

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Trini Lipp, Dean Hauptman, Emmett Christiansen, Sr. Kathleen Kilp, O.S.F., Mike Crunk, Kim Kelly, Lacie Bruns-Morris, Kathy Gilbert, Kala Griepenstroh, Leonard Kreifels, Albert Burger, Janet McVay, Bill Albert, John Davis, Donna Thoms, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Juanita Kreifels, Laurence DuBois, Adam Eppert, Mary Jo Ventre, 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 NEEDED on Mondays from 3-4 p.m. If you are able to be an adorer during these hours, please call Pam Gress, Coordinator, 402-969-0556. **PLEASE NOTE - THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE:** Adoration concludes on Thursday, November 23 at 12:00 a.m. and resumes Monday, November 27 following the 6:20 a.m. Mass.

"LOVE MADE VISIBLE" - ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: Now is the time provided for us to be generous to our future priests thru this annual appeal. We have been very blessed with three seminarians from our parish studying for the priesthood, Joseph Allen, James O'Neil and Brian Wirth, along with 36 others in the Diocese of Lincoln. As Catholics, we have an obligation to support and pray for these young men who will be instruments of our salvations for years to come. This weekend, November 11-12 you will have the opportunity to assist these young men with their formation of the priesthood. Our parish goal is \$11,780.00. If each of our families would be able to give a minimum of \$52.00 we would reach our goal. This averages \$.15 per day/\$1.00 per week/\$4.34 per month. Some families are able to give larger gifts and some less. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for all of our seminarians. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ONE-ACTS WITH SWEETS: Everyone is invited to attend the two one-act plays presented by our Lourdes students on Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wirth Theater. Desserts will follow. Free will offering.

MEMORIAL MASS: All Knights, widows of Knights and any interested parties are invited to the Annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass to honor our departed Knights. The Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at St. Benedict's Church at 5:30 p.m. A meal will be provided in St. Benedict's Church hall immediately following Mass.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Come join us on Friday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Table Creek Restaurant, 5633 I Rd. Fr. Michael McCabe and Fr. James Morin will be the guest speakers. Come and prepare your heart in gratitude to God for all our blessings and make Christ our King. Food will be available for purchase beginning at 6:00 p.m. - menu will be pulled pork, salad, cheesy hash brown potatoes and dessert for \$12.00 (Includes tax & tip). Beverages also available for purchase. No reservations needed. Everyone is invited to attend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Join us from 4-9 p.m. on Saturday, November 18 at St. Mary's Church for Mass, pizza, board games and our service project of creating and delivering care packages to the home bound. Please visit Sign Up Genius to bring something to help with our care packages: <http://bit.ly/2yQU8mr>.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Come join the high school students that will be going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January for a pancake feed on Sunday, November 19 in St. Mary's Church hall from 8:30-11:45 a.m. The students will be serving pancakes and all the fixings. Free will offering. Proceeds will go to help offset the costs. We appreciate your support

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! LDCCW OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE: Thank you to all those that donated diapers for the annual LDCCW diaper drive. Last year our parish collected 1,522 diapers and this year we collected a total of **2224 and 1560 wipes**. Thank you for your generosity for those in need. Thank you also to Jackie Loseke for chairing this service project.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent. The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent bridesmaids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than they had expected. And the wait was long. Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences. Good stewards heed Jesus' warning: Be prepared to wait for the Lord's return. Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait? Will the "flames" of passion for the Lord endure? What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Nov. 5: Adult Env.: \$12,961.50; Loose: \$417.26; Children's Env.: \$1.13; Online: \$3254.00; All Saints: \$1744.30; All Souls: \$10.00;

IRA: \$10,800.00; Building Fund: \$50.00; Total: **\$29,238.19**

Needed Weekly: \$13,322.48; Over: \$15,915.71; Nov. 5: Needed: \$253,127.16; Received: \$239,804.68 Short: **\$-13,620.75** (\$-50.44 per family)

Franciscan Sisters: Need: \$8400.00; Rec'd \$4990.00; Southern NE Register: \$15.00; Guardian Angel: \$10.00 Thank you for your generosity.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *We are at our best when we are grateful.* Matthew Kelly (taken from The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic)

