

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: 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, 402-209-2498

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 the happy repose of the soul of Loretta Sarraillon and David Schreiner.

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 Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9-10 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 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.

ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT - STATIONS AND BENEDICTION: Two Masses have been added - Monday & Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. thru 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.

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.

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, 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.

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.

SEE THAT'S MY PAN FLIER that's attached to the bulletin and support the Christian Mothers/Altar Society Fundraiser.

SEE THE SOUP SUPPER INFORMATION and support our parish soup supper.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Feb. 18: Adult Env.: \$4502.00; Loose: \$623.75; Children's Env.: \$2.00; Online: \$2119.00; Building Fund: \$20.00;

Ash Wednesday: \$60.00; Total: \$7326.75 Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; Joy to the Gospel: \$6429.50; One Rose One Life: \$335.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Short: \$5995.73; Feb. 18: Needed: \$452,964.34; Received: \$470,792.03; Over: \$17,827.69 (\$65.30 per family)

Southern Nebraska Register: Needed: \$5670.00 - Rec'd \$1962.00 Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	5:00 p.m. Religious Appreciation Dinner	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting, church hall
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Friday	5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry, church hall
	5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary		5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Carol O'Flaherty+	Delrosa Riege+	5:15 p.m. Isaac Rutledge
Tuesday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Richard Oelke, Sr.+	
Wednesday	Lester Kinnison+	Ed Mills+	5:15 p.m. Priest's Intention
Thursday	Francis & Vera Lavigne+	Charles & Lorraine Gude+	
Friday	Gene & Marian Smith Family	Bonnie Zellmer+	
Saturday		Rosa Beilman+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Dave Heng, Sr.
Sunday		Alice Oelke+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
SERVERS	Tyler Lechner, Johnny Heng	Aidan & Tyler Kleineweber	Vance & Maverick Weninger, Sam Bolin
LECTORS	Buck Shawhan	Gail Walford	Kelly Mason
ACOLYTES	Tom Wigington	Danny Heng	Larry Lance
OFFERTORY	John & Mary Wenzl	Amy Lucas Family	Monica Welsh Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Feb. 26-Mar. 3 – Harper Weldon, Seth Whitney, Jaxson Reese; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Pat Gress; Reader: Marv Giittinger

READINGS: Feb. 26, Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38; Feb. 27, Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12; Feb. 28, Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28; Mar. 1, Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31; Mar. 2, Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46; Mar. 3, Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; Mar. 4, Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Stewardship calls on us to share the blessings God has given us.

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.

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 Rachele Ragland, 402-713-5099.

ST. MONICA'S PRAYER: During the month of March, all ladies of the parish are urged to attend daily Mass and pray this Prayer of St. Monica each day: "O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved you to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Monica, pray for us!"

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March 2 - 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.

FIRST CONFESSION will be held on Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 p.m. for our second grade students. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Communion on Sunday, April 15.

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: We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? 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 csrcebowl.org for more information.

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 PINK LADIES will share their gift of song on Sunday, March 4 at 9:45 a.m.

SOUP DINNER: St. Martin's Church, Douglas is hosting their annual soup supper on Sunday, March 4 from 10:30-1:00 p.m. Soups, sandwiches, pies and deserts. Free will offering. See flier in the entrance of the church for more details.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. If you would like to learn more about the stewardship committee or volunteer to serve on the committee, please call Julie Parker, 402-297-0677.

FALLS CITY FISH FRY, FRIDAY, MARCH 16: The Knights of Columbus is hosting their annual Lenten Fish Fry at Prichard Auditorium, 312 West 17th St, in Falls City. Serving from 5-8:00 p.m., fish, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, bread & butter, ice cream, and drink. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under with takeout orders available for \$1 extra. Proceeds support Catholic education at Sacred Heart School.

PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM: Lord and Master of my life. Take away from me the will to be lazy and to be sad. The desire to get ahead of other people and to boast and brag. Give me instead, a pure and humble spirit, the will to be patient with others and to love them. Grant, Lord, that I may realize my own mistakes and keep me from judging the things other people do, for you are blessed, now and forever. Amen.

ST. MARY'S SOUP SUPPER – MARCH 4, 2018 – 4-7 P.M.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER will be held on Sunday, March 4 from 4-7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. We will again be serving our delicious homemade soups – chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato and homemade salads and desserts. Cost is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children 3-11 and 2 & under free, not more than \$25.00 per immediately family. Plan to bring the whole family and don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors.

COUNTRY STORE: Will be open Saturday, March 3 following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, Sunday, March 4 following the 8 & 10 a.m. Mass and during the Soup Supper from 4-7 p.m.

