

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - 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 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](mailto: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.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Thank you to all those that contributed to the World Mission Sunday collection. Donations totaled \$1515.00.

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS' DAY:** November 1 is the feast of All Saints and is a holy day of obligation. All Catholics are invited to attend Mass either at a vigil on Monday, October 31 at 5:30 p.m. or on Tuesday, November 1, All Saints Day, at 6:20 and 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. all at the church. The Feast of All Saints honors all those who have died and now live in God's presence in heaven. This feast is immediately followed by All Soul's Day on which we pray for those who have died and may not be in God's presence in heaven. These feasts are celebrated in November as we approach the end of the church year, and because fall is the season in which nature sleeps or "dies" in preparation for the spring (resurrection).

**ALL SOULS' DAY** will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 2 at 8:00 a.m. with Lourdes School K-12 students, faculty and staff at St. Mary's Church. Deceased family and friends of Lourdes will be remembered at this Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

**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.

**PLENARY INDULGENCE:** Remember that the Church gives a wonderful opportunity to pray for our deceased loved ones and the other poor souls in purgatory. An indulgence is granted to those who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. The indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. It's a plenary indulgence from November 1 through November 8 and one full indulgence can be gained each day (the other days of the year is only a partial indulgence). The other requirements for an indulgence are also needed: Attend Mass; Go to Confession; Be free from an attachment to Sin; Pray an Our Father & Hail Mary for the Intentions of the Pope.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA OPEN HOUSE:** Please join the Catholic Daughters of America in celebrating All Saints Day. There will be an open house immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on November 1 in St. Mary's Church hall and refreshments will be served. Every Catholic woman in a 30 mile radius is welcome to come and learn more about CDA. If you are already a member but haven't been to a meeting for a while we'd love to have you back. Stop down after Mass and learn more about this wonderful organization. If you have any questions call Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976 or Barb Jensen at 402-321-6819. We look forward to seeing you there.

**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 \$47,456.39 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.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** The Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus makes for an ideal stewardship reflection. So does today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Good stewards have faith in, and give thanks for, an almighty and powerful God who transcends the universe, but who gives personal attention to every human being. God loves his creation, his people. He lives in them, and through his Holy Spirit, instills a fundamental goodness in them. Good stewards recognize this movement of the Spirit as a gift, and make efforts to cultivate this gift and grow in their faith. Take time this week to stop and look around you, be aware of God's awe-inspiring creation, and give thanks for God's loving care and concern for each of us.

**MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS**

	<b>6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Edward & Anna Penning+	Linda Schreiner+	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	Delora Roland+ ( <b>AT CHURCH</b> )	Joanna Marron+	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> James E. Parker+
<b>Wednesday</b>	Poor Souls+	Legion of Mary Members, Liv. & Dec'd	
<b>Thursday</b>	Velda Kreifels+	Parents of Leonard & Mary Kasier+	
<b>Friday</b>	Kathleen Stukenholtz+	Mary Pudenz+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Steve Hartman+	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Janet Brown+, Jeffrey Brown+
<b>Sunday</b>		Dave Heng, Sr.	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 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>	Herman & Myla Weber Bob & Debbie Lechner	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Tom & Dorothy Funke
<b>SERVERS</b>	Jack & Andrew Bakula	Nick & Andrew Bernard	Michael Bequette, Sam Bolin, Jase Rosane
<b>LECTORS</b>	Frank Volkmer	Jerry Martin	Wilber Fey
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tom Wigington	Mike Gilson	Andy Fedoris
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Tim & Brenda Baumann	Ed & Ann Bade	Mary Wright Family

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Oct. 31-Nov. 5 – Andrew Bernard, Nolan Beccard, Jase Rosane; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Ron Osovski; Reader: Terry Smith **Servers – Oct. 31 – 5:30 p.m.** – Derek Riege, Tyler Lechner, John Heng; **Nov. 1 – 5:30 p.m.** – Zachary Whitten, Eli McNeely; **Lector – Oct. 31 – 5:30 p.m.** – Barb Stukenholtz; **Nov. 1 – 6:20 a.m.** – Sharon Crunk; **8:00 a.m.** – Tom Wigington; **5:30 p.m.** – Jeanette Eilers.

**READINGS:** Oct. 31, Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14; Nov. 1, Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a; Nov. 2, Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40; Nov. 3, Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10; Nov. 4, Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8; Nov. 5, Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15; Nov. 6, 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Faithful stewards maintain their faith in a world that tests it constantly.

	<b>2015-16 Year End</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget</b>	<b>**Needed Weekly</b>	<b>July 1 - October 23</b>
Income	\$643,173.86	\$794,055.00	\$13,561.64 2016-17	\$167,162.28
Expenses	<del>-\$696,157.95</del>	<del>-\$794,055.00</del>	<del>-\$11,570.73</del> 2015-16	<del>-\$230,547.60</del> Budgeted
Short	-\$52,984.09	\$0.00	\$1,990.91 Increase	-\$63,385.32

Average per 260 contributing families - \$203.78 -\$243.79 Average

\*Denotes weekly contributions thru envelopes, online giving, loose collection and children envelopes.  
\$13,561.64 - Average per 260 contributing families per week = \$52.16

The increased budget is due to assessments to our Catholic school and the Diocese

**THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. For more information about the committee or to volunteer to be a part of the committee, please call Julie Parker, 402-297-0677, Scott and Jan O'Neil, 402-259-3325 or the parish office.

