

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 - stmarysnebcity@windstream.net

Prayer Chain: email: Patrice Wulf, 873-6848 (wulfpak@windstream.net) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Carline Moles, Ned Cox, Aaron Mayberry, Angie Childers, Shirley Hackett, Trini Lipp, Emmett Christiansen, Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie & Lexis Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Albert Burger, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Donna Thoms, Juanita Kreifels, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 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. Everyone is always welcome to make a visit. If you are not a regular scheduled adorer and would like to be or would like more information, please call Pam Gress, 402-969-0556. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH: February is designated as Catholic Press month and each household should be receiving our diocesan paper *The Southern Nebraska Register*. Our diocesan paper has international, national and local news including our parish and school along with information on how to grow in our faith. The cost to our parish is \$5670.00. Suggested donation is \$15.00 to help defray these costs. If you are able to contribute more than \$15.00, your help is appreciated. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT - STATIONS AND BENEDICTION: Two Masses have been added - Monday & Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. beginning Monday, February 19 through Wednesday, March 21. Daily attendance at Mass is a good, positive undertaking for the season of Lent. On **Fridays at 5:15 p.m.** there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

K OF C FISH FRIES: Come join the Knights of Columbus for the Friday Night Fish Fries during Lent. Fish Fries will be held Friday, Feb. 23, March 2, 9 and March 16 from 5-7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. The Knights will be serving baked and fried fish, shrimp, mac and cheese, potato wedges, coleslaw, bread/butter, choice of dessert and drink. As always, it's free will offering. Please come and support the Knights and their worthy projects.

RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER: All Knights, widows of Knights and any interested parties are invited to the Knights of Columbus Religious Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, February 25, in St. Mary's Church Hall. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. This year's speaker will be author, Jim Sizemore. Come and show your appreciation for our Religious Community. The winners of The Right to Life Essay Contest will be announced.

CREATE A GIFT BASKET FOR THE SOUP SUPPER'S COUNTRY STORE - MARCH 4: If you, your business or a group of friends would like to create a gift basket for the Country Store, we will sell chances to win these baskets. Containers will be set in front of each basket so you may choose which basket you would like a chance to win. As we draw for the raffle prizes, we will also draw winners for these baskets. Please contact Jeanette Eilers, 402-599-9536, Julia Russell, 402-209-2340 or Vonna Grooman, 308-672-5563, if you would like to donate a basket.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP - SOUP SUPPER COSTS? The cost for all the ingredients for the soups that will be prepared for our soup supper are approximately \$450 (Rec'd \$100). If you would like to help defray this cost, your help is welcomed? Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Soup Supper Supplies" and place in the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ST. MARY'S SOUP SUPPER - MARCH 4: Sign-up today in the entrance of the church to help with our annual soup supper on Sunday, March 4.

LOOKING WAYS TO GROW SPIRITUALLY DURING LENT? Attend daily Mass, pray the Rosary at St. Mary's Church each morning at 7:30 p.m. or at home, or sit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. Check our **WORD ON FIRE**-Sign-up for free Gospel reflections from Bishop Robert Barron during Lent <http://www.lentreflections.com/>; **BEST LENT EVER** A free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>; **CATHOLIC FAMILY FAITH** <http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/lent.html>; **AVE MARIA PRESS** Lent is a great time to do some spiritual reading, find plenty of books at <https://www.avemariapress.com/category/PM70/Lent-Resources/>

LADIES - ARE YOUR DUES PAID TO THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY? The Christian Mothers/Altar Society includes all ladies of the parish. Annual dues are **\$20.00**. A special envelope is available in your set of contribution envelopes for your convenience or you may use Online Giving. Dues may be placed in the collection basket or given to Mary Mills. Your dues and proceeds from the rummage sale go to support the parish in purchasing the altar bread, candles, missals, music issues, altar flowers, server's cassocks and much more. For more information, please call Shelli Stuhr, 402-873-7535 or Rachelle Ragland, 402-713-5099.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: February 23 - Stations and Benediction - 5:15 p.m. & Fish Fry - 5-7 p.m.; March 4 - First Confession - 3:00 p.m. & St. Mary's Soup Supper - 4-7 p.m.; Communal Penance Service: March 25 - 2:00 p.m.; April 5-7 - Rummage Sale; April 15 - First Communion - 12:00 p.m.; July 15-20 - Totus Tuus.

