

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Michael G. McCabe

Associate Pastor: Rev. Steven W. Thomlison

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, 873-4948

Confessions: Saturday - 4:00-5:00 p.m. or by appointment CCD Coordinator - Diane Denniston, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Rose Schreiner, Martha Detloff, Patricia Heng, Cathy Sawyer, Mercedes Moeller, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Lacie Bruns-Morris, Jo Link, Joyce Kempkes, Lisa Snyder, Isaac Durr, Fr. Bill Kalin, Marie Stoll, Jeff Van Stelton, Delrosa Riege, Zane Clark, Pamela Peck, Linda Smith, Billy Howell, 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. Please also call the office if the person is no longer in need of prayers. Names will be listed for 60 days and then transferred into our Book of Intentions. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY for our seminarians, Alexander Kelly, Timothy Kennett, Rev. Mr. Steven Mills, and John Paul Mitchell. 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.

CAN YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS? ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- Thursdays - 1-2 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration is held beginning on Monday following the 6:20 a.m. Mass and ends at 12:00 a.m. Saturday morning at St. Mary's Community Hospital Chapel. If you are not a regular scheduled adorer and would like to be or would like more information, please call Pam Gress, 873-4948. Everyone is always welcome. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

ADVENT RECITAL: You are invited to celebrate the Christmas season at Nebraska City's annual community-wide Advent Recital, featuring church choirs and other musical groups. The Advent Recital is Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments to follow in the church hall. A free-will offering will be held to benefit SENCA (Southeast Nebraska Community Action).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. We will be having a Christmas potluck, social time, and playing Cardo-O! Members are asked to bring a side dish or salad to share. Drinks, meats, and dessert will be provided. Please bring a small gift (\$5 and under) for Cardo-O. Contact Patrice Wulf at 873-6848 or Mary Mills at 873-6247 if you plan to attend. Anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters is welcome and members are encouraged to invite a friend. Membership is open to all Catholic women within a 30 mile radius of Nebraska City.

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS TREES will be purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. You may donate \$10.00 per flower as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to honor someone living. Donations are also being accepted to purchase the trees. Special envelopes are available in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Please make donations by **Sunday, December 16** either through the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE: This year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) falls on a Saturday. This will mean attending a Friday evening Vigil, or a Saturday morning Mass. The Saturday evening Mass *must* be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent, and therefore it does "not count" as fulfilling the Holy Day of Obligation of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass schedule is Friday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 6:20 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. (all here at St. Mary's.)

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the 20th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. Start looking for those famous, fancy and colorful Christmas cookie recipes!!

This event is an opportunity to involve the whole family. Each family of the parish is asked to bake 6-8 dozen cookies. Please, **no chocolate chip or peanut butter**. Keep the size small—big ones break easily. Bring your cookies to the church hall anytime Friday, December 14 but, **please before 8:00 a.m.** on Saturday. If you need someone to pick up your cookies, please call Mary Mills, 873-9338, Monday-Friday 8-2 p.m. or at home, 873-6247 or call Linda Lollmann, 873-3986. If you are unable to bake cookies, please consider making a donation of \$20.

On Saturday, come and bring your friends and family to walk around the tables and choose those special cookies for your bucket. If you have not been to our "Cookie Walk" before, you will be amazed at the sight of all the tables full of beautiful and delicious cookies. Buckets are available for \$8.00 or if you bring last year's bucket, the cost is \$7.50. They make great Christmas gifts.

This is a great fundraiser for our parish, so please plan to participate in this annual event. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent for your parish. May God Bless you for your gifts of time and talent. Fr. Michael McCabe, Mary Mills and Linda Lollmann, Co-Chairmen.

Students needing community service are invited to help with the Cookie Walk. Call Mary or Linda.

YEAR END PLANNING: It won't be long until 2012 is just a memory. Have you included your church in your year end gift planning? If you need an additional tax break, please remember your parish. Currently we are **\$19,899.72** short of meeting our budget goal. If you are able to help with this shortfall, your help is welcomed. Thank you to all of you that faithfully return a portion of gifts to your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable foods and personal care products are always needed. A box is available in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all of those that have returned their stewardship of treasure commitment card. Your gifts are very important in carrying out the mission of the church. If you have not returned your commitment card, please do so by next Sunday. May God bless you for your generosity.

