

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Very Rev. Michael G. McCabe

Associate Pastor: Rev. James J. Morin

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

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Dean Hauptman, Emmett Christiansen, Judy Haas, Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Shirley Gruber, Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Leonard Kreifels, Albert Burger, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, 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 the happy repose of the soul of Tommie Abbott and Shirley Gruber.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORERS NEEDED on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. If you are able to be an adorer during these hours, please call Pam Gress. 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.

INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM: Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method "Online Giving" and to setup reoccurring offertory gifts electronically. Go to our website and click on the Online Giving icon. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

2017 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: On Friday, October 13 we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the **Miracle of the Sun** in Fatima Portugal. The Blessed Virgin came to us in Fatima from May 13 to October 13, 1917. Consider making a commitment to one or more of these requests made by Our Lady during her apparitions in Fatima: Pray the Rosary, Offer Sacrifice for Sinners, Consecration and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Five First Saturday Devotions, Wear the Brown Scapular. "The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...of the life of peoples and nations that cannot be solved by the rosary. "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." - Sister Maria Lucia of Fatima. **Come pray the rosary with your parish family on Friday, October 13 at 7:30 a.m. and attend Mass at 8:00 a.m. in honor of this anniversary. A Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held in the church following Mass until 10:00 a.m.**

MASS INTENTIONS: There are a number of openings for Mass Intentions thru the end of the year. If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one who has passed away, for a family member or friend that is in need of prayers or in thanksgiving, please call the parish office. Customary stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. Please be flexible in scheduling as some dates might not be available.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!! The Catholic Daughters of Americas is sponsoring a drive for St Gianna's Home for Women. St Gianna's is in need of cleaning supplies, baby wipes and small toys for boys ages 7-12. There will be a box in the entrance of the church for these items. Please drop items off before October 31. St Gianna's is a home for women and their children escaping abusive relationships. Thank you.

LDCCW OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE: The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) is sponsoring the 8th 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 Nebraska Pro-Life organizations and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Homes. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements. The goal is to collect 90,000 diapers, sizes 4, 5 and 6. Last year we collected 1,522. Let's see how many we can collect this year. A box is available in the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"MARY ULBRICK'S STYLE CHICKEN DINNER will be held in St. Benedict's Church hall on Sunday, October 15 from 4-6 p.m. featuring recipes from the cookbook of Mary Ulbrick. Serving pan fried chicken, chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, frog-eye salad, creamed cabbage, creamed corn, green beans, kraut salad, hard rolls, and dessert. Cost: Adults \$10. Children 3-12 years \$5. Children 2 yrs & younger free. Advance ticket sales available under "online" giving tab at stbens.org Insert memo: "Ticket purchase for dine-in or take out" TAKE OUT AVAILABLE by calling 402-949-0360 on October 14 at a cost of \$10.00. Take outs are on October 15 and can be picked up after 4:00 p.m.

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ONLINE GIVING: The convenient way to return a portion of your gifts back to our Lord. It's easy to set up, safe, secure and you can check as often as you like to see what you have given to the church and special collections throughout the year. Go to our website at www.stmarysnebraskacity.com. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you to all those that are already using online giving.

80TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: Come celebrate with family and friends in honor of Orville Oelke's 80th birthday at an open house on Saturday, October 14 from 2-4 p.m. at Table Creek. His birthday is December 3. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card, his address is 1212 11th Ave. Happy Birthday, Orville!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU to Tom Schreiner and Bill Olmer for overseeing the cleaning and painting of our church. All your gifts of time and talent for our church are greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Oct. 1: Adult Env.: \$7706.00; Loose: \$492.76; Children's Env.: \$1.89; Online: \$2355.50; All Souls: \$30.00;

Assumption: \$25.00; Total: \$10,859.50 Mission Sunday: \$25.00; Vocations: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Short: \$-2711.33; Oct. 1: Needed: \$186,514.76; Received: \$144,700.23 Short: **\$-41,814.53** (\$-154.87 per family)

Franciscan Sisters: Need: \$8400.00; Rec'd \$4790.00 Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:40 a.m. Adult Choir Practice	Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Mary Our Queen Program, Franciscan Sisters
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
	6:30 p.m. Mary Our Queen Program, Franciscan Sisters	Thursday	9:00 a.m. Mary Our Queen Program, Franciscan Sisters
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Friday	100 th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory		7:30 a.m. Rosary; 8:00 a.m. Mass
	5:30 p.m. Grades 1-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary		9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

**PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE – Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us!
MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS**

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Nelson Graven+	Special Intention	
Tuesday	Poor Souls+	Dona Vasa+	
Wednesday	Nora Heng+	Dovel & Beccard Families+	
Thursday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Jakeb Myers+	
Friday	Ewald Beilman, Jr.+ (Anniv.)	Bonnie Zelmer+	
Saturday		Raymond & June Yost+	6:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. David Heng
Sunday		Ed Mills+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Joe Miller Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
SERVERS	Grant, Sam, Miles Draus	Ben & Blake Miller	Nick Fedoris, Gage Schmitz, Hunter Lackey
LECTORS	Barb Stukenholtz	Mary Kay Hengen	Ron Schmitz
ACOLYTES	Matt Nienaber	Kevin Rettig	Jeff Funke
OFFERTORY	David & Lori Everett	Larry & Nan Benscoter	Joe & Marliss Miller

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Oct. 9-14 – Tyler Kleineweber, Hunter Lackey, Simon Bruggeman; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Marv Gittinger

READINGS: Oct. 9, Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37; Oct. 10, Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42; Oct. 11, Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4; Oct. 12, Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13; Oct. 13, Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26; Oct. 14, Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28; Oct. 15, Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Prayer and trust are key to living as stewards.