FORMED.ORG - WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF FORMED FOR OUR PARISH? Have you taken the opportunity to explore Formed.org? FORMED, the Catholic Faith on Demand with 24/7 access to the best Catholic teaching content on any device, including your computer, tablet or smart phone with internet access. With FORMED you will find video programs that explains the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and inspiring audio talks. The Diocese of Lincoln, through the generosity of the Joy of the Gospel campaign provided all parishes in the diocese a two year subscription. Currently we have 85 subscribers. Our subscription will be expiring soon. The cost of the subscription is **\$1604.00** (Rec'd \$50) per year. If you would like to see this great learning source of our Catholic faith continue, please consider a contribution to help in its funding for our parish. Your contribution can be placed in an envelope marked "Formed" and placed in the collection basket, mailed, dropped by the parish office or placed through Online Giving under Formed. If you have not visited the Formed.org website, [go to Formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code."BHRREJ." Get the FREE FORMED APP.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Feb. 11: Adult Env.: \$4981.00; Loose: \$303.26; Children's Env.: \$2.00; Online: \$2399.00; Building Fund: \$20.00;

Ash Wednesday: \$1911.00; Total: **\$9,616.26** Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Vacuum Cleaners: \$100.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Short: \$3706.22; Feb. 11: Needed: \$439,641.86; Received: \$463,465.28; Over: **\$21,692.42** (\$79.46 per family)

Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5670.00 - Rec'd \$1862.00 Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 5:00 p.m. CCD - Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's rectory

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

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

Friday 5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry, church hall

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

5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction

5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades K-6, Mass followed by Class

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Francis & Vera Lavigne+	Lester Kinnison+	5:15 p.m. Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Jan Penning+	Paul Bauer+	
Wednesday	Isadore & Cecilia Mayrose+	Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors	4:00 p.m. Robin Harding+ 5:15 p.m. Priest's Intention
Thursday	Delores Penning+	Tom Funke II+	
Friday	Leonard Van Liew+	Susan & Matthew Heng+	
Saturday		Margaret Heng+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Leonard & Clara Heng+
Sunday		Sr. Mary Cecilia Mills	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	Jase Rosane, Hunter Lackey Severin Stukenholtz	Colby & Caleb Howard	Steven Walters, Sam Ebmeier Reed Hamling
LECTORS	Tyler Mason	Jerry Martin	Tanya Lee
ACOLYTES	Ted Bernard	Paul Madison	Tom Gude
OFFERTORY	Mark & Melissa Travis Family	Jim & Bonnie Lowe	Erin Weldon Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Feb. 19-23 – Maverick Weninger, Jagar Matson, Brady Schnitzer; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dale Kreifels; Reader: Terry Smith

READINGS: Feb. 19, Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46; Feb. 20, Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15; Feb. 21, Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32; Feb. 22, 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19; Feb. 23, Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26; Feb. 24, Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48; Feb. 25, Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: The call to give alms is the call of stewardship.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on All Fridays of Lent. **EASTER DUTY:** All the faithful who have received First Communion are to receive Communion at least once through the Easter Season that is between the First Sunday of Lent and Holy Trinity Sunday.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE - RICE BOWL: In Iraq, we encounter Majad and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Pick up your family's rice bowl from the entrance of the church today. Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

JOIN US FOR TRIVIA NIGHT WITH LOURDES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (LAA): Teams of eight will compete for prizes on Saturday, March 17 from 7-9 p.m. at Table Creek Clubhouse. Join us to participate in Trivia Night or just for the fellowship and food and drink specials. Cost is \$80 per team of 8 or \$15/person. For more information or to register your team, contact Emily Wolken 402-713-9236 or email gsm3703@aol.com

K OF C FISH FRY & ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE hosted at St. Paulinus Church, Syracuse from 5-9 p.m. will be held March 2 and 16. Serving carp, Pollock, catfish nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

APPLE CORPS BARBERSHOP SHOW will be held on March 3 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Lourdes School Auditorium. Featuring the Apple Corps, Belles-a-Peelin, comedy quartet Boardwalk, the violin students Frontier Strings (past show favorite) and the outstanding Pink Ladies. Tickets are just \$10 at the door, from barbershop members or by calling Gerry Wirth at 402-874-0407.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their March 6 meeting in **St. Benedict's Church Hall** at 6:30 p.m. Please bring any Catholic or inspirational books that you have that you are willing to lend or share, be sure to put your name in the book so it can find its way back to you. If you haven't been to one of our meetings, come and see what we're all about. Call Barb Stukenholtz, 402-209-4976 or Barb Jensen, 402-321-6919 with questions. Did you know that Catholic Daughters supported the following charities over the past year? CDA Highlights: Advent Coat Drive for 2016 - collected over 150 coats and distributed them locally and to Catholic Social Services; Donate the deserts for the Knights of Columbus fish fries; Collected games for the Tutwiler Education Center in Mississippi; Holds an annual Salad Luncheon on the 1st Wednesday in June. This is our only fundraiser; Collected reams for paper to help out Lourdes Central Catholic School; Collected cleaning supplies, baby wipes and toys for St Gianna's Home for women; Provided Confirmation prayer cards and medals to those who were confirmed; 2017 Advent Drive collected sleeping bags and blankets for Catholic Social Services to distribute to the homeless; collected over 100 items.

