

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 - stmarysnebraskacity@windstream.net

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - 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 Alice Oelke.

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: 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. **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.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR practice will be held on Wednesday, January 24 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. and sing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 28. All students in 2nd grade and older are welcome to join and sing with the choir. If you have any questions, contact Kay DeFreece, 402-209-0321.

6TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE PITCH PARTY: Make plans now to attend our 6th Annual Progressive Pitch Party" (must be 19 & older) on Friday, January 26 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. Ten Point Pitch will be played along with other games for those that do not play pitch (if you have a favorite game, bring it along). If you don't know how to play Pitch, this is your chance to learn. All those attending are asked to bring \$1, your favorite snack to share, and your own beverage. It's sure to be a fun evening, so come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE: All are encouraged and invited to the annual Walk for Life on **Saturday, January 27**. The events begin with the Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m. with Bishop Conley. Speakers will follow at the State Capitol and the walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. No registration required.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3152 will be holding its annual One Rose One Life Campaign at all the Masses the weekend of January 27-28. Donations will go to the Culture of Life Foundation, which has purchased eight ultrasounds throughout Nebraska, Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life activities, Catholic Charities, Thomas More Society, and Nebraskans United for Life. The Knights of Columbus supports all three diocese in Nebraska to send pilgrims to Washington, DC for the Walk For Life. For more information, call Patrick Gress, 402-873-0326.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Catholic Daughters sleeping bag and blanket drive. We were able to deliver over 100 items to Catholic Social Services. We have such a generous community!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: The first disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel left their work and their daily routines to follow him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to him. The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safety of the little world we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord's call and be challenged by his Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God's mercy, compassion and hospitality he planted within us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Jan. 14: Adult Env.: \$4954.00; Loose: \$1370.25; Children's Env.: \$2.25; Online: \$1829.00; Building Fund: \$20.00;

Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00; Total: **\$8200.50**

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Short: \$5121.98; Jan. 14: Needed: \$386,351.94; Received: \$415,106.72; Over: **\$28,754.78** (\$106.50 per family)

Franciscan Sisters: \$80.00; Southern Nebraska Register: \$15.00 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	3:30 p.m. Children's Choir practice
Monday	7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting, rectory		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
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Friday	6:30 p.m. Pitch Party, church hall

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "Realize that you may gain more in a quarter of an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament than in all other practices of the day." St. Alphonsus Liguori

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Bernie Kreifels+	Ray Haiar+ (Anniv.)	
Tuesday	Carl Heng+	Claude Thorne+	
Wednesday	Gude & Nystrom Families+	Leonard & Clara Heng+	
Thursday	Robin Harding+	Tom Funke II+	
Friday	Francis & Vera Lavigne+	Mary Pudenz+	
Saturday		Raymond & June Yost+	6:30 p.m. Richard Oelke, Sr.+
Sunday		Robert Beccard+	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	Zachary Whitten, Eli McNeely	Tanner Kochanowicz, Caleb Stukenholtz Sam Williams	Quinten Vasa, Tyler Mason Alex Bebout
LECTORS	Tyler Mason	Gerry Wirth	John Dubas
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland	Adam Howard	Bill Olmer
OFFERTORY	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family	Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser	Duane & Shelly Stuhr Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Jan. 22-27 – Reed Hamling, Oscar Krog, Callen Schnitzer; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dale Kreifels; Reader: Marv Giittinger

READINGS: Jan. 22, 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30; Jan. 23, 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35; Jan. 24, 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20; Jan. 25, Acts 22:3-16/ Mk 16:15-18; Jan. 26, 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34; Jan. 27, 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41; Jan. 28, Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST will be held Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lourdes High School gym. Boys & Girls ages 8–14 are eligible. No entry fee is required. Contact Duane Stuhr (402-873-7535) for additional information.

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** 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.

