

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - 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.

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 are needed on Mondays from 2-3 p.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 adorator 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. **PLEASE NOTE - INCLIMENT WEATHER:** The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed, if school has been cancelled because of weather, until the next day following the 6:20 a.m. Mass. If you have questions, please contact your "Day Captain" or Pam Gress.

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. Today there will be a second collection to help defray these costs. Suggested donation is \$15.00. If you are able to contribute more than \$15.00, your help is appreciated. Thank you.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available today in the entrance of the church. If you have any questions or corrections, please call the parish office.

THE NEBRASKA CITY FIRE MUSEUM SOUP LUNCHEON will be held today, Sunday, February 4 from 11-1 p.m. at the Fire Station. Serving a huge variety of soups and also a bake sale. This is a fundraiser for the Nebraska City Museum of Firefighting and Education Center.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. at El Portal restaurant. We will enjoy dinner, good company and a short meeting, hope you can come. Call Barb Stukenholtz at 402-209-4976 with questions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March 4 - First Confession - 3:00 p.m. & St. Mary's Soup Supper - 4-7 p.m.; April 5-7 - Rummage Sale; April 15 - First Communion - 12:00 p.m.; July 15-20 - Totus Tuus.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP - NEW VACUUMS CLEANERS NEEDED: The parish is in need of four new vacuum cleaners (\$200.00 each) and would also like to purchase a steam cleaner (\$100.00) or a total cost of \$900.00 (Rec'd \$250) to clean the church each week. If you would like to help with the cost, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "vacuum cleaners" and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

FORMED.ORG - WOULD YOU LIKE FORMED TO CONTINUE IN 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 \$25) 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 and click on "Register. Sign-up using your parish code."BHRREJ." Get the FREE FORMED APP.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: Next Sunday, February 11, we will be celebrating World Marriage Day and World Day of Consecrated Life and we congratulate all of our married couples and the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. A special congratulations to all of our couples that have been married 50 years or more.

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: St. Mary's Christian Mothers/Altar Society and Lourdes Junior Class parents are hosting a breakfast in St. Mary's Church hall on **Sunday, February 11 following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses.** Serving cheese omelets, sausage patties, homemade cinnamon rolls, fruit salad and drinks. Free will offering. All donations will support the Lourdes Junior/Senior Post Prom. Couples who have been married 50 years or more and our Franciscan Sisters will be honored following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

FROM THE BISHOP: The Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with Nebraska law. If you are aware of any such abuse, please notify local law enforcement, or call the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 1-800-652-1999 and to any parish pastor, teacher, or diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps can be taken for the protection of the elder or minor.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ALTAR SOCIETY dues of **\$20.00** are now due. 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. The Christian Mothers/Altar Society includes all ladies of the parish. 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Jan. 28: Adult Env.: \$6993.00; **Loose:** \$344.51; **Children's Env.:** \$3.50; **Online:** \$2726.50; **Building Fund:** \$40.00; **Total:** **\$10,107.51**
Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; **Short:** \$3214.97; **Jan. 28: Needed:** \$412,996.90; **Received:** \$438,207.02; **Over:** **\$25,210.12** (\$92.34 per family)
Franciscan Sisters: \$10.00; **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$70.00; **Vacuum Cleaners:** \$50.00; **Franciscan Sisters:** \$10.00; **Guardian Angel:** \$10.00
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	5:30 p.m. CCD - Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
	6:30 p.m. CDA meeting, El Portal	Sunday	World Marriage Day
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory		Breakfast Fundraiser after 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Mass

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Joey Glover+	Carol O'Flaherty+	
Tuesday	John Fischer+	Ed Mills+	
Wednesday	Del Dennis+	Bonnie Zellmer+	
Thursday	Wayne Henry+	Delrosa Riege+	
Friday	Bob Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Charles & Lorraine Gude+	
Saturday		Dennis & Brian Heng+	6:30 p.m. Betty Beckman+
Sunday		Lester Kinnison+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Jeff & Hettie Funke
SERVERS	William, Jackson, Dilan Eppert	Grant & Ben Chance Eli Wigington	Cade & Beau Lee, Paul Shawhan
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Mary Kay Hengen	Jeanette Eilers
ACOLYTES	Tim Baumann	Sean Chance	Duane Stuhr
OFFERTORY	Larry & Marcia Talmon	Mike & Jenny Kearney Family	Brad & Jo Vasa Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Feb. 5-10 – Severin Stukenholtz, Joseph Roberts, Justis Kreifels; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Joan Beccard