RAFFLE: Please help us sell raffle tickets. 23 great prizes will be raffled that were donated by many generous businesses. Books of tickets will be available in the entrance of the church. Thank you to all those that donated prizes.

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VOLUNTEERS NEED: Please stop in the entrance of the church today to sign-up to help at the Soup Supper and Country Store.

EACH FAMILY is asked to participate by helping with the following:

Sell a book of 25 raffle tickets and return them with the proceeds through the collection, at the parish office or at the supper, but be sure to do so by Sunday, March 4.

Plan to make one homemade pie or fancy dessert, one large salad and something for the Country Store (baked goods, craft items, new or gently used household items such as pictures, dishes, candles, religious items, baskets, etc.). Items for the Country Store can be brought to the entrance of the church between 3:00 p.m. until Mass time, Saturday, March 4. Please price items, if you wish.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 4 and plan to take part in this parish event.

In 2017 we cleared \$4468.75, so let's make this year even better. For more information or to volunteer to help, please call our chairpersons, Jeanette Eilers, 402-599-9536, Julia Russell, 402-209-2340 or Vonna Grooman, 308-672-5563.

Thank you to all those that give generously of their time and talent in making this a successful event.

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.

LOOKING FOR 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 out **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/len.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/>

A 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. DeFreeze, 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

ATTENTION LEGAL PROFESSIONALS -THE RED MASS WITH BISHOP CONLEY to pray for all in the legal profession will be Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln. A breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Joshua McCaig on religious liberty issues for lawyers. All are invited, see redmass2018.eventbrite.com.

THE STAMP COLLECTION GOES THROUGH LENT! Catholic Daughters of America are collecting new 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.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: February 23-25 for men with Bishop Fabian Bruskevitz "Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power and Possessions," March 2-4 for men and women, Fr. Joseph Faulkner "The Bible Lets You Talk to God Better, March 16-18 for women, Magnificat with Susan Potvin, "Life in the Spirit Retreat," March 19-22 for men and women with Fr. Gary Coulter, 4-Day Ignatian Retreat and March 29-31 for men and women with Fr. Thomas Dunavan, "Saints for Today." Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

CAMP KATERI DUELING PIANOS BENEFIT: Camp Kateri is hosting its annual benefit dinner on Friday, April 13 at Stone Creek Reception Hall in McCool Junction. The entertainment is The Fun Piano Show, by 176 Keys. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The Dueling Piano Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$350 for a reserved table of eight. To order tickets, please email CampKateriT@gmail.com or call [402-724-2596](tel:402-724-2596).

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Do you use online banking? Do you use online bill pay? If so, try St. Mary's Church Online Giving. With our online giving program, you have the choice of when and how often you give to the church. All the special collections are available for you to plan your year of giving. Your gifts are directly deposited into the church's bank account and your contribution is directly downloaded to your contribution record. So there is no depositing of checks, no recording of envelopes, no errors in posting and a savings in mailing envelopes. You save time, checks, and also have access to your contribution record at any time. So, if you haven't set up your Online Giving account, please give it a try. To start your account, go to stmarysnebraskacity.com and click on the Online Giving button. Then follow the directions. If you don't use a computer or you need help in setting up an account, please call the parish office and Linda will be glad to assist you. Currently we have **88** families that use Online Giving. Over \$669,000.00 has been contributed through our Online Giving program. 26% of Thank you to all those that use Online Giving. **TRY IT TODAY!!!**

PLEASE NOTE: If you bank at **Premier Bank**, and are still using Farmers Bank checks, please make sure that you use this routing number: 104000870

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

LOURDES ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM WINS STATE! Lourdes Central Catholic School Academic Decathlon team competed in the State Competition is the 2017-2018 State Champions in the Very Small Schools Division and the State Runner-up in the Small Schools Division. For more information & students' individual awards, visit www.lourdescentralcatholic.org.

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

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN NEBRASKA CITY IS ENROLLING NOW FOR PRESCHOOL-12TH GRADES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR! Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment & Information Night is March 7 at the Primary Campus, 411 5th Rue. Enrollment & Information for the 3-4 year old program begins at 6:30 p.m. and Enrollment & Information for the 4-5 year old program begins at 7:15 p.m. We are excited to be offering new days/times and more options for our Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten programs, please visit the school website for more information, www.lourdescentralcatholic.org. New families can join us for an Information & Application Night on March 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Main Campus, 412 2nd Avenue. For more information call 402-873-6154.