THANK YOU for your generous donations to Fr. Finnian. Contributions totaled: \$1355.00. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all those that contributed to the Cloistered Sisters collection. Contributions totaled: \$911.00. Thank you for your generosity.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns about the end-time; be vigilant, spiritually awake, pray, avoid self indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - Your Gifts to the Lord

Nov. 25: Adult Env.: \$6141.00; Loose: \$769.92; Child. Env.: \$.75; All Saints: \$10.00; Total: \$6921.67; Cloistered Sisters: \$911.00
Needed Weekly: \$10329.69; Short: **\$3408.02**; Needed: July 1-Nov. 25: \$227,253.18; Received: \$207,353.46; Short: **\$19,899.72**

Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday - 5:30 p.m. CCD Grades 7-12, Lourdes School

6:00 p.m. Advent Recital

Monday - 7:00 p.m. Church History Class, church hall

Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. CDA Dinner, church hall

Wednesday - 8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory

9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. CCD Class, Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary

5:45 p.m. Adult choir practice

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. class, Lourdes School

Thursday -9:00 a.m. Bible Study, Franciscan Sisters, call 873-3052

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Bernice Nanfito+	Special Intention (MG)	
Tuesday	Special Intention	Cecil & Catherine Klein+	
Wednesday	Patrick Riley+	Herbert & Rosa Volkmer+	
Thursday	Lu Cullin+	George & Lizzie McGowen+	
Friday	Lois Brown+	Mary Pudenz+	5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Saturday	Priest's Intention (AT CHURCH)	Lorene Clark Family	6:30 p.m. Naomi Schomerus+ (Anniv.)
Sunday		Orville & Jacki Oelke	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	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Arnie Beckman Kent & Cindy McGinnis
SERVERS	Grant, Sam, Miles Draus	Caleb Stukenholtz, Eli McNeely	Kylan McGinnis, Jameson DeFreece James Hoeschen
LECTORS	Sharon Crunk	Tom Wigington	Amy Lowe
ACOLYTES	Laurence DuBois		Larry Lance
OFFERTORY	Ron & Regina Barrett	Sean & Maureen Chance Family	Emily Wolken Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Dec. 3-8 – Caleb Howard – Octavio Lopez Dec. 8 – 5:30 p.m. James & Joseph Kearney - Bobby Moser **LECTORS:** Dec. 7 – 5:30 p.m. Wilber Fey; Dec. 8 – 6:20 a.m. – Deroy Harshman; 8:00 a.m. – Jeanette Eilers

READINGS: Dec. 3, Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11; Dec. 4, Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24; Dec. 5, Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37; Dec. 6, Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27; Dec. 7, Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31; Dec. 8, Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38; Dec. 9, Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Love is contagious. So is stewardship. Both involve an overflowing of generosity.

THE ROSARY is prayed every morning at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Everyone is invited to come and pray this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

HELP WANTED: Lourdes Hot Lunch Program has an opening to assist the food service manager in food preparation and serving our students five days per week 5-6 hours per day. If interested in applying for the position, please call Linda Willson, 873-3024 (Mon.-Wed.-Fri.).

CONFESSION SCHEDULE/PENANCE SERVICES: Penance services have been scheduled at the following locations on Sunday, December 16: 11:30 a.m. St. Joseph's, Paul; 12:00 p.m. St. Paulinus, Syracuse; 1:00 p.m. St. Patrick's, Manley; 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's and St. Leo's, Palmyra; 3:30 p.m. Church of the Holy Spirit, Plattsmouth. Additional times are: December 21 from 7:15-7:55 a.m., December 22 from 7:15-7:55 a.m. and 4-5 p.m., December 23 from 7:15-7:55 a.m. and 9:30-9:55 a.m., December 24 from 7:15-7:55 a.m. and 4:00-4:55 p.m. or call the parish office for an appointment, 873-3024.

GIVING TREE: Located in the narthex of the Church is a giving tree. Please consider taking an envelope and giving a financial donation towards the Lourdes Building fund. The envelope you take is the amount of money you put in it. Thank you for supporting the Lourdes Building Project.

200 CLUB: There are still tickets left for the 200 club. If you have not yet purchased your ticket or would like another one, contact Joan Fedoris 402-209-0093 or joan-fedoris@cdolinc.net or Hettie Funke 402-873-3987.

CHRISTMAS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS: Due to many Adorers having holiday and travel plans, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Friday, December 21 – concludes before 6:20 a.m. Mass; Monday, December 24 – None; Tuesday, December 25 – None; Wednesday, December 26 - resumes following 6:20 a.m. Mass. Church visits and adoration are always encouraged regardless of whether the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Thank you to all of our dedicated adorers.

