

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 Community Hospital Chapel - Monday-Friday - 6:20 a.m.; St. Mary's Church - Monday-Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration - St. Mary's Community 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Dan Lucas, Dean & Cheryl Hauptman, Dennis Heng, 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), Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. and Fridays from 3-4 p.m. 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.

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED - CCD (CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE) for students not attending Catholic school. Classes begin for **GRADES 1-6** on Wednesday, September 14 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. CCD for students in kindergarten will begin on January 4. **REGISTRATION FORMS & SCHEDULES FOR K-6** are available in the entrance of the church or thru our website. CCD fees/Activity fees are \$50.00 each for the first two children and \$27.00 each for each additional child. **2nd Grade** students only are to include an additional **\$8.00** for the 1st Communion Banner. Payment is due and payable at the time of registration. Completed registration forms can also be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. If the fee is a financial burden, please contact Fr. McCabe or the parish office and special arrangements will be made. For more information, please call Diane Denniston, CCD Coordinator, 402-209-2498 or the parish office, 402-873-3024. **7-12 Grade CCD** will begin on Sunday, September 11 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the rectory of St. Benedict. Supper will be provided each week. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Cyza, 402-873-3047.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS will take place next weekend, September 17-18. Each family will receive 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 assessment for this year is \$9424.79. 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. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church and return your contribution thru the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS), a process used by Catholic parishes to welcome and prepare adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or exploring whether or not the Catholic faith is for them (or baptized Catholic, but not yet Confirmed). It is a journey of faith in community, during which information about the Catholic faith is shared and the drawing of one's heart closer to God are joined to help the person live a fuller Christian life. We meet weekly on Wednesdays during the school year and will begin on Wednesday, September 14 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lourdes High School. Supper and daycare will be provided. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Cyza, 402-873-3047.

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME: The rectory will soon be getting new energy efficient windows and the roof on the bell tower will be repaired. The cost for the windows is \$26,230.00 and the roof repair is \$19,388.00. Funds that have been donated thru the Building Fund special envelope and some of the Joy of the Gospel funds will be used. If you would like to contribute towards these projects, your donations are welcome. Thank you to all those that support our parish thru the Building Fund and the Joy of the Gospel. Thank you to all of you that have given to our Building Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SIGN-UP TODAY!!! ST. MARY'S CHURCH YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE - SEPTEMBER 25: During this "Year of Mercy," our parish is planning a pilgrimage on Sunday, September 25. Our chartered bus leaves Lourdes parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and we will attend Mass at the Carmelite Monastery in Agnew. We will also visit Assumption Church and grounds in Dwight, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward and the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Lunch will be on your own in Seward either at McDonalds, Pizza Hut or La Carreta Mexican Restaurant. Cost is \$25.00 for adults and \$13.00 for children (thru 12th grade). To reserve your seat, please complete the registration form below.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? The adult choir is in need of members who enjoy singing. Consider sharing your gift with your parish by joining the adult choir. Weekly practice is on Sundays at 9:40 a.m. and the choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. You don't have to commit to participating 100% of the time. We want you to sing when it fits in your schedule. Families can join even if everyone doesn't read music. We will adjust to make this work for you. Students in grades 9-12 are also invited to join. This is a great way to honor God through the gift of song. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Dan Giittinger 402-873-4635. Thanks, and praying that you will join us.

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.

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO SHARE: If you have fresh fruits and vegetables that you would like to share for Lourdes Hot Lunch Program, donations are being accepted at St. Mary's and St. Benedict's. Thank you for your generosity for our students.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Among the primary themes in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' well-known parable of the Prodigal Son is forgiveness and the need to repent. But from a stewardship point of view what is also interesting is one of the secondary themes: the failure to use responsibly the gifts that have been so generously bestowed. The youngest son who demanded his inheritance and left home, broke no laws or religious commandments. His wrongdoing was that he wasted his inherited wealth, the abundant gifts given to him. His sin was in his extravagant living; squandering his gifts in pursuit of selfish pleasures. Good stewards acknowledge that everything they have comes from God, and they are required to cultivate these gifts responsibly. What are our God-given gifts? Do we use them responsibly? Do we exercise good stewardship over them?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Sep. 4: Adult Env.: \$7396.00; Loose: \$245.60; Children's Env.: \$.00; Online: \$2392.00; Assumption: \$25.00; Total: **\$10,058.60**
Building Fund: \$127.00; Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$6011.00; Balance Needed: \$2489.00; Guardian Angel: \$170.00
World Mission Sunday - \$25.00; Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: **\$500,000.00**; Received: **\$43,806.39**
Thank you for your generosity.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.* St. Clare of Assisi

