

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 - stmarysnebraskacity@windstream.net

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 17, 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 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.

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.

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.

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION: The Diocese of Lincoln is collecting monetary donations to help Catholic Charities USA with the recovery efforts of the victims of hurricane Harvey. Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency in the US Catholic Church. Your donation supports disaster response and recovery efforts including direct assistance, rebuilding, and health care services. 100% of the funds raised will go to disaster relief efforts. Please pray for all those that have been affected. Thank you to all those that contributed to this collection. If you would still like to donate and did not bring your contribution today, please do so, by next weekend.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER - CCD (CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE) for students not attending Catholic school in **GRADES 1-6** is held on **Wednesdays, from 5:30-6:45 p.m.** in Lourdes Primary. CCD for students in kindergarten will begin second semester. **REGISTRATION FORMS FOR K-6** are available in the entrance of the church and on 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 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** is held on **Sundays** from 5-6:30 p.m. in the rectory of St. Benedict. Supper will be provided each week and lots of fun. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Cyza, 402-873-3047.

YOU ARE INVITED!! THE ADULT CHOIR would like to invite you to join in sharing your gift of song with your parish at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The choir practices before Mass around 9:40 a.m. for each Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. They will have special Wednesday evening practices for holidays and special events when needed during the year. If you like to sing, please join us. You do not have to attend every Sunday, only when available. High school students that are interested in community service hours are invited and welcome to come and would be greatly appreciated. Cantors are also needed.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Got Questions? RCIA has the answers. Why do Catholics do the things they do?? What is the Mass all about? What do Catholics believe and why? How is the Catholic faith different from other faith traditions? What is the role of Mary and the Saints for Catholics? **What** is RCIA and **Who** is it for? RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of 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. **When** and **Where** is RCIA? RCIA is held on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lourdes School. If the participant chooses to complete the process and is ready, they generally join the Church and receive their Sacraments at the celebration of the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday evening. **Why** should I begin RCIA? To learn more about the Catholic Faith, receive the Sacraments, draw closer to Christ in community and find greater peace, joy and strength for the journey. This is open to anyone who desires to learn more about the Catholic Faith (Catholic and non-Catholic). Supper and day care provided. Questions, contact Fr. Mark Cyza at 402-873-3047.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! Join area Catholic middle school students for our first gathering! Sunday, September 17 starting with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Paul, followed by a pool party, yard games, and cookout from 5-8 p.m. at the Schnitzer's Home, 452 S 67th Road, Nebraska City. Please bring a side to share; 6th grade-side dish, 7th grade-dessert, 8th grade-chips. For more information, email brookechaney@cdolinc.net

THE LEGION OF MARY invites families of the parish to host the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Mary's appearance at Fatima, we encourage our parish families to host the statue in their homes for 1-2 weeks to renew and encourage devotion to Our Lady and to pray for peace in our Nation and the world. It is said that Our Lady has bestowed special graces on the host families. If you would like to host Our Lady of Fatima in your home or would like more information, please contact Nora Gottwald, 402-209-0322 or Kathy Wigington, 402-209-1341.

300 CLUB! Lourdes Activities Association 300 Club numbers are on sale. Numbers will be drawn at 10 activities throughout the year. Each drawing there will be one \$200 winner, three \$100 winners, and eight \$50 winners for a total of \$900 given away at each drawing. Winning numbers are put back for the next drawing, so it is possible to win more than once. There are 120 chances to win! Pick your lucky number for \$50 by contacting Jennifer Howard (402)730-3016 or Sharon Heng (402)209-2324.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others - the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Sep. 10: Adult Env.: \$7051.00; **Loose:** \$370.70; **Children's Env.:** \$2.00; **Online:** \$1681.00; **Building Fund:** \$20.00; **Total:** \$11085.25
Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; **Short:** \$-2,237.23; **Sep. 10: Needed:** \$146,547.32; **Received:** \$107,177.03; **Short:** \$-39,370.29 (\$-145.82 per family)
Franciscan Sisters: Need: \$8400.00; Rec'd \$4535.00; Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00; Hurricane Relief: \$1405.51

Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:40 a.m. Adult Choir Practice	Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory
	4:00 p.m. MS Youth Group, St. Joseph's Church, Paul		5:30 p.m. Grades K-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		6:30 p.m. Mary Our Queen Program, Franciscan Sisters
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Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Thursday	9:00 a.m. Mary Our Queen Program, Franciscan Sisters

**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	Larry & Ethel Brouillette	Marty & Eldon Allgood+	
Tuesday	Gude & Nystrom Families+	Francis & Louise Ullsperger+	
Wednesday	Nellie Wolfe+	Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors	4:00 p.m. Scott Schreiner+ (NC Care & Rehab)
Thursday	Special Intention	Mary Gardner+	
Friday	Smith & Benscoter Families	Boyd Hayden+	
Saturday		Howard Weigle+	6:30 p.m. Richard Oelke, Sr.
Sunday		Steve Eickhoff+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Mary Lee Duncan Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Cathy Thomas George & Mary Kay Hengen	Ric Sevening, Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
SERVERS	Damon, Garrett, Robert Honeysuckle	James & Joseph Kearney Bobby Moser	Vance & Maverick Weninger Harper Weldon
LECTORS	Dan DeFreece	Tom Wigington	Tanya Lee
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng	Mark Eilers	Bryan Bequette
OFFERTORY	Daren & Beth Box Family	Jim & Cheryl Wirth	Kent & Cindy McGinnis

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Sep. 18-23 – Seth Whitney, Dominic Schizas, Jagar Matson; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Joan Beccard

READINGS: Sep. 18, 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10; Sep. 19, 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17; Sep. 20, 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35; Sep. 21, Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13; Sep. 22, 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3; Sep. 23, 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15; Sep. 24, Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: We are not owners; we are stewards.