FATHERS OF BOYS 10-14 YRS: Father/Son program for ages 10-14 yrs will be held at Lourdes School on March 18 from 2-4 p.m. Guest speakers will be Fr. Cyza, Dr. DeFreece, and Dr. Crotty. Questions, contact Patrick Gress @ 402873-0326 or patrickgress@yahoo.com.

HOLD THE DATES MOTHERS OF GIRLS 10-13 YRS: Please join us for the upcoming "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Mother Daughter Program" Saturday, March 24 from 9-12 p.m. This program is designed to educate and empower girls as they approach and experience puberty; all in light of God's design. Cost is \$20/girl or \$30/family. Registration required by March 17. To register contact Jennifer Davis at 402-261-6375 or jmdavis17@gmail.com

THE STAMP COLLECTION GOES THROUGH LENT! Catholic Daughters of America are collecting postage stamps for Lourdes School. Our Lenten drive will last until April 2. There will be a tote box in the back of church if you would like to donate. Lourdes School is such a blessing to our community, we are happy to help support them anyway we can. Please call Barb Stukenholtz with questions, 402-209-4976.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL has the following full time positions available for the 2018-2019 school year: 1st Grade Teacher, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Middle School Social Studies Teacher and Director of Technology. Lourdes Central Catholic is a preschool-12th grade Catholic Life Preparatory School whose mission is "To assist parents in the development of their children by providing a Christ centered environment which promotes spiritual, academic, and social growth in order to prepare students for active participation in the church, in their families, and in society." If the opportunity to be a part of our mission and the Lourdes family is exciting to you, please visit our webpage at www.lourdescentralcatholic.org for more information. For questions or to apply, contact Mr. Feilmeier, Principal, at 402-873-6154 or curt-feilmeier@cdolinc.net.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LOURDES EVENT. "ESCAPE TO THE TROPICS" ON APRIL 7, 2018 AT LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

The Lourdes Event is our annual fundraiser that supports the goals and operations of Lourdes Central Catholic School. The Event is a fun evening that starts with Mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by a social hour and silent auction, dinner and grand auction at Lourdes. We hope you will join us for the evening and we also welcome any donations for the silent or live auction! We appreciate any item handmade or purchased, large or small, vacations, weekend getaways, tickets to sporting events or concerts, etc. If you would like to volunteer, have a gift you would like to donate, or would like more information about the Lourdes Event, please contact Brooke Chaney 402-873-6154 or brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Feb. 19: Noreen Harris, Feb. 21: Pat Heng, Feb. 24: Sharon Heng, Feb. 26: Elaine Heng, Feb. 28: Mary Kay Hengen. Mar. 3: Alyce Hollesen, Mar. 5: Jennifer Howard, Mar. 7: Anna Mae Kaiser, Mar. 10: Jean Kreifels, Mar. 12: Jenny Kearney, Mar. 14: Tamara Levins, Mar. 17: Linda Lollmann, Mar. 19: Jackie Loseke, Mar. 21: Amy Lucas, Mar. 24: Suzi Martin, Mar. 26: Patricia McConnell, Mar. 28: Cindy McGinnis, Mar. 31: Mary Mills. 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 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}): **Feb. 24:** Anthony & Michelle Kaiser, Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, Bradley & Catherine Kassube, Mike & Jenny Kearney, Patricia Kleineweber, Brian Kochanowicz, Sheri Kochanowicz. **Mar. 3:** Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Kreifels, Wayne & Brenda Kreifels, Grant & Shana Lackey, Larry & Debbie Lance, Janelle Krisko, Juli Lechner, Robert & Debbie Lechner, Ronald & Katherine Lechner, Tanya Lee. **Mar. 10:** Brett & Jessica Leibhart, Jeff Lollmann, Linda Lollmann, Mike Lollmann, Don & Jackie Loseke, Mark Loseke, James & Bonnie Lowe, Amy Lucas, Dan & Jean Lucas. **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.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "Love is shown more in deeds than in words." - St. Ignatius of Loyola