

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 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 (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.

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 \$4136.50. 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.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME MORE FUN! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 15, St. Joseph's Church, Paul. Meet at St. Mary's Church parking lot at 4:45 p.m., load the bus and be at St. Joseph's for 5:30 p.m. Mass. Sloppy Joes, chips, fruit, and s'mores. Hayride, glow-in-the-dark disc tag, bonfire, and singing. For more information, call Barb Stukenholtz, 402-209-4976.

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.

"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.

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 \$45,976.39 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 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.

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.

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 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.

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. 2: 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: **\$45,976.39** 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, 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	William Wolfe+	Special Intention	
Tuesday	Angela Kramer+	Dona Vasa+	
Wednesday	Special Intention (JW)	Dovel & Beccard Family+	
Thursday	Ewald Beilman, Jr.+ (Anniv.)	Grandparents+ of Leonard & Mary Kaiser	
Friday	O'Flaherty Family	Don & Patricia Perkins+ Susan Perkins+	
Saturday		Velda Kreifels+	6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+
Sunday		Chris Parrish+	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	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Joe Miller Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
SERVERS	Jackson & Rylan Esser	Colton Davis, Brock Hogeland Mark Loseke	Aaron & James Mason Thomas Ragland
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Jim Wirth	Lee Turner
ACOLYTES	Daren Box	Paul Madison	Jason Esser
OFFERTORY	Bill & Kathy Aultz	John & Ronda Wington	Monica Welsh Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Oct. 10-15 – Nick Fedoris – Ethan Bruggeman; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Sharon Crunk

READINGS: Oct. 10, Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32; Oct. 11, Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41; Oct. 12, Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46; Oct. 13, Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54; Oct. 14, Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7; Oct. 15, Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12; Oct. 16, Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL – UPCOMING EVENTS: NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 10 - Teacher In-Service. www.lourdescentralcatholic.org. Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter: @lourdesknights

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.

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: srk10108@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. 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.

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 CampKateriT@gmail.com or call 402-319-3289.

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.

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: 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, 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 Fey, Nov. 21: Judy Francois, Nov. 23: Hettie Funke.. 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. 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 Whiting. **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.