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Leonard Martin+	Tom Funke, Jr.+	
Tuesday	Delora Roland+	Myron & Velma Henner+	
Wednesday	Betty Hiesterman+	Doug & Sally Wigington+	
Thursday	Robert Reese+ (Anniv.)	Ed Mills+	
Friday	Herbert Detloff+	Eugene Schreiner+ (Anniv.)	
Saturday		Don & Patricia Perkins+ Susan Perkins+	6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+
Sunday		Dave Heng, Sr.	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	Zachary Whitten, Eli McNeely	Tanner Kochanowicz, Caleb Stukenholtz Sam Williams	Mason, Cade, Beau Lee
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Matt Parsons	Tanya Lee
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Adam Howard	Erik Olson
OFFERTORY	Mark & Melissa Travis Family	Herman & Myla Weber	Derek Walters Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Sep. 12-17 – Alex Peter – Anthony Onate; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Jim Lowe; Reader: Denise Davis

READINGS: Sep. 12, 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10; Sep. 13, 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17; Sep. 14, Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17; Sep. 15, 1 Cor 15:1-11/Jn 19:25-27; Sep. 16, 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3; Sep. 17, 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15; Sep. 18, Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Following the Lord may be uncomfortable for us.

ST. ANDRES'S CHURCH, TECUMSEAH IS HOSTING THEIR 12TH ANNUAL AUCTION & DINNER on Saturday, September 17 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dinner, auction, raffle and much more. See the flier in the entrance of the church.

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 September 30-October 2 for men and women with Fr. Michael Morin "To Pray as Jesus Taught," October 7-9 for men and women with Fr. Wade Menezes, "Year of Mercy Retreat & Conference." 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.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL JOB POSITION – ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR: Requirement: B.S or B.A., 3-5 years business experience with 1-3 years emphasis in Development/Advancement or public relations. Strong skills in communication, organization, sales and public relations. Prefer an active Catholic with demonstrated understanding of parishes and Catholic schools; Proficiency in oral and written communication and computer literacy. Maintain a strict level of confidentiality on all matters relating to Parish and School business. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:** Monday, September 12. Interested applicants should email a resume and cover letter to Father Mark Cyza, at fr.mark-cyza@cdolinc.net. For more information visit <http://nclourdescatholic.org/schoolsite>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, Lincoln's largest community kitchen and outreach center, is teaming up with over 500 volunteers of all ages for the 20th Annual "Huskers Helping the Homeless"- the Best Defense Against Hunger. This year's event is the weekend of September 16-18 for the Nebraska vs Oregon football game. Volunteers wearing red "Huskers Helping the Homeless" T-shirts will be at Sam's Club and Walmart stores, Russ's and Super Saver stores, South Pointe Pavilions and downtown accepting donations on behalf of Matt Talbot Kitchen, and in turn, the working poor and homeless men, women and children of our community. Donations will support Matt Talbot's hunger relief and homeless prevention services offered 365 days of the year! Volunteer shifts are available all day on September 17 prior to the 2:30 p.m. kick-off. Volunteer shifts are also available the day before and the day after the game, September 16 and 18. It is great activity for youth groups, bible study groups, and families to do together. Register [online](http://www.mtkserve.org) at www.mtkserve.org. Students receive three volunteer service hours. Your support of this activity helps Matt Talbot continue to show God's love to those most vulnerable in our community. Thank you and God Bless You.

SINGERS WANTED: Saint Cecilia Choir is seeking new members. If you are interested in making Christmas music, making new friends and enjoying fellowship with fellow music lovers, this might be the place for you. Mondays from September thru November, 7-8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Hamburg, IA. Questions or more information, call Reva Benefiel at 712-382-0251.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: Sept. 12: Pat Stoner, Sept. 14: Shelli Stuhr, Sept. 17: Shawn Stukenholtz, Sept. 19: Marcia Talmon, Sept. 21: Julie Volkmer, Sept. 24: Allison Weddle, Sept. 26: Hope Weninger, Sept. 28: Kathy Wigington, Oct. 1: Cheryl Wirth, 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}): **Sep. 17:** Carline Moles, Robert & Kristine Moser, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Jennifer Mucha, Sam & Pat Nanfity, James & Patricia Neu, Matthew Nienaber, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer, Erik & Kilee Olson, Jessica Olson, Scott & Jan O'Neil. **Sep. 24:** Tom & Mary Paap, Ken & Mary Pargett, Marv & Mary Penning, Jeanna Pestel, Dawna Fitzsimmons, Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carissa Phillips, Robert & Heather Popish, Robert & Sarah Racek, Merle & Muriel Rakes. **Oct. 1:** David & Sonja Ramold, Amanda Rayhel, Charlene Reese, Dean & Diane Reese, Jeff Reese, Kevin & Deb Rettig, Nicole Richardson, Mike & Janis Riege, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Christine Runyon. **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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE – SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____ Cell phone(S) _____

No. of Adults _____ x \$25.00 _____

No. of Children _____ x \$13.00 _____ (Children thru grade 12)

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Payment is due at the time of reservation and payable to St. Mary's Church. Reservations can be made by mail (218 N. 6th St., Nebraska City, NE 68410), dropped in the collection basket or at the parish office.