LUNCHEON & ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Sunday, September 17, The First Presbyterian Church is hosting a luncheon and ice cream Social beginning at 12:00 p.m. There is no charge but a free will donation is appreciated. All donations will go toward purchasing a new dishwasher. Our hope is that you will come and enjoy yourselves.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN NEBRASKA CITY HAS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES! Facilities Assistant, full time; After School Club Coordinator, part-time; Long-term Substitute Teaching; Middle School/High School Science (Winter 2018); Elementary (Winter 2018); Activity Coaching & Sponsorships; Assistant Robotics Coach; Second Assistant Speech Coach; Middle School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach; Bus Drivers.

LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR BOYS: Online registration for Leadership Camp begins on September 15 (4pm) at www.campkateri.org. This Catholic program is a 7-day summer camp for boys entering grades 6-9. Camp 1 will be held on July 8-14, 2018. Camp 2 takes place on July 15-21, 2018. The cost is \$415. For more information, go to the Camp Kateri website or email CampKateriT@gmail.com.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN: MARY'S BATTLE FOR YOU: Come and join us for an exciting new parish program that gives a gripping account of the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This amazing eight-part video series beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. In addition to our study of Mary in Sacred Scripture, we will also unpack the development of the great Marian dogmas and research some of the well-known Vatican-approved apparitions of our Lady. As a bonus, each of the eight sessions will conclude with sound, practical advice on how to nurture your personal relationship with Mary, your spiritual Mother. No participant will walk away from this program without a richer love of the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Heaven. There will be three opportunities per week for you to attend this inspiring program. Beginning **Sunday, September 17** (6:30-8:00 p.m.); **Wednesday, September 20** (6:30-8:00 p.m.); or **Thursday, September 21** (9:00-10:30 a.m.). Call the Franciscan Sisters (402-873-3052) to register. All classes will be held at the Convent (1503 4th Corso, Nebraska City).

HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT SESSIONS for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **September 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: HEALING THE PAIN OF ABORTION: For many women and men, the pain that follows an abortion is too much to handle. Instead of facing the abortion, many turn to drugs, alcohol, and sexual promiscuity, hoping to find a temporary numbness to the pain. If you, or someone you know, is suffering from the pain of a past abortion, we can help. Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time is Rachel's Vineyard's ministry. The next Kansas City retreat will take place on **September 22-24**. Please call (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing.

"LIFE IS WORTH LIVING" – BISHOPS' PRO-LIFE BANQUET AND CONFERENCE, Friday, September 29, (social hour at 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, September 30 (conference at 8:30 a.m.) at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. Join Archbishop Lucas, Bishop Conley and Bishop Hanefeldt for a social hour and banquet dinner on Friday night. Keynote speaker is Wesley J. Smith, an expert and author in bioethics, euthanasia and assisted suicide. To register for the banquet, conference, or both, visit necatholic.org, call the Nebraska Catholic Conference at 402-477-7517, or e-mail (lgarcia@necatholic.org).

LIFE CHAIN - RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY – OCTOBER 1, 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 1 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.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD PARISH RETREAT: St. Joseph Church, Auburn, Saturday, October 7 – 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 8 - 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. This is a "back to the basics" retreat that proclaims the Gospel message: "Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." (Joy of the Gospel pp.164) Come listen to God's message...hear faith stories of others...respond to God's message in your own mind and heart...the rest is up to Him. Please prayerfully consider joining us! It's a great opportunity to make a retreat but still go home to sleep in your own bed. Call Fulton's for sign up or with questions: Bill--402-274-7454; Lana--402-274-7462

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Sep. 18: Lynn Gibson, Sep. 20: Lana Gilson, Sep. 23: Maggie Griepenstroh, Sep. 25: Kathy Grundman, Sept. 27: Stephanie Hackett, Sept. 30: Noreen Harris, Oct. 2: Pat Heng, Oct 4: Sharon Heng, Oct. 7: Elaine Heng, 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. 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.): **Sep. 23:** Jennifer Mucha, Sam & Pat Nanfito, Darrell Navrkal, James & Patricia Neu, Matthew Nienaber, Aaron & Kelly O'Donnell, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer, Erik & Kilee Olson, Nick Smith, Jessica Olson, Scott & Jan O'Neil. **Sep. 30:** Tom & Mary Paap, John & Janet Palmtag, Ken & Mary Pargett, Julie Parker, Marv & Mary Penning, Tim Peter, Jim & Dawna Fitzsimmons, Chad & Angela Peterson, Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carissa Phillips, Robert & Heather Popish. **Oct. 7:** Robert & Sarah Racek, Tom & Rachelle Ragland, Merle & Muriel Rakes, David & Sonja Ramold, Amanda Rayhel, Laura Recker, Charlene Reese, David Reese, Dean & Diane Reese, Jeff Reese. **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.