**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 **1320** diapers. Thank you, thank you to all that have generously donated diapers.

**LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL – UPCOMING EVENTS:** Nov. 1 - NO SCHOOL ALL SAINTS DAY; Nov. 6 - Book Fair Opens in the High School Library – 11-7 p.m.; Nov. 7 - Grandparent's Day K-5; Nov. 21 - A Tribute to Buddy Holly "RAVE ON" [www.lourdescentralcatholic.org](http://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org), Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter: @lourdesknights

**LOURDES ELEMENTARY SOUP SUPPER:** Please join us Sunday, November 6 from 4-7p.m. for Lourdes Elementary Soup Supper in St. Mary's Church hall. Delicious soups, salads and desserts will be served and you'll have the opportunity to win some wonderful raffle prizes; all while supporting Lourdes Central Catholic School! Cost: Adults \$6 & children \$4.

<b>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER – MY RETURN TO THE LORD</b>	
<b>Oct. 24: Adult Env.:</b>	\$6906.00; <b>Loose:</b> \$406.67; <b>Children's Env.:</b> \$.35; <b>Online:</b> \$4304.50; All Souls: \$180.00
	Building Fund: \$65.00; <b>Total: \$11,862.52</b>
<b>Needed Weekly:</b>	\$13,561.64; Short: \$1699.12; <b>Oct. 24: Needed:</b> \$230,547.60; Received: \$167,162.28; Short: <del>-\$63,385.32</del> (\$-243.79 per family)
	Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$7924.00; Balance Needed: \$476.00
	Vocations: Needed: \$9424.79; Received: \$4536.50; Balance Needed: \$4888.29
	Lourdes Building & Renovation – Match Contributions: Needed: <b>\$500,000.00</b> ; Received: <b>\$47,456.39</b> 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
	5:30 p.m. Mass, CDA Open House to follow, church hall		7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting, church hall
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Lourdes School Library Book Fair
			4:00 p.m. Lourdes Elementary Soup Supper, church hall

**LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY** is holding a book fair. We once again invite everyone to come and enjoy the wide selection of books for every age. Whether you are 2 or 92, books make wonderful gifts and remember Christmas is just around the corner. This year gift certificates are available for purchase so that special someone can get what they want. Our hours and location: November 6, 11-7 p.m. & November 7-10, 3:30-8:00 p.m. in Lourdes High School library, 412-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING – NOVEMBER 9 – 6:30 P.M.:** ATTENTION Parents and Students mark your calendars. There will be an important meeting to discuss Confirmation requirements on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall for students in Grades 4-6 and older that have not been confirmed. At least one parent is required to attend with their student to listen to the parent and student requirements needed to complete the Sacrament of Confirmation. The date has not been set for Confirmation, but should be sometime in the fall of 2017. For more information, please call the parish office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** November 9, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation meeting, church hall; December 4, 6:00 p.m. Advent Recital, December 10, 8:30 a.m. Cookie Walk.

**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 Nov. 4-6 for women with Fr. Joshua West, LC (Regnum Christi), "Spiritual Exercises: The Kingdom of Christ," and November 18-20 for men and women with Fr. William Holoubek, "Unbound – Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds." This weekend retreat is geared towards men and women who have read the book or watched the video series, and will provide opportunities for praying the five keys with a prayer team. 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.

**2016 WORLD COMMUNITY DAY** on Friday, November 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

**FALL LUNCHEON:** Homemade soup and sandwich fall luncheon on Saturday, November 5 from 11-2 p.m. at Community of Christ Church, 1536 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Free will donation. Also homemade baked goods and crafts.

**SPLendor OF MERCY CONFERENCE:** AN INTERDISCIPLINARY LOOK AT THE DYNAMISM OF FORGIVENESS - Presented by a group of medical & Catholic professionals, this conference will approach God's Mercy through the beauty found in literature, poetry, music, and visual arts as well as in the sciences of medicine, psychology and the theological & philosophical sciences. Join us for this unique conference on Saturday, November 5, 8:30-5 p.m. For more info & to register <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/family-resources/special-events>. Questions? Email Peter Martin at [pmartin@csssis.org](mailto:pmartin@csssis.org)

**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. 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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](http://lincolndiocese.org) or call 402-473-0625.

**STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, FALLS CITY** is hosting a turkey dinner and bazaar on Sunday, November 6 in Prichard Auditorium from 4-7 p.m. Adults-\$10, children-\$5, carry-outs available for additional \$.50.

