving families, this averages to \$36.25 per family. Some families are able to give more and some less. Please be as generous as your means allow. Please pray for the success of this appeal and for all of our seminarians. We are so blessed to have so many priests in our diocese and two of the many seminarians preparing for the priesthood from our parish. Our support financially and prayerfully is very important. Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers for vocations.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** From today's second reading, we are made to realize, like Timothy, that Christ's call is meant for us all. Good stewards realize they have everything necessary to live for Christ. "Stir up the fire that is already burning inside you." Another way to express this thought in the vocabulary of stewardship is, "Use your gifts now! Serve the Lord now! Get involved now! God put the fire inside you but you have to stir up the flame! Let it burn!" Everyone can give witness to Christ's presence in the world, and most of us can do more than one thing for the Lord. How exactly do you "stir into flame" God's unique gifts you hold within you?

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

Sep. 24: Adult Env.: \$5050.00; Loose: \$425.45; Children's Env.: \$2.26; Online: \$4229.50; Total: \$9707.21

Building Fund: \$330.00; Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$7325.00; Balance Needed: \$1075.00

Vocations: Needed: \$9424.79; Received: \$3286.50; Balance Needed: \$6138.29

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: \$500,000.00; Received: \$44,976.39 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, Liz Bruggeman's, 6092 J Rd		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class - Lourdes School
	6:30 p.m. CDA Meeting, church hall		7:00 p.m. Stewardship meeting, church hall
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.
<b>Monday</b>	Carolyn Gress	Liz Detloff	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Special Intention (JG)	Donald Schomerus+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Myron & Velma Henner+	Ralph Causgrove+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Thursday</b>	Mark Detloff+	Linda Schreiner+	
<b>Friday</b>	Ewald & Rosa Beilman+	Dave Heng, Sr.	
<b>Saturday</b>		Herbert Detloff+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Janet Brown+ Jeffrey Brown+
<b>Sunday</b>		Bill Carroll+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	<b>6:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday</b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
<b>SERVERS</b>	Grant, Sam, Miles Draus	Colby & Caleb Howard	Charlie & Quinten Vasa, Alex Gress
<b>LECTORS</b>	Barb Stukenholtz	Gerry Wirth	Lee Turner
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tim Baumann	Sean Chance	Bryan Bequette
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Evert & Lisa Whitten Family	Bob & Jody Weddle	Erin Weldon Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Oct. 3-8 – Sam Ebmeier – Gabriel Baxa; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Gittinger; Reader: Joan Beccard

**READINGS:** Oct. 3, Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37; Oct. 4, Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42; Oct. 5, Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-14; Oct. 6, Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13; Oct. 7, Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26; Oct. 8, Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28; Oct. 9, 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Trust in God is key to being good stewards.

**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.

**LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL – UPCOMING EVENTS:** Southeast Nebraska Life Chain - Sunday, October 2, 1-2 p.m. meet in parking lot south of Arbor Bank at 12:45 p.m.; Lady Knight Volleyball and Senior Night - Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. @ HOME; NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 10 - Teacher In-Service. [www.lourdescentralcatholic.org](http://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org), Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter: @lourdesknights

**“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. Takeout orders available by reservation only --- call 402-949-0360 on Saturday, October 15.

**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.

**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 \$44,976.39 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 Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) is sponsoring the 7th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. The assistance of everyone in the Lincoln Diocese is requested. Donations will be shared with the Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop’s Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna Women’s Homes. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements. Let’s see how many we can collect.

**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 7-9 for men and women with Fr. Wade Menezes, “Year of Mercy Retreat & Conference,” 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705. Schedules are available in the entrance of the church.

**MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL** is Saturday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O St. The guest speaker is Kathy Macinnis, Coordinator for Magnificat’s Central Service Team. To register, call Coordinator, Rhonda Litt by Tuesday, October 4, 402-489-3819 or 402-525-6396 (you may text to this number also), and get your check in the mail (\$20 or students \$10) payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N. 56th St., Lincoln, NE 68504.

**ABLAZE WORSHIP - LINCOLN, WITH FR. MICHAEL VOITHOFER:** October 15 – 7:00–9:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Everyone is invited! Old and young! Ablaze is a time of adoration before the blessed sacrament. Helping God’s faithful to know and experience friendship with the Holy Spirit through praise and worship of his Eucharistic Heart. Sacred Heart of Jesus, furnace of divine charity, set us Ablaze! Come, worship the Lord and experience His great love for you! Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW FORMED?** FORMED, the Catholic Faith on Demand with 24/7 access to the best Catholic teaching content on any device, including your computer, tablet or smart phone with internet access. With FORMED you will find video programs that explains the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and inspiring audio talks. To get FORMED, go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and click on “Sign-up,” then scroll down to “Does Your Parish Already Have Formed,” enter the code “BHRREJ” and click submit. Complete the registration information and click submit. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED anytime by simply logging in.