READINGS: Feb. 5, 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56; Feb. 6, 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13; Feb. 7, 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23; Feb. 8, 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30; Feb. 9, 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19/Mk 7:31-37; Feb. 10, 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10; Feb. 11, Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: It may require sacrifice to fulfill what we are called to do.

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 or Julia Russell, 402-209-2340, 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA are conducting their annual National Education Contest. Our Lourdes and CCD students are participating but there is also an adult section. If you are a CDA member and you would like to enter, the theme this year is "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with Joy". The categories are: Poetry, Art, Computer Art and Photography. The entries need to be given to Barb Stukenholtz by February 5. Please call her at 402-209-4976, if you have any questions.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: February 14 for women, Ash Wednesday LDCCW Day of Reflection, February 16-18 for women with Fr. Sean Kilcawley, "Diving Daughterhood/Merciful Motherhood and February 23-25 for men with Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz "Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power and Possessions." Register at www.goodcounselretreat.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.

FOR MEN & WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM DIVORCE: The **Catholic Divorced Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **February 5** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9 p.m. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, catholicfo@cdolinc.net.

"HEIGHTEN OUR HEART-TO-HEART COMMUNICATION" Marriage Encounter-weekend in Lincoln on February 9-11. To register contact Pat (308-940-0670) & Janelle (308-940-1105) Benson or 308-946-3568 Home.

JOY & HOPE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION MASS and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 11** at the regular **9:00 a.m.** Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more **who have registered**. Family guests are welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple to cover reception costs appreciated! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.

MARRIAGE SAVING – THE WEEKEND PHASE: During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend of February 16-18, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

HEALING: BRINGING THE GIFT OF GOD'S MERCY TO THE WORLD will be presented by Dr. Mary Healy, S.T.D. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/UNL Newman Center on February 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration for this presentation is \$10. All are welcome for the 6 p.m. vigil Mass, then join Dr. Healy for a healing prayer service from 7-10 p.m. There is no cost or registration required for the prayer service. To register for the presentation, go to <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.

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 CampKateriI@gmail.com or call [402-724-2596](tel:402-724-2596).

SKY CAMP & LEADERSHIP CAMP REGISTRATION: Online registration is open for SKY Camp and Leadership Camp. To register your child, or learn more about these outdoor experiences, go to www.campkateri.org

LEADERSHIP CAMP & SKY CAMP VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS: Camp Kateri is looking for youth counselors and adult volunteers for all summer camp programs. To download an application form, go to www.campkateri.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Feb. 5: Lynn Gibson, Feb. 7: Lana Gilson, Feb. 10: Maggie Griepenstroh, Feb. 12: Vonna Grooman, Feb. 14: Kathy Grundman, Feb. 17: Stephanie Hackett, Feb. 19: Noreen Harris, Feb. 21: Pat Heng, Feb. 24: Sharon Heng, Feb. 26: Elaine Heng, Feb. 28: Mary Kay Hengen. 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. 10: Kylie Hein, Andrea Heng, Aaron Conz, Daniel & Robin Heng, David & Debbie Heng, Lynn & Sharon Heng, Martin & Elaine Heng, Roger Heng, George & Mary Kay Hengen, Shawn Hermann. **Feb. 17:** Becky Hippen, John & Linda Hogeland, Alyce Hollesen, Dan & Alice Holtz, Adam & Jennifer Howard, William & Heather Howard, Robb & Maggie Johnson, Michael & Cara Justice, Scott & Tracy Juranek. **Feb. 24:** Anthony & Michelle Kaiser, Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, Bradley & Catherine Kassube, Mike & Jenny Kearney, Patricia Kleineweber, Brian Kochanowicz, Sheri Kochanowicz. **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: *No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus.* Albert Einstein