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Bill Gangel+ (Anniv.)	Ed Mills+	
Tuesday	Pam Dedinsky+	Rita Stukenholtz+	
Wednesday	Edward & Anna Penning Family+	Christian Mothers, Liv. & Dec'd & Father Directors	4:00 p.m. Francis & Vera Lavigne+ (NE Care & Rehab)
Thursday	Isadore & Cecilia Mayrose+	Jakeb Myers+	
Friday	Trini Lipp	John Stukenholtz+	
Saturday		Tom Funke II	6:30 p.m. Thomas Joseph Heng+
Sunday		Chris Stukenholtz+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Tim & Jill Travis Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Mike Heng, Bill & Mary Jo Olmer
SERVERS	Tristian & Alex Peter Severin Stukenholtz	James & Joseph Kearney Bobby Moser	Vance & Maverick Weninger Harper Weldon
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Mary Kay Hengen	Tanya Lee
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng	Mark Eilers	Bryan Bequette
OFFERTORY	Danny & Robin Heng Family	Chuck & Sue Eickhoff	Erik & Kilee Olson Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Nov. 13-18 – Severin Stukenholtz, Joseph Roberts, Dominic Schizas; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Marv Giittinger

READINGS: Nov. 13, Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6; Nov. 14, Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10; Nov. 15, Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19; Nov. 16, Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25; Nov. 17, Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37; Nov. 18, Wis 18:15-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8; Nov. 19, Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: God's word is a gift to us.

FOOD PANTRY - HARVEST/HOLIDAY OFFERING SHOPPING LIST: The Nebraska City Food Pantry is preparing holiday gift boxes to be given to those in need for the holidays. A shopping list has been prepared of items needed for the baskets. Items are to be taken and left on the stage at the First United Methodist Church prior to November 20, December 4 and December 18. Value of all items needed is approximately \$20. Shopping lists are available in the entrance of the church.

GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED: Two people or a couple is needed for the 5th Sunday at the 6:30 p.m. Mass and one person is needed for the 3rd/5th Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you would be willing to serve as a greeter/usher, please call Wayne and Brenda Kreifels, 402-873-6001.

A PARISH BAZAAR will be held at St. Teresa's Church, Lincoln, on Sunday, November 12 from 11-3:30 p.m. Top Raffle Prize is \$1000.00, Valentino's Spaghetti Dinner served in the church hall, Silent Auction, children's games, crafts and jewelry in the school gym. See flyer in the entrance of the church.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: November 17-19 for men and women with Fr. Steve Thomlison "Seven Sorrows of Mary," December 1-3 for men and women with Bishop Robert Finn "Baptize, Teach and Know I am With You" (Catechists). Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

FALL DINNER: St. Leo's Church, Palmyra, is hosting their fall dinner on Sunday, November 19 from 11-1 p.m. in the church hall. Serving: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, rolls, pie, and drinks. Cost is adults: \$10.00; kids: 12 and under \$5.00; family: \$30.00. Takeout available.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR: November 17 - Theology on Tap; December 3 – Advent Recital; December 9 – Cookie Walk; December 10 – Confirmation; December 17 – Communal Penance Service; January 26 – Pitch Party; March 4 – First Confession & St. Mary's Soup Supper; April 15 – First Communion; April 21-22 – Ministry Fair.

A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is available in the entrance of the church for those that would like to write the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered at Mass in the prayer intentions during the month of November.

NEW INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC CDS AND BOOKS: Want to enrich and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and your understanding of the Catholic faith? Stop in the entrance of the church today to see what is new from Lighthouse Catholic Media. CDS are only \$4 and books are \$6. Your generous donations help continue our ministry and we are able to purchase additional CDs, books and booklets.

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LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN NEBRASKA CITY IS LOOKING FOR TWO LONG TERM SUBSTITUTES! Middle School/High School Science (mid-January through mid-February) and Fourth Grade (mid-February through mid-April). 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:40 a.m. Adult Choir Practice	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. K of C Memorial Mass, St. Benedict's Church
	5:00 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, St. Benedict's Rectory		7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Cup of Grace, church hall	Friday	6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap, Table Creek
Wednesday	8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory	Saturday	4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, church hall
	5:30 p.m. Grades 1-6 CCD, Lourdes Primary	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, church hall

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS will be at 8:00 a.m. There will not be Mass at the hospital chapel. On this day we give thanks to almighty God for the freedom we have in our country. Around every Thanksgiving table our American families will feel closer to their loved ones and to our blessed Lord. We encourage you to attend this Thanksgiving Day Mass to worship not only as a family, but also as a parish family and give thanks for all the blessings that our Lord has bestowed upon our country and us. All are cordially invited to join in this celebration. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting. Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, for his love is everlasting. Cf. *Psalm 136:1*.

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.