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** “But my spiritual director, Jesus, does not teach me to count my acts. He teaches me to do it all for love.” St. Therese of Lisieux

**CONVENIENCE OF ONLINE GIVING:** Do you pay your bills online? Do online banking? If your answer to these questions is yes, then why not give to your church online? It's 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](http://www.stmarysnebraskacity.com) and click our **Online Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account and you can see your contribution record at the click of the mouse. So what are you waiting for, give it a try **TODAY! Don't use the computer, but would like to try it?** Call Linda in the parish office and she will be glad to help. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you bank at **Premier Bank**, please make sure that you use this routing number: 104000870.

**JESUS MY FRIEND RETREAT** is designed for adults 18 and older who have developmental, cognitive and/or physical disabilities. It is an interactive morning filled with stories, scriptures, crafts, music and games focusing on helping participants understand Jesus as their best friend. It is designed to provide the participants with an opportunity to experience Jesus as Friend and deepen their understanding of Christ's personal love for each one of them. A variety of volunteers ranging from moms of developmentally disabled individuals to special education teachers will present the simple lessons based on scriptures. Rev. Eugene McReynolds, OSB will also be present for some of the day and will lead the closing session. Fr. Eugene has served as a Chaplain at Boys Town, and is deeply sensitive to the needs of these special adults. Fr. Eugene will be assisted by the Knights of Columbus of St. Robert's Council whose special warmth creates a unique atmosphere for the attendees to encounter Christ and one another as Friend. Registration will be limited to 50 participants, so register early! The suggested donation is \$10, to help defray costs of the retreat which includes a special t-shirt for each participant, but no one will be turned away. Register Early - deadline October 14. **DATE:** Saturday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Mainelli Center- (Enter on Northeast side), 11802 Pacific Street Omaha, NE. For more information and registration form visit <http://jesusmyfriendretreat.weebly.com/> or call Bob Burn, 402-618-1540 or email: srkc10108@yahoo.com

**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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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](http://spiritcatholicradio.com) or by calling 855-571-0200.

**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](http://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.

**MERCY & MARY WEEKEND RETREAT FEATURING FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY, MIC:** Experience the Year of Mercy at a weekend retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, October 28-30 in Kansas City, KS at the Savior Pastoral Center. Fr. Gaitley is the author of *33 Days to Morning Glory, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 33 Days to Merciful Love, The One Thing is Three and The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*. The weekend retreat includes: 5 Conferences with Fr. Gaitley, lodging and all meals included, daily Mass, Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Adoration & Benediction, quiet prayer time, opportunities for confession and book signing with Fr. Gaitley and more. For more information or to register go to <http://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-weekend-retreat-ks>. For carpooling info, contact the parish office.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED – 10 DAYS, FEBRUARY 14-23, 2017:** Join veteran pilgrimage leader, Fr. John Vakulskas on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Mount Carmel, Mount Tabor, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Way of the Cross, Mount Calvary, Jericho and much more. \$3299 R/T Chicago; \$3399 R/T Omaha. Includes Air, First Class hotels, tours, daily Mass, most meals, taxes and surcharges, comprehensive sightseeing. This will fill up fast so it is first come first served. For more information: Fr. John Vakulskas, P.O. Box 347, Okoboji, IA 51355, 712-490-8047, [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com)