**OPEN HOUSE- 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Friends and Family of Tom Wigington are invited to help him celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, November 13 from 12-4 p.m. at the Fox Center. If you are unable to attend and would like to send him a card, his address is 119 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**ST. TERESA'S PARISH BAZAAR** will be held on Sunday, November 13 from 11-4 p.m. at 616 S. 36<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln. It will include a spaghetti buffet, serving until 3 p.m. (adults-\$7, children-\$5, family-\$30, crafts, jewelry, baked goods, religious items, raffle, games for all and a silent auction. See flier in the entrance of the church for more information.

**TURKEY BINGO – HOSTED BY ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY, PAUL:** Come play Turkey Bingo, Sunday, November 8 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!

**MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Sunday, November 20, John XXIII Center, 37<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Please join in celebrating the closing of the **Year of Mercy and the Feast of Christ the King**. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:00 p.m., 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 the Mass. Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team.

**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. **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.

**FIND YOUR OWN CALCUTTA LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE MOTHER TERESA WITHOUT LEAVING HOME** Featuring Craig Johring who will share his story of conversion to the Catholic Church and the five keys to finding your own Calcutta and the music of Speaker & Recording artist Danny Leger! Sunday, November 20, 3:30-5:00pm, St. John's Catholic Church, Lincoln. Bring the whole family for this FREE event & stick around afterwards to meet the speakers and fill bags for street kids in Mexico City!

**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.

## YEAR END TAX PLANNING

It won't be long until 2016 is just a memory. Have you included your church in your year end gift planning? If you need an additional tax break, please remember your parish.

**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.

**TAX ADVANTAGES - GIFTS OF GRAIN:** Are you looking for a way to minimize your tax liability? There are tax advantages for farmers who make charitable gifts of grain to St. Mary's Church. When an agricultural producer transfers legal ownership of the commodity to a charity before it is sold, the producer will not have taxable income from a sale, thus minimizing taxes. Tax savings may be realized on federal income tax, state income tax and self-employment tax, depending on the producer's specific circumstances. Check with your tax advisor or call Fr. McCabe for more information.

**WITHOUT CHANGING YOUR WILL, YOU CAN LEAVE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH:** Designate St. Mary's Church as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA or 401K. Your funds have grown tax free in your IRA or 401K, and your heirs could be taxed at a high rate when the funds are distributed. If you donate these funds, the money passes directly to our parish, tax-free. Contact your IRA or 401K plan administrator for a change of beneficiary designation form. Leave your Savings Account or Certificate of Deposit (CD) to our parish. Simply change the beneficiary to make the Savings Account or CD payable upon death to the parish. The parish will receive the funds when you are deceased. For more information contact your financial institution. Contact Les Mach, Planned Giving Officer Diocese of Lincoln, [les-mach@cdolinc.net](mailto:les-mach@cdolinc.net) or 402-443-3866 for help and additional options for planned gifts.

**FORMED.ORG?** 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.

**VOLUTEERS ARE NEEDED** at the Friends of Faith Thrift Stop. Do you have some spare time? Are you sitting at home bored? Have you considered volunteer work? They especially need people to help prepare items for sale. No experience necessary. If you can help, please stop in the store and visit the manager, Cindy Weible or call 402-873-6575. All proceeds from sales in the store are donated to community projects. Our church has received Friends of Faith grants for our book give-a-way program and many other projects. Students - this could be your community service hours.

**THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY COUNSELING CENTER OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** is excited to announce that Joseph Molitor, M.A., will provide the Nebraska City area with counseling services from a Catholic perspective. His areas of interest include child and family therapy, relationships, anxiety, and depression. To inquire about services or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center toll-free at (800) 961-6277.

**RELIGIOUS AWARDS FOR GIRLS & BOYS!** Scout Leaders obtain your religious awards books for **girls** from the Office of Family Life and for **Boys** from the Local Cornhusker Council. The award ceremony is scheduled for **February 26, 2017**. Applications for the medals are due by **Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Visit "Scouting & Awards" under the Youth Ministry tab of the diocesan website at [lincolndiocese.org](http://lincolndiocese.org) or call the Office of Family Life if you have questions, 402-473-0620.

**HOLY WATER BOTTLES** are available for use for taking holy water home. If you take a bottle, please bring it back for a refill. If you have extras at home, please return them for others to use. Thank you.

**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)

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE:** All families of the parish, except those unable due to health, are scheduled on a rotating basis according to the alphabet to clean the church two or three times per year on Saturday mornings following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Those scheduled for the next three weeks are listed in the bulletin along with a list of substitutes. If you are not able to clean the date assigned, please be considerate of the others that are scheduled and find a substitute prior to your scheduled day. Thank you to all those that faithfully help in keeping clean our Lord's home.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE:** 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 Gripenstroh, 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. 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. **Nov. 19:** Sally Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Bret & Kathy Allgood, Evelyn Alonso, William & Kathy Aultz, William & Roberta Aultz, John Baker, Lisa Baker, Mark & Heather Bakula, Chris & Tammy Bando. **Nov. 26:** Tim & Nancy Baragary, Colleen Barrett, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Helen Beccard, Aaron & Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Eric & Tara Bennett, Larry & Nan Bencotter, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard. **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:** *"It is easy to ask God for things; we all do it. When will we also learn to give him thanks and adore him?"*

Pope Francis @ Pontifex