INDIVIDUAL, MARITAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING AVAILABLE on Mondays in Nebraska City. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Catholic Social Services at 402-489-1834.

COPY PAPER NEEDED: Lourdes School is in need of new copy paper. Donations of reams or cases of paper are welcome and can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you.

WHAT IS THE "BOX OF SOCKS"? The Catholic Daughters of the Americas supports many charitable organizations. One such organization is the Tutwiler Community Education Center located in Tutwiler, Mississippi. This small rural town is located in the northwest corner of Mississippi called the Mississippi Delta. Besides the programs at the Center, the town has no recreation programs for children or teenagers. There are no maintained parks or public transportation and only a small library open three days a week from 9:00-4:00 p.m. The median income is \$19,000.00 and unemployment rate is around 16.1%. This year one of the requests made by the Center was athletic socks for children and adults. If you are able, please donate new, clean, athletic socks in the box placed in the vestibule of church! Donations will be picked up on December 1. Thank you in advance from your local Catholic Daughters!

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!!! ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK is a great gift for someone that enjoys cooking and likes to try new and tested recipes. A beautiful hardbound book with over 300 recipes. Bargain priced at only \$5.00 each. Cookbooks are available at Wenzl Hardware, Antique Mall, Shear Magic, St. Benedict's Church or by calling Linda Willson, 873-3093 or Dotti Easter, 297-1211. Don't forget to get one for yourself!!!

SCRIP: Help raise money for Lourdes school and earn money towards your tuition. You can place your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com or e-mail or call Ann Beccard at ann-beccard@hotmail.com or 402-209-2922. Thank you for helping support our school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of 2-4 volunteers to help the residents of Golden Living Center in Nebraska City with bingo. St. Mary's Church is scheduled for the months of January, April, July and October on Mondays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. If you would be willing to help, please call Sharon Crunk at 873-4568 or 873-3353.

THE LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC EVENT COMMITTEE is looking for teapots and china teacups/saucers to use for table decorations for the 2013 Event. The theme is "A Knight in Wonderland." The teapots and cup will not be returned. If any parishioners have been cleaning out cupboards and have some they would like to donate, please contact Sally DuBois at 873-6154 or sally-dubois@cdolinc.net. They also can be dropped at Lourdes High School.

RETREAT SCHEDULES AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL: Looking for peace and quiet and an appropriate place to reassess your life and values? Are you desirous of a deeper relationship with Our Lord? If so: **HE** is inviting **you personally** to "come away by yourself to a quiet place and rest awhile." **Upcoming retreats:** December 14-16 for men and women with Fr. James Meysenburg, "Is there room in the Inn?" and December 21-23 for men and women with Msgr. John Perkinson "The Christ Child: The Ultimate Gift." See the website at www.goodcounselretreat.com or the brochures in the entrance of the church for the full schedule. You can register at our website or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE AND FR. THOMLISON: Dec. 3: Suzi Martin, Dec. 8: Brooke Chaney, Dec. 10: Suzanne Cooksey, Dec. 12: Kay DeFreece, Dec. 15: Sally DuBois Dec. 17: Janie Ebmeier, Dec. 19: Jeanette Eilers, Dec. 22: Mary Farris, Dec. 24: Maureen Chance, Dec. 26: Joan Fedoris, Dec. 29: Marlene Fey, Dec. 31: Janet and Marlene Frana. 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 the 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.): **Dec. 8:** Will & Sue Daniel, Craig & Joni Davis, Bill & Betty Davis, Dan & Kay DeFreece, Bambi Diaz, David & Melanie Dines, John & Debra Dubas, Laurence & Sally DuBois, Barbara DuBois. **Dec. 15:** Robert & Mary Lee Duncan, Ryan & Janie Ebmeier, Charles & Sue Eickhoff, Mark & Jeanette Eilers, Stephanie Eppert, Mike & Sheila Essary, Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Nile & Mary Farris. **Dec. 22:** Charles & Joan Fedoris, Wilber & Marlene Fey, Marcia Fox, David Frana, Janet Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois, Jeff & Hettie Funke, Tom & Dorothy Funke. **Dec. 29:** Rynn Gawart, Rose Gebers, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad, Dan & Richarda Gittinger, Mike & Lana Gilson, Mary Gomez, Pam Gress. **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.