

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Michael G. McCabe

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Sunday Mass - Schedule: Saturday: 6:30 p.m. & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule: St. Mary's Community Hospital Chapel - Monday-Friday - 6:20 a.m.; St. Mary's Church - Monday-Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration - St. Mary's Community Hospital Chapel: Monday - 6:00 a.m. thru Saturday - 12:00 a.m. - Pam Gress, 873-4948

Confessions: Saturday - 4:00-5:00 p.m. or by appointment CCD Coordinator - Diane Denniston, 242-2631

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday - 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m., 873-3024

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2012

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Patricia Heng, Cathy Sawyer, Mercedes Moeller, Lexis Bruns-Morris, Lacie Bruns-Morris, Jo Link, Joyce Kempkes, Lisa Snyder, Isaac Durr, Fr. Bill Kalin, Marie Stoll, Jeff Van Stelton, Delrosa Riege, Zane Clark, Pamela Peck, Linda Smith, Billy Howell, 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. Please also call the office if the person is no longer in need of prayers. Names will be listed for 60 days and then transferred into our Book of Intentions. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY for our seminarians, Ricardo Izquierdo, Ryan Kaup, Rev. Mr. Steven Mills, and John Paul Mitchell. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY for the success of the renovation and expansion campaign "Visions for a Vibrant and Faith-Filled Future" of Lourdes Central Catholic Schools.

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.

CAN YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS? ADORERS NEEDED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- Thursdays - 1-2 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 St. Mary's Community Hospital Chapel. If you are not a regular scheduled adorer and would like to be or would like more information, please call Pam Gress, 873-4948. Everyone is always welcome. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS for deceased members will be held on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Pie and coffee will be served following Mass in the church hall, with the regular monthly meeting to follow.

ADVENT RECITAL: You are invited to celebrate the Christmas season at Nebraska City's annual community-wide Advent Recital, featuring church choirs and other musical groups. The Advent Recital is Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments to follow in the church hall. A free-will offering will be held to benefit SENCA (Southeast Nebraska Community Action).

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS TREES will be purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. You may donate \$10.00 per flower as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to honor someone living. Donations are also being accepted to purchase the trees. Special envelopes are available in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Please make donations by **Sunday, December 9** either through the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.

THE ROSARY is prayed every morning at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Everyone is invited to come and pray this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday, December 8 is a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate Mass on Friday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 6:20 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. (all here at St. Mary's.)

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the 20th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. Start looking for those famous, fancy and colorful Christmas cookie recipes!!

This event is an opportunity to involve the whole family. Each family of the parish is asked to bake 6-8 dozen cookies. Please, **no chocolate chip or peanut butter**. Keep the size small—big ones break easily. Bring your cookies to the church hall anytime Friday, December 14 but, **please before 8:00 a.m.** on Saturday. If you need someone to pick up your cookies, please call Mary Mills, 873-9338, Monday-Friday 8-2 p.m. or at home, 873-6247 or call Linda Lollmann, 873-3986. If you are unable to bake cookies, please consider making a donation of \$20.

On Saturday, come and bring your friends and family to walk around the tables and choose those special cookies for your bucket. If you have not been to our "Cookie Walk" before, you will be amazed at the sight of all the tables full of beautiful and delicious cookies. Buckets are available for \$8.00 or if you bring last year's bucket, the cost is \$7.50. They make great Christmas gifts.

This is a great fundraiser for our parish, so please plan to participate in this annual event. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent for your parish. May God Bless you for your gifts of time and talent. Fr. Michael McCabe, Mary Mills and Linda Lollmann, Co-Chairmen.

Students needing community service are invited to help with the Cookie Walk. Call Mary or Linda.

FOOD PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable foods and personal care products are always needed. A box is available in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

YEAR END PLANNING: It won't be long until 2012 is just a memory. Have you included your church in your year end gift planning? If you need an additional tax break, please remember your parish. Currently we are \$16,491.79 short of meeting our budget goal. If you are able to help with this shortfall, your help is welcomed. Thank you to all of you that faithfully return a portion of gifts to your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of 2-4 volunteers to help the residents of Golden Living Center in Nebraska City with bingo. St. Mary's Church is scheduled for the months of January, April, July and October on Mondays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. If you would be willing to help, please call Sharon Crunk at 873-4568 or 873-3353.

