

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

218 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Nebraska City, NE 68410

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Website: [stmarysnebraskacity.com](http://stmarysnebraskacity.com)

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, 402-242-2631

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](mailto:wulfpak@windstream.net)) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Ron Fullenkamp.

**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, Tuesdays and Fridays 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.

**ATTENTION!!! JOY OF THE GOSPEL & BISHOP'S CHARITY AND STEWARDSHIP APPEAL PAYMENTS:** Please send all payments to the campaign office along with your ID number that is included on the payment stub. Please do not send to St. Mary's Church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.

**8:00 A.M. MASS SEPTEMBER 8 AT THE GROTTTO:** Everyone is invited to attend Mass with our Lourdes K-12 students at the grotto east of the school on Friday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. **NO MASS AT THE CHURCH unless inclement weather.**

**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.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** May 13, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Marian Apparition at Fatima, Portugal. ALL PARISHIONERS and their family members are invited to prepare for this anniversary by joining in the Consecration to Jesus Through Mary, 33 Days to Morning Glory. This 33 day retreat will begin on **September 4** and conclude on **October 13**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother implored the faithful to pray the rosary and do penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world. Her messages are more relevant now than ever. If you are interested in joining in this retreat or renewing your Consecration this spring, please contact Kate Roberts, 402-209-4362. Books are available on the kiosk in the entrance of the church. The DVD series by Fr. Michael Gaitley is available on Formed.org. To get FORMED, go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code." Enter the code "BHRREJ." Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** The Adult choir will start up for the season on Sunday, September 3. The choir will practice before Mass around 9:40 a.m. for each Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. We 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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA OPEN HOUSE:** The Catholic Daughters of Americas will meet on Tuesday, **September 5** at Table Creek Golf Course for dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Please join us as we plan activities for the coming year. Every Catholic woman in a 30 mile radius is welcome to come and learn more about CDA. If you are already a member but haven't been to a meeting for a while we'd love to have you back. Come and learn more about this wonderful organization. If you have any questions call Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976 or Barb Jensen at 402-321-6819. We look forward to seeing you there.

**CCD (CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE)** for students not attending Catholic school in **GRADES 1-6** begins on **Wednesday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m.** in Lourdes Primary. Registration will be held that night in the school basement. 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. **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** students only are to include an additional **\$8.00** for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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** will begin on **Sunday, September 10** 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.

**THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. If you would like to learn more about what the Stewardship Committee does in our parish, please feel free to attend. If you would like more information, please call Julie Parker, 402-297-0677, Scott & Jan O'Neil, 402-259-3325 or the parish office.

**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.

**COUNSEL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:** All women are of the parish are invited to the Plattsmouth Deanery Counsel of Catholic Women at St. Mary's on Tuesday, **September 12 at 6:00 p.m.** We will begin with Mass. Meeting will follow in the church hall from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Questions, contact Dotti Easter 402-297-1211.

**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.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." At the end of the reading Jesus suggests there is great hope in the cross. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross and that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost is to themselves. Reflect this week on the cross you bear in order to reveal God's glory. How do you embrace that cross? How, at times, do you shirk that cross when it is not convenient?

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought." St. John Paul II

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Aug. 27: Adult Env.: \$6373.00; Loose: \$524.43; Children's Env.: \$2.40; Online: \$1633.50; Building Fund: \$70.00;

Assumption: \$80.00; Total: **\$8683.33** Vocations: \$20.00; Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00

Franciscan Sisters: Need: \$8400.00; Rec'd \$4405.00 Thank you for your generosity.

**MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS**

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Special Intention	Francis & Louise Ullsperger+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oscar Heng+	Emil Koubek Family+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gude & Nystrom Families+	Ullsperger & Henner Families+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Myron & Velma Henner+	Susan & Matthew Heng+	
<b>Friday</b>	Francis & Vera Lavigne+	Dona Vasa+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Jerome Ullsperger+	6:30 p.m. Lois Harris+
<b>Sunday</b>		Anna Mae Kaiser & Family	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
<b>SERVERS</b>	Rylan Esser, Andrew Bakula	Aidan & Tyler Kleineweber	Steven Walters, Sam Ebmeier, Reed Hamling
<b>LECTORS</b>	Barb Stukenholtz	Jerry Martin	Jeanette Eilers
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Ted Bernard	Paul Madison	Larry Lance
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Aric & Tara Bennett Family	Bob & Jody Weddle	Arvon & Lu Marcotte

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** - Sep. 4-9 – Gage Schmitz, Nick Fedoris, Oscar Krog; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Marv Penning; Reader: Marv Giittinger

**READINGS:** Sep. 4, 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30; Sep. 5, 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37; Sep. 6, Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44; Sep. 7, Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11; Sep. 8, Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23; Sep. 9, Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5; Sep. 10, Ex 33:7-9/Rom13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20.