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.

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.

SALAD LUNCHEON: The First Lutheran Church Women are hosting their annual Fall Salad Luncheon on Thursday, October 19 from 11-1:30 p.m. at the church, 315 S. 16th St. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or from the women of the church. Also, a quilt raffle. Each year the salad luncheon proceeds benefit a local, state and global project. This year's salad luncheon will benefit the Nebraska City Food Pantry and Lutheran World Disaster Response for U.S. Hurricane Relief.

FEED YOUR SOUL: Our bodies need nourishment every day. So we feed them. We give them water. We make sure we get enough rest. Our souls need nourishment every day, too. With spiritual wisdom from Matthew Kelly and other leading Catholic authors of our time, Daily Reflections will help you focus on what really matters so you can become the-best-version-of-yourself. Sign up for free today at dynamiccatholic.com

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly: Upcoming retreats are October 20-22 for men and women with Fr. Craig Doty "Jesus, Please Heal Me," October 27-29 for men and women with Fr. Mark Cyza, Legion of Mary Retreat, November 3-5 for women with Fr. Michael Mitchell, LC and Fr. Peter Krezalek, LC Regnum Christi: Spiritual Exercises and November 17-19 for men and women with Fr. Steve Thomlison "Seven Sorrows of Mary." Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

"JESUS MY FRIEND RETREAT": On October 28 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Omaha's St. Robert Bellarmine Knights of Columbus Council #10108 is sponsoring a retreat for adults 18 years and older who have developmental, cognitive and/or physical disabilities. The *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 opening 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. Register Early! (Deadline 10-14-17) For more information and registration form visit <http://jesusmyfriendretreat.weebly.com/> or call Bob Burns, 402-618-1540 or email at srkc10108@yahoo.com

2-DAY UNBOUND CONFERENCE: Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at **St. Vincent de Paul's Parish-Seward, NE** Friday, October 20 - 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, October 21 - 8-5 p.m. The event is free and registration is required. Please register at: www.lincolndiocese.org/unbound

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT QUEST RETREAT! Quest is a retreat for freshmen and sophomores in high school. Rooted in the love of God, Others, and Ourselves, we learn to live in JOY! Quest #34 will be November 4-5 at St. Stephen Church in Lawrence, NE. For more information: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest

JUNIORS AND SENIORS—COME ON A TEC RETREAT! Take a weekend for yourself as an opportunity to encounter Christ with other teens. The next retreat is November 17-19 in McCook, NE. For more info or to register: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec

HELP NEEDED – ST. FRANCIS GIFT & THRIFT STORE in Auburn. Catholic Social Services has been providing emergency services to many in the surrounding communities through the items that you donate or purchases you make help the store provide these services. We cannot do this work for God without you! We need your donations, we need your purchases and we need your prayers. We are in great need of more volunteers. This can consist of a 2 hour shift one time a month, once every other week, or one time a week. We have a calendar with open times so it is your choice as to what time will work. But, we first need everyone to fill out a volunteer form, which includes a background check. This a requirement in most businesses in a world where we all have to protect ourselves from potential problems. The information is kept confidential. If you are able to help, please call 402-274-4818. Messages can be left and a call will be returned. Store hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 2-6 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, 10-2 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, holidays and Holy Days.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Oct. 9: Mary Kay Hengen, Oct. 11: Alyce Hollesen, Oct. 14: Jennifer Howard, Oct. 16: Anna Mae Kaiser, Oct. 18: Mary Kaiser, Oct. 21: Jean Kreifels, Oct. 23: Jenny Kearney, Oct. 25: Linda Lollmann. Oct. 28: Jackie Loseke, Oct 30: Amy Lucas, Nov. 1: Tamara Levins, Nov. 4: Suzi Martin, Nov. 6: Cindy McGinnis, Nov. 8: Mary Mills, Nov 11: Kilee Olson, Nov. 13: Mary Penning, Nov. 15: Mary Pargett. 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}): **Oct. 14:** Ellen Reeves, Kevin & Deb Rettig, Nicole Richardson, Mike & Janis Riege, Luke & Colleen Ritz, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Christine Runyon, Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Louis Santi, Christina Scharfen. **Oct. 21:** Teresa Schlorholtz, David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Ron Schmitz, Donald & Lynell Schomaker, Kevin & Elizabeth Schomerus, Ronald & Diane Schomerus, Clarence & Carol Schram, Steve Schreiner. **Oct. 28:** Keith & Arlene Schreiter, Ted & Carmen Schreiter, James & Ellen Shank, Buck & Amber Shawhan, Elizabeth Slagle, Shannon Slater, Jackie Smith, Jolene Spevak, William & Teresa Stanberry. **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: "Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of the glory in us." St. Thomas Aquinas