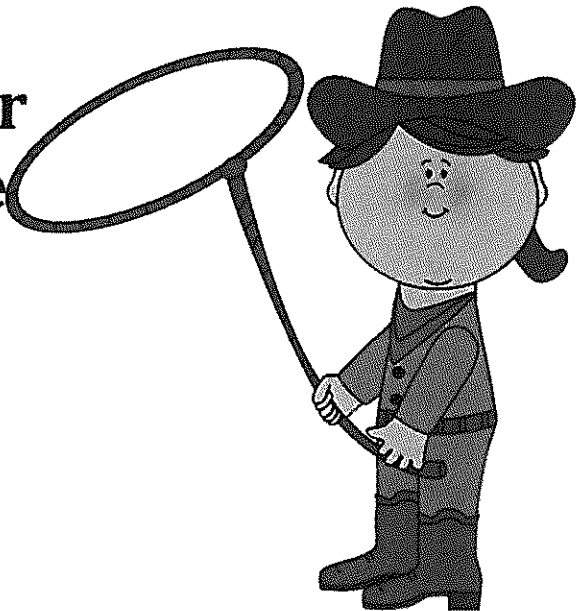
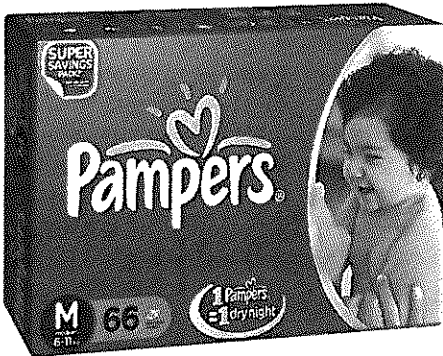
**LEADERSHIP TRAINING SPONSORED BY THE LDCCW:** For women interested in enhancing their leadership and personal skills, the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is inviting women and pastors to join in the Leadership Development program, presented by the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) 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](http://tiny.cc/LDCCW) to register or contact Ann Jansky at [arjansky@gmail.com](mailto:arjansky@gmail.com) or 402-826-0219 (cell) with questions.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** Oct. 3: Emily Wolken, Oct. 5: Teresa Albers, Oct. 8: Bobbi Aultz, Oct. 10: Kathy Aultz, Oct. 12: Heather Bakula, Oct. 15: Chris Bando, 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. 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 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. 8:** Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Teresa Schlorholtz, David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Donald & Lynell Schomaker, Kevin & Elizabeth Schomerus, Ronald & Diane Schomerus, Clarence & Carol Schram. **Oct. 15:** Steve Schreiner, Keith & Arlene Schreiter, Ted & Carmen Schreiter, Elizabeth Slagle, Jackie Smith, Jolene Spevak, William & Teresa Stanberry, Bruce Stanley, Carol Stehlik, Duane & Shelli Stuhr. **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. **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.

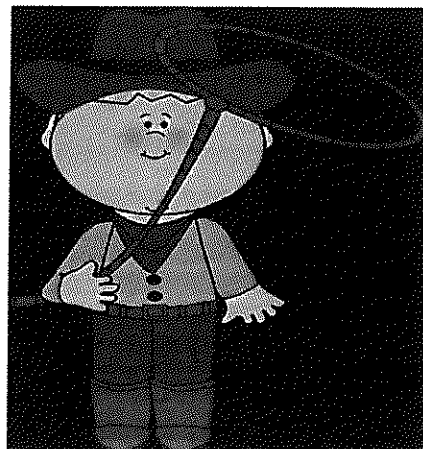
# Diaper "Roundup"

for  
the 7<sup>th</sup> annual October  
Pro-Life Diaper Drive



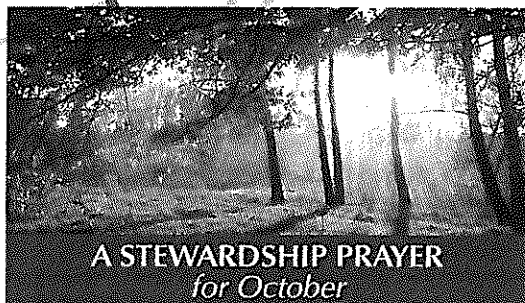
**The LDCCW (Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) needs your help to make the Diaper Drive a success for all the little buckaroos in the Lincoln Diocese.**

Collected diapers will again be given to the Pregnancy Centers and Catholic Social Services across the Lincoln Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Home. Diapers will be collected throughout the month of October and a collection container will be available in the entrance of the church to corral your much needed donation. Thank you!!!!



## INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

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### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for October

Lord Jesus Christ,

We serve in your name  
as did your apostles before us.  
And we live, as they did, in anxious times,  
painfully aware of sin's presence in the world;  
a world in need of your Father's mercy.

As your disciples, we also live in hope,  
confident that your light is breaking through  
the changing moods of life –  
healing, embracing and transforming  
as your presence moves deep within us.

Help us see every hour of our lives  
as a moment of grace:  
A time when we open our hearts  
to you in prayer,  
discover your Truth in our work and leisure  
and live each moment as blessings  
to one another.

Make us better stewards of the great wealth  
of gifts you have bestowed upon us.  
And show us how to teach others  
to open their hearts to those who hunger,  
thirst or who are strangers.

Refresh our minds,  
renew our faith, and  
inspire us to proclaim your Gospel  
with a new energy in word and in deed  
for you live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Saint Francis: A Stewardship Saint for Our Time

Scientists say that most of us will never experience the full wonder of the star-filled nighttime sky because of the "light pollution" which keeps our modern world too bright to see true night. No doubt, this would have saddened St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate October 4.



St. Francis left us, along with a deep love for  
creation, with a spirituality that embraces simplicity  
and love for the poor.

