

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website:

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Pastor: Very Rev. Michael G. McCabe
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Associate Pastor: Rev. Michael A.

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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), and Fridays from 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.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN - CCD (CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE) for students not attending Catholic school. Classes for **GRADES 1-6** are being held on Wednesdays 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** is held on Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the rectory of St. Benedict. Supper is provided each week. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Cyza, 402-873-3047.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS will be taken up during the second collection today. 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 goal 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. We are so blessed to have so many priests in our diocese and two of the many of seminarians preparing for the priesthood from our parish. Our support financially and prayerfully is very important. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church and return your contribution thru the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued prayers for vocations.

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 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.

SIGN-UP TODAY!!! ONLY ONE MORE WEEK- 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.

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.

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.

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. Currently we have received \$44,806.39 in new donations. Donations can also be given in memory or in honor of a friend or family member. 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.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS UP-TO-DATE - CHANGED ADDRESSES, PLANNING TO MOVE? DROPPED YOUR LAND LINE, ADDED A CELL, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please call the parish office with your new information. If you are planning to move out of our community, please also, let us know. Thank you.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In Jesus' parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master's wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God's favor.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Sep. 11: Adult Env.: \$7415.00; Loose: \$308.55; Children's Env.: \$3.47; Online: \$1644.50; Total: \$9371.52

Building Fund: \$152.00; Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$6470.00; Balance Needed: \$1930.00; Guardian Angel: \$45.00

Lourdes Building & Renovation - Match Contributions: Needed: \$500,000.00; Received: \$43,806.39 Thank you for your generosity.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.*

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Kelly Hartley Beccard+	Sam Nocita+	
Tuesday	Poor Souls+	Dave Heng, Sr.	
Wednesday	Velda Kreifels+	Mary Gardner+	
Thursday	Mark Detloff+	Bill Gangel+	
Friday	Eileen Gunn+	Howard Weigle+	
Saturday		Ron & Germaine Wulf+	6:30 p.m. Karen McQuillan+
Sunday		Scott Schreiner+	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	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	Jack & Andrew Bakula	James & Joseph Kearney, Bobby Moser	Jack & William Funke. Michael Bequette
LECTORS	Sharon Crunk	Gail Walford	Kelly Madden
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland	Kevin Rettig	Duane Stuhr
OFFERTORY	John & Mary Wenzl	Chris & Deb Weddle	Adam Walters Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Sep. 19-24 – Maverick Weninger – Levi Anthens; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Ron Osovski; Reader: Marv Gittinger

READINGS: Sep. 19, Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18; Sep. 20, Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21; Sep. 21, Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13; Sep. 22, Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9; Sep. 23, Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22; Sep. 24, Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45; Sep. 25, Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Being true to the faith through prayer and gratitude.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL – UPCOMING EVENTS: Tuesday, September 20 - 6:00 p.m. Volleyball Lourdes vs. Sacred Heart; Wednesday, September 21 - 10:00 a.m. Late Start Staff Development; Thursday, September 22 - Volleyball Triangular, HOME, SPIRIT DAY. www.lourdescentralcatholic.org, Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter: @lourdesknights

ST. MICHAEL PARISH FESTIVAL, Sunday, September 25 from Noon-4:00pm. 9101 S. 78th Street, Lincoln, StMichaelLincoln.org. Food and fun for the whole family. EVERYONE is welcome! Please join us for: homemade ice cream and pies, carnival games for the kids, bounce houses, rib meals, hot dogs, auctions and raffles, a car show and much more!

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.

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.

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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.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. VENTRE: 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. 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. **Oct. 8:** Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Teresa Schlorholtz, David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Donald & Lynell Schomaker, Kevin & Elizabeth Schomerus, Ronald & Diane Schomerus, Clarence & Carol Schram. **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.