ONLINE 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 74 families that manage their own account and 8 that are managed thru the parish office. 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

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION AT 70 1/2: Did you know that you could save money on your taxes by donating your annual required minimum distribution directly to St. Mary's Church or Lourdes Capital Campaign? You can make up to \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 if your spouse is also 70 1/2 in donations to a charitable organization. Direct-from-your-IRA donations are called qualified charitable distributions, or QCDs. They are tax-free and no deductions are allowed for them, so QCDs don't directly affect your tax bill. However, they count as withdrawals for purposes of meeting the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules that apply to your traditional IRAs after age 70 1/2.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH RECORDS UP-TO-DATE - CHANGED ADDRESSES, PLANNING TO MOVE? DROPPED YOUR LAND LINE, ADDED A CELL, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please call the parish office with your new information. If you are planning to move out of our community, please also, let us know. Thank you.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES are available for use for taking holy water home. If you take a bottle, please bring it back for a refill. If you have extras at home, please return them for others to use. Thank you.

CATHEDRAL CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE: December 2 from 9–4 p.m. at Cathedral of the Risen Christ School – 3245 S 37th St, Lincoln. Shop for the holidays with over 45 craft vendors. A wide variety for every interest such as hand-made accessories, kid's items, Christmas ornaments and decor, and easy-prep dips and sides. Stock up on baked goodies such as cookies, breads and pies for your holiday events. Lunch available from 11-1 p.m. and Santa will visit from 11-1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the work of Cathedral of the Risen Christ's Parish Council of Catholic Women.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Sunday, December 3 at John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:15 p.m. until Mass begins, Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 p.m., Praise and Worship until Mass begins at 2:00 p.m., Anointing of the Sick after the homily, Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after Mass. Dates for 2018: March 11, June 10, Sept. 9, Dec. 9. Please join us! Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. Free or confidential information about or to register for the program being offered Feb 16-18, 2018, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-888-317-5654 or check the web site www.retrouvaille.org.

WITHOUT CHANGING YOUR WILL, YOU CAN LEAVE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH: Designate St. Mary's Church as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA or 401K. Your funds have grown tax free in your IRA or 401K, and your heirs could be taxed at a high rate when the funds are distributed. If you donate these funds, the money passes directly to our parish, tax-free. Contact your IRA or 401K plan administrator for a change of beneficiary designation form. Leave your Savings Account or Certificate of Deposit (CD) to our parish. Simply change the beneficiary to make the Savings Account or CD payable upon death to the parish. The parish will receive the funds when you are deceased. For more information contact your financial institution. Contact Les Mach, Planned Giving Officer Diocese of Lincoln, les-mach@cdolinc.net or 402-443-3866 for help and additional options for planned gifts.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!! CHURCH CLEANING – JUST A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES OF THE PARISH: All families of the parish are asked to help with cleaning of our church. Sometimes there are a number of volunteers that come to work together to clean our church. Sometimes there are two or three or sometimes just one. **Please be considerate** of those that you are scheduled to serve with to clean the church. If you are not able to come, **please find a substitute** from the list below or call Kathy Duffy for assistance. All families are only asked to help clean the church two or three times each year. Be kind, do your part as a member of our parish. If you forget, please come the next week. Please also sign the notebook in the entrance of the church so that we know that you have come to serve your parish. If you have traded or substituted for someone, please also, note that. Thank you to all those that faithfully clean our Lord's home.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. MCCABE & FR. MORIN: Nov. 13: Mary Penning, Nov. 15: Mary Pargett, Nov. 18: Rachelle Ragland, Nov. 20: Margaret Rumery, Nov. 22: Julia Russell, Nov. 25: Jacqueline Smith, Nov. 27: Pat Stoner, Nov. 29: Shelli Stuhr, Dec. 2: Shawn Stukenholtz, Dec. 4: Marcia Talmon, Dec. 6: Julie Volkmer, Dec. 9: Allison Weddle, Dec. 11: Hope Weninger, Dec. 13: Kathy Wigington, Dec. 16: Cheryl Wirth, Dec. 18: Emily Wolken, Dec. 20: Teresa Albers, Dec. 23: Bobbi Aultz, Dec. 27: Vonna Grooman, Dec. 30: Heather Bakula. 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}): **Nov. 18:** Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, Christopher & Allison Weddle, Erin Weldon, Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, John & Mary Wenzl, Joshua & Carolyn Whitney. **Nov. 25:** Evert & Lisa Whitten, Doug Wichman, Richard Wichman, Kevin & Natalie Kelly, Nathan & Mary Wigington, Tom & Kathy Wigington, Larry Williams, Gerry Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth, Emily Wolken. **Dec. 2:** Mary Wright, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie & Aubrey Wurtele, Jason & Lacey Wurtele, Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd Yost, Anna Young, Carl Abbott, Sally Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers. **Dec. 9:** Mike & Patti Alex, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Bret & Kathy Allgood, Evelyn Alonso, William & Kathy Aultz, William & Roberta Aultz, John Baker, Lisa Baker, Mark & Heather Bakula, Chris & Tammy Bando. **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.