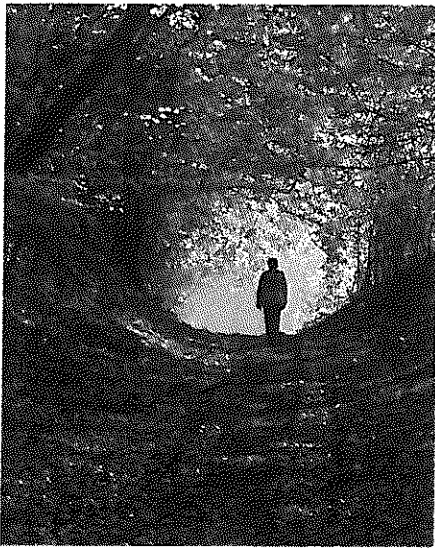
The saint who embraced the glory of creation, Francis is the patron saint of ecology and a model steward for our present age. Always one of our most popular saints, you need only visit a garden shop to find that, even in the midst of secular commerce, you can find a lawn statue of the 12th century native of an Umbrian hill town. Yet like many famous folk, Francis has become somewhat stereotyped, those statues always adorned sweetly with little birds.

In reality, Francis was a bold and inspired man, a good steward of creation, who embraced it as bountifully good, emphasizing the original outpouring of God's love into the world (at a time when the emphasis was often placed heavily on the stain of original sin.) Francis was a good steward of his neighbor. He famously embraced a leper he met on the roadway, even though he deeply feared the disease. When the man appeared to vanish, Francis felt he had encountered Christ himself which strengthened his belief that God is found in all of creation.

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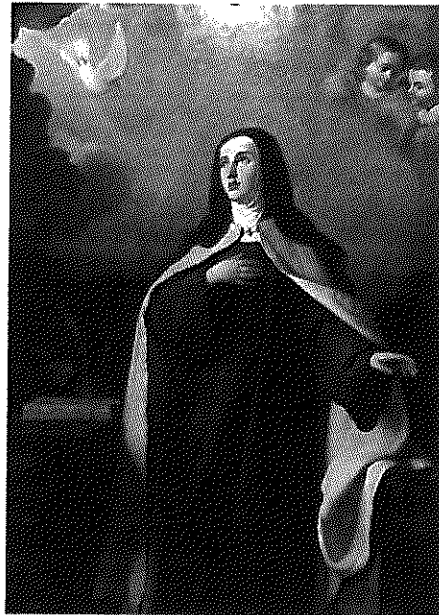
Francis heard the words "Rebuild my church" while visiting the worn-down chapel at San Damiano. Only later did he and others regard those words as a challenge not to repair a structure but to reinvigorate Christian spirituality. Today, in a time of environmental crisis, Pope Francis is the first pontiff to take the saint of Assisi's name as his own. The Holy Father's encyclical, *Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*, speaks to the need to be good stewards of creation, to protect and cherish God's great gift. St. Francis left us, along with a deep love for creation, with a spirituality that embraces simplicity and love for the poor.



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October offers Christian stewards an opportunity to pray outdoors in the beauty of autumn, the changing leaves, the early dusk. Be a good steward of your prayer life: Take a prayer walk, as St. Francis would. Ask the saint to help you recommit to a simpler lifestyle, recycling, reusing, honoring resources, to seeing the earth and its poor as holy. Perhaps we might even venture out to the garden late at night, to see as many stars as we can.

## STEWARDSHIP SAINT *for October*



**St. Teresa of Avila,  
Doctor of the Church**

St. Teresa of Avila founded the Discalced Carmelite religious community of women and was one of the first two women to be named Doctor of the Church (with Catherine of Siena) because of her extraordinary contribution to Christian mysticism and spirituality.

Born in 1515 to a large, aristocratic Castilian family in Avila, Spain, Teresa entered the Carmelite monastery when she was 20 years old. She spent a number of relatively average years in the convent before she experienced a vision that changed her life forever.

In 1554, while praying before a statue of the crucified Christ, Teresa

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underwent a profound spiritual conversion. She later wrote: "When I fell to prayer again and looked at Christ hanging poor and naked upon the cross, I felt I could not bear to be rich." She prayed that she might be as poor as Jesus. Teresa had a number of mystical experiences centered on Christ's passion. She was motivated by these visions to reform her religious community which had relaxed the observance of its original rule.

In 1562, Teresa established a convent in Avila with thirteen other nuns where she felt the primitive Carmelite Rule could be strictly observed. Their communal life was marked by prayer, poverty, manual work, abstinence from meat and solitude. This convent would become the model for 16 other Discalced convents she would establish between 1562 and 1582 while traveling across the rugged Castilian countryside by mule. In 1567, she met St. John of the Cross, who she enlisted to extend her reform into the male side of the Carmelite community.

St. Teresa was a prolific writer on the spiritual life and left a substantial body of writings on Christian mysticism. These works include the *Way of Perfection* and *Meditations on the Song of Songs*. Her masterpiece was the *Interior Castle* which was a disguised autobiography. For St. Teresa, the test of growth in the spiritual life was the extent one responded to Christ's stewardship call to love one's neighbor.

Teresa died on October 4, 1582, and was canonized in 1622. She is the patron saint of Spain.