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 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

NO CCD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 FOR GRADES K-6

YOUTH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES: Visit www.lincolndiocese.org under the tab "YOUTH MINISTRY" to find out youth spiritual growth opportunities scheduled for this summer. SKY CAMP, RETREATS, CANOE TRIP, ETC

YOUR DISHES ARE WAITING FOR YOU: There is a large number of dishes waiting for their owners in the church hall. If you have brought a dish for a parish function or for dinner for the priests recently and have not picked it up, please do so at your earliest convenience. All dishes remaining at rummage sale time will be donated. Stop and pick yours up today. Thank you.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE: Declutter the house and garage and bring all those good clean new or used items for St. Mary's rummage sale scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 5 & 6 from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 7 from 9-1 p.m. Items can be brought to the church hall **beginning March 5**, but please by Monday, April 2 so items can be priced and displayed. To help our volunteers to prepare for the sale, please sort your donations and **fold or hang clothing**. If you would be willing to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Anna Mae Kaiser, 873-6454. **Volunteers are also needed on Saturday, April 7 at 1:00 p.m.** to box all remaining items. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES & FATIMA: Come along November 5-15, 2018, to some of the most sacred places in all of Europe! We'll visit both of the great Shrines to Mary, Lourdes in southern France and Fatima in Portugal, and many great places in Spain. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,249 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 515-332-2856 or email fdanguenther@gmail.com

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARY'S:

Baptism: Please call the pastor to arrange for a baptismal instruction (of first child) and to schedule a baptism.

Marriage: The Diocese of Lincoln asks couples to participate in a program of preparation, which lasts from 4-6 months. Before setting a wedding date, the couple needs to contact the parish 6-12 months before the wedding date and begin the program of preparation with one of the priests.

Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick: People who are home-bound, even temporarily, are encouraged to call the rectory to arrange for a visit from one of the priests; shut-ins are ordinarily visited on the First Friday of the month.

Holy Order/Religious Life: Please see one of the priests for spiritual guidance in discerning whether God may be calling you to serve in one of these ways. As always, pray for vocations—for those already studying for the priesthood and religious life as well as for those God is calling.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: 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}): **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. **Mar. 17:** Gail Walford, Jane Lutz, Kelly & Sue Madden, Mark & Jennifer Madison, Paul & Angie Madison, Emily Magel, Arvon & Lu Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Jerry & Suzi Martin, Tyler & Kelli Mason. **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.



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You're invited to this month's meeting
February 28 - 7:00 St. Mary's Church Hall

Note the new starting time of the meeting.

Officers meet at 6:30 p.m.

We will be doing the second vote on the budget and expenditures.

Fr. Cyza will be covering "Into the Breach" at the conclusion of the business meeting.

We welcome our new Insurance Agent Spencer Ashburn and say "Thank You" to John Soukup for his service to our council. John is taking over another territory. Spencer's contact information: business cell phone 402-430-7999 and e-mail: Spencer.ashburn@kofc.org

Thank You to Patrick Gress for heading up the One Rose One Life Campaign. This is the major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus for The Right to Life. We had another successful campaign. The funds raised are used for national, state and local right to life efforts.

Please consider helping at one of the Fish Fries as part of your Lenten activities. We are in need of servers and dining room help. The dates for the Fish Fry Dinners are: March 2, 9 and 16. This is also a great opportunity for students to fulfill their Community Service Hours. This is our biggest fund raiser for the year and we need your help to make it successful. We would love to see some new faces joining our fundraising efforts. Thank you in advance for your help.

We will be holding the annual Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24. More information to follow. Rain Date will be March 31.

If you have not paid your 2017 dues, please get this in. I would like to get this finalized by April 1.

WISHING A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR KNIGHTS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN March:

Jerome Martin, Brian Stander, Don Davis, Vernon Kreifels, Nick Schmitz, Kaleb Bruggeman, Michael Gilson, Joe Chaney and Ken Carlstedt, Matthew Bruggeman.

KNIGHTS WITH MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES IN March:

Ray Gress -56 years, Melvin Kreifels, Kenneth Ramold -52 years, Clarence Schram -48 years, Vernon Kreifels -45 years, Mark Eilers, Ed Kreifels, Richard Sevensing -36 years, Carl Abbott -34 years, Gary Sasse -33 years, Richard Kingery -32 years, Bob Moser, Jr. -26 years, Doug Kreifels, Ed Stukenholtz -24 years, Matthew Bruggeman and Aaron O'Donnell -1 year.

Next Month's Meeting will be March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall.

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Shelli Stuhr, Rachelle Ragland, Emily Wolken & Mary Mills