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 to clean the church each week. If you would like to help with the cost, please place your contribution in an envelop marked "vacuum cleaners" and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

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.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGE FIVE & YOUNGER: Early next week, Lourdes Central Catholic School will begin conducting a survey regarding our current Pre-School & Pre-Kindergarten programs. Surveys to these parents will be sent through the mail or through an email link to your registered parish or school email address. When received, please take a few moments to share your responses and comments as we continue to plan for the 2018-2019 school year and beyond. - Thank you...Lourdes Central Catholic School

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.

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.

THE STAMP COLLECTION GOES THROUGH LENT! Catholic Daughters of America will be 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.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: February 2-4 for men and women with Fr. Joseph Walsh "Stewardship: Sharing the Master's Joy," 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

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, catholicflo@cdolinc.net.

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL is celebrating National Catholic Schools Week, Sunday, January 28-Saturday, February 3. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." - highlights our focus on faith development, academic excellence and dedication to community service. **We are so grateful for the prayers and support from our parishes and community! We invite you to join us Sunday, January 28 after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Mass for rolls and coffee as the students, families, and teachers of Lourdes Central Catholic thank & celebrate our parishes!** You are also invited to join us for All School Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary's Catholic Church. For a full schedule of activities visit our website, www.lourdescentralcatholic.org. Sunday, January 28, 2018 -Celebrating Our Parishes; Monday, January 29 - Celebrating Our Students; Tuesday, January 30 - Celebrating Our Nation; Wednesday, January 31 - Celebrate Vocations; Thursday, February 1 - Celebrating Our Community; Friday, February 2 - Celebrating Our Students, Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers; Saturday, February 3 - Celebrating Our Families.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available next weekend in the entrance of the church. If you have any questions or corrections, please call the parish office.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR: January 26 – Pitch Party – 6:30 p.m.; 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 - SOUP SUPPER COSTS? The cost for all the ingredients for the soups that will be prepared for our soup supper are approximately \$450. 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 AMERICAS will have their February meeting 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.

"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.

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

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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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>.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Jumpstart your Catholic spirituality with an hour of adoration and prayer in Eucharistic Adoration. Consider spending quality time with our Lord in a quiet and intimate setting. The fruit of spending time in adoration is bountiful. Jesus awaits all to come to Him and richly rewards those who take the time and make the sacrifice of their time. See for yourself. Several options exist for you to get involved: regular adorer, substitute adorer or temporary adorer to cover open hours until they are filled. Please pray about this. Many graces are given to all who spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

FOOD PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable foods and personal care products are always needed for our local Food Pantries and especially during the holidays. Items needed each month are laundry soap, toilet tissue, shampoo, soup, macaroni and cheese. A box is available in the entrance of the church. **(Please, no expired items.)** Thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Jan. 22: Janie Ebmeier, Jan. 24: Jeanette Eilers, Jan. 27: Mary Farris, Jan. 29: Marlene Fey, Jan. 31: Janet and Marlene Frana, Feb. 3: Judy Francois, Feb. 5: Lynn Gibson, Feb. 7: Lana Gilson, Feb. 10: Maggie Griepenstroh. 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}): **Jan. 27:** Mike & Lana Gilson, Mary Gomez, Melissa Greedy, Pam Gress, Mike & Janelle Gress, Chris & Connie Griepenstroh, Maggie Griepenstroh, Bill & Kathy Grundman, Patty Gude, Tom & Cindy Gude, Tyler & Taylor Gude. **Feb. 3:** Maureen Gygi, Steven & Stephanie Hackett, Mary Lynn Hall, Roger & Rachel Hamling, John & Paige Harpham, Alissa Harris, Diana Harris, Jay & Jessica Harris, Bill & Noreen Harris, Deroy Harshman. **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. **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.

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

What: Progressive Pitch Party

When: January 26 from 6:30–9:30 pm

Where: St. Mary's Church Hall

Bring a snack, \$1.00, and
your drink of choice.



Prizes will be awarded to low and high winners!

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