THANK YOU to all of those that have returned their stewardship of treasure commitment card. Your gifts are very important in carrying out the mission of the church. If you have not returned your commitment card, please do so by next Sunday. May God bless you for your generosity.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In today's Gospel, arguably the most important exchange in all of literature, Pilate asks Jesus: "What have you done?" Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, frees us from sin, makes us a new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - Your Gifts to the Lord

Nov. 18: Adult Env.: \$12155.00; Loose: \$520.01; Child. Env.: \$5.75; Total: \$12680.76; Franciscan Sisters: \$3.00
Needed Weekly: \$10329.69; Over: **\$2351.07**; Needed: July 1-Nov. 18: \$216,923.49; Received: \$200,431.79; Short: **\$16,491.79**
Thank you for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday - 5:30 p.m. CCD Grades 7-12, Lourdes School

Monday - 7:00 p.m. Church History Class, church hall

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

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

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. CCD Class, Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary

5:30 p.m. K of C Memorial Mass

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

Thursday - 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, Franciscan Sisters, call 873-3052

WELCOME THE MOST REVEREND JAMES D. CONLEY
BISHOP OF LINCOLN

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Poor Souls+	Chris Stukenholtz+	
Tuesday	Gerald & Helen Schmitz+	Betty Schmitz+	
Wednesday	Nora Heng+	Lu Cullin+	4:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Altar Society, Liv. & Dec'd & Fr. Directors (Golden Liv.)
Thursday	Parish Priests	Mike Vaughn+	
Friday	Ron Leidig+	Donald & Patricia Perkins+	
Saturday		June Yost+	6:30 p.m. Carrie Hinds+
Sunday		Durr & Kleineweber Family	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m. Saturday	8:00 a.m. Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday
USHERS/ GREETERS	Herman & Myla Weber Bob & Debbie Lechner	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Lee & Joyce Turner Tom & Dorothy Funke
SERVERS	Nathan Stukenholtz, Hunter Baumann Kyle Francois	David Palmtag, Mark Loseke Matthew Martin	Mason, Cade, Beau Lee
LECTORS	Lisa Whitten	Gail Walford	John Dubas
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng	Mike Kearney	Mike Gilson
OFFERTORY		Jack & Jeanine Blevins	Doug Wichman Family

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Nov. 26-Dec. 1 – William Welsh – Andrew Kollasch

READINGS: Nov. 26, Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4; Nov. 27, Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11; Nov. 28, Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19; Nov. 29, Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28; Nov. 30, Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22; Dec. 1, Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36; Dec. 2, Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Stewardship can be defined as prayer elevated to a lifestyle.

MONEY RAISER FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND: Help us make the next “Steal of a Deal” sale another great success. It is scheduled for **Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2**. Mark your calendar... come purchase new items at unbeatable prices at St. Benedict's Parish Hall following all weekend Masses. Will you help us stock our sale tables? We'll accept any donated new items such as school/office supplies, kitchen supplies, household cleaning supplies, hygienic/health supplies, miscellaneous gifts, children's toys. Try to purchase these items through sales, coupons, rebates and/or ad matches. Items may be left in St. Mary's Church foyer in the BOX labeled ... **Franciscan Sisters – Steal of a Deal...** or delivered directly to the Convent (1503 4th Corso). Please mark each item with the original price. This will help us determine the “Steal of a Deal” price. Thank you for your help. God bless.

COPY PAPER NEEDED: Lourdes School is in need of new copy paper. Donations of reams or cases of paper are welcome and can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Lourdes Hot Lunch Program is in need of volunteers to help with the lunch program 2-3 hours on occasion to help with serving our students. If you would be willing to help, please call Linda Willson, 873-3024 or Emily Wolken, 873-9338. Thank you

WHAT IS THE “BOX OF SOCKS”? The Catholic Daughters of the Americas supports many charitable organizations. One such organization is the Tutwiler Community Education Center located in Tutwiler, Mississippi. This small rural town is located in the northwest corner of Mississippi called the Mississippi Delta. Besides the programs at the Center, the town has no recreation programs for children or teenagers. There are no maintained parks or public transportation and only a small library open three days a week from 9:00-4:00 p.m. The median income is \$19,000.00 and unemployment rate is around 16.1%. This year one of the requests made by the Center was athletic socks for children and adults. If you are able, please donate new, clean, athletic socks in the box placed in the vestibule of church! Donations will be picked up on December 1. Thank you in advance from your local Catholic Daughters!