**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE:** Set priorities based on God's values.

**LABOR DAY BRUNCH:** The Bethel United Church of Christ is hosting a brunch on Sunday, September 3 from 11-1 p.m. Serving sausage, eggs and choice of pancakes or biscuits and gravy, coffee and orange juice. Free will offering.

**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.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (ULYSSES) DINNER & BAZAAR (WHERE FR. STEC IS NOW):** Sunday, September 10 from 10:30–3:00 p.m. Serving fried chicken & ham with all the fixings, fresh cucumbers & tomatoes, and Kolaches. \$10 for adults. \$6 for children. \$11 for take-outs. Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. Auctions at 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

**ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT:** Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly: Work of the Holy Angels September 7-10; and Fr. Thomas Dunavan September 15-17, "Saints for Today". Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com)

**LEARN HOW OUR NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL OPERATES:** Learn about the assaults on our children, our families, and our religious freedom. Learn what you can do to make a difference! Saturday, September 9 from 9-11 a.m. at the Morton-James Library, 923 1<sup>st</sup> Corso in Nebraska City. Speaker: Sen. Joni Craighead, Nebraska City native, who now represents District 6. Sponsored by Nebraskans for Founders Values. For more information, call Mark B at 402-490-8612 or Charlene E at 402-598-1100. "The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Fee \$20. See flier in entrance of the church.

**MERCY & MARY WEEKEND RETREAT FEATURING FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY, MIC:** Experience the TIME of MERCY! The Mercy and Mary Retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC will be held on September 15-16 at St. Gerald Church in Omaha. 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. For more information or to register go to [events.marianmissionaries.org](http://events.marianmissionaries.org).

**CATHOLIC COFFEE HOUSE:** The Catholic Coffee House is having an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 24th and O Sts. in Lincoln. This year, our presentations will be on the Catholic Perspective on the Reformation. The first presentation in this series will be Sunday, September 10, 7–8:30 p.m. with Msgr. Timothy Thorburn speaking on the "Historical Perspective: Viewing the Reformation through the Lens of Medieval Culture, Religion, and Politics." Each session includes a presentation, Q & A and opportunity to purchase some great refreshments! There is no fee and no registration is required. Questions? Call (402) 473-0615 or email [ore@cdolinc.net](mailto:ore@cdolinc.net)

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARIAN MASS, ROSARY & CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION** will be on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. on the Marian Center Grounds near Waverly. Bishop James D. Conley will be the main Celebrant and Homilist. Join us in prayer on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima! In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at St. Teresa's Church, 735 S. 36<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln. The Fatima play will be performed in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. and October 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Teresa's Church in Kaczmarek Hall. All are welcome to attend!

**INTRODUCTION TO DELIVERANCE:** Have you ever wondered what exactly deliverance is or how it fits into our Catholic Faith? The Office of Evangelization will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minutes talks. This is open to ALL: laity, clergy, religious, & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and the Unbound Ministry & how each person can benefit from it. Join us at St. Vincent de Paul's Parish (in the Church) on Thursday, September 14, 7-8:30 p.m., 152 Pinewood Ave. Seward, NE. **NO registration required.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Corso, Nebraska City).

**STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN:** Sep. 6: Joan Fedoris, Sep. 9: Marlene Fey, Sep. 11: Janet and Marlene Frana, Sep. 13: Judy Francois, Sep. 16: Hettie Funke, Sep. 18: Lynn Gibson, Sep. 20: Lana Gilson, Sep. 23: Maggie Griepenstroh, Sep. 25: Kathy Grundman. 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.

**YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!! CHURCH CLEANING – JUST A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES OF THE PARISH:** All families of the parish are asked to help with cleaning of our church. Sometimes there are a number of volunteers that come to work together to clean our church. Sometimes there are two or three or sometimes just one. Please be considerate of those that you are scheduled to serve with to clean the church. If you are not able to come, please find a substitute from the list below or call Kathy Duffy for assistance. All families are only asked to help clean the church two or three times each year. Be kind, do your part as a member of our parish. If you forget, please come the next week. Please also sign the notebook in the entrance of the church so that we know that you have come to serve your parish. If you have traded or substituted for someone, please also, notate that. Thank you to all those that faithfully clean our Lord's home.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME – CHURCH CLEANERS (following the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass {8:30 a.m}):** Sep. 9: Rita Mathews, Aaron & Dana Mayberry, Bailey Mazzulla, Riannon Jeffery, Roger & Patricia McConnell, Derek McGinnis, Taylor DeVorss, Kent & Cindy McGinnis, Susan McGowen, Jason & Molly McNeely. Sep. 16: Brett & Emily Meyer, Laci Meyer, Stephen Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick, Joe & Marliss Miller, Scott & Kristin Miller, Mary Mills, Carline Moles, Robert & Kristine Moser, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer. 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. **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.

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