INDIVIDUAL, MARITAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING AVAILABLE on Mondays in Nebraska City. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Catholic Social Services at 402-489-1834.

RETREAT SCHEDULES AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL: Looking for peace and quiet and an appropriate place to reassess your life and values? Are you desirous of a deeper relationship with Our Lord? If so: **HE** is inviting **you personally** to “come away by yourself to a quiet place and rest awhile.” **Upcoming retreats:** December 14-16 for men and women with Fr. James Meysenburg, “Is there room in the Inn?” and December 21-23 for men and women with Msgr. John Perkinton “The Christ Child: The Ultimate Gift.” See the website at www.goodcounselretreat.com or the brochures in the entrance of the church for the full schedule. You can register at our website or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!!! ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK is a great gift for someone that enjoys cooking and likes to try new and tested recipes. A beautiful hardbound book with over 300 recipes. Bargain priced at only \$5.00 each. Cookbooks are available at Wenzl Hardware, Antique Mall, Shear Magic, St. Benedict's Church or by calling Linda Willson, 873-3093 or Dotti Easter, 297-1211. **Don't forget to get one for yourself!!!**

SCRIP: Help raise money for Lourdes school and earn money towards your tuition. You can place your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com or e-mail or call Ann Beccard at ann-beccard@hotmail.com or 402-209-2922. Thank you for helping support our school.

THE LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC EVENT COMMITTEE is looking for teapots and china teacups/saucers to use for table decorations for the 2013 Event. The theme is “A Knight in Wonderland.” The teapots and cup will not be returned. If any parishioners have been cleaning out cupboards and have some they would like to donate, please contact Sally DuBois at 873-6154 or sally-dubois@cdolinc.net. They also can be dropped at Lourdes High School.

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO: One of the most effective ways to evangelize, educate and inspire others about the Catholic faith is to tell a friend to listen to Spirit 102.7 FM. Help bring Christ to people and people to Christ. You can also listen on line at www.KVSS.com. Listen to Fr. Mark Cyza at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE AND FR. THOMLISON: Nov. 26: Beth Box, Nov. 28: Theresa Brown, Dec. 1: Carolyn Kay Bryant, Dec. 3: Suzi Martin, Dec. 8: Brooke Chaney, Dec. 10: Suzanne Cooksey, Dec. 12: Kay DeFreece, Dec. 15: Sally DuBois. 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 the 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 you would like 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.}): **Dec. 1:** Chris Carpenter, Kelly Bridger, Mary Causgrove, Sean & Maureen Chance, Brooke Chaney, Natalie Chaney, Kris Chaney, Suzann Cooksey, Logan Crunk, Mike & Sharon Crunk. **Dec. 8:** Will & Sue Daniel, Craig & Joni Davis, Bill & Betty Davis, Dan & Kay DeFreece, Bambi Diaz, David & Melanie Dines, John & Debra Dubas, Laurence & Sally DuBois, Barbara DuBois. **Dec. 15:** Robert & Mary Lee Duncan, Ryan & Janie Ebmeier, Charles & Sue Eickhoff, Mark & Jeanette Eilers, Stephanie Eppert, Mike & Sheila Essary, Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Nile & Mary Farris. **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, 873-9160.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the beauty of the earth and its amazing colors; for crisp autumn mornings and sparkling winter nights; for mountains and forests, rivers and seashores. **Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life;** for the water that cleanses, the clothes that bring warmth, the food that nourishes and the home that gives comfort. **Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life;** for those who love us and care for us; for those who value us for who we are; for those we call family, friends, neighbors. **Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life;** for the gift of Christ, your son; for his life, his gospel, his cross, and his Church; for his Eucharistic meal and the promise to be with us always. **Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life;** for the time you've allotted us, the life you've offered us, the opportunities you've afforded us, and the miracles you've worked for us. **Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life;** and for your infinite love that meets our daily needs. May our love, too, be known for its abundance, its readiness to bless and heal, to offer peace and promote justice, and to serve in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

GREAT THOUGHTS FROM GREAT THINKERS: “It is necessary to help others, not only in our prayers, but in our daily lives.” Dalai Lama