

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

218 N. 6th St., Nebraska City, NE 68410

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Website: stmarysnebraskacity.com

Pastor: Rev. Michael G. McCabe

Associate Pastor: Rev. Steven W. Thomlison

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Joyce Kempkes, Lisa Snyder, Isaac Durr, Stephen Heng, Fr. Bill Kalin, Marie Stoll, Brenda Rickman, Jeff Van Stelton, Delrosa Riege, Zane Clark, Kathy Straub, Les Kinnison, Pamela Peck, Pam Dedinsky, Linda Smith, June Yost, John Suedmeier, Billy Howell, Marybeth Grundman 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 the repose of the soul of Lu Cullin.

PLEASE PRAY for vocations, for Sr. Marguerite of The Mother of God, Sr. Maria Dolores of The Precious Blood, Sr. Maria of the Incarnation, 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.

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: **Tuesdays from 4-5 a.m., Thursdays from 1-2 a.m. and Fridays 3-4 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 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.

GARDEN PRODUCE: Lourdes Hot Lunch Program is accepting donations of fresh fruits and vegetables. If you have produce that you would like to share with our students, donations are being accepted at St. Mary's and St. Benedict's. Thank you.

REGISTRATION - CCD (CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE) for students not attending Catholic school. **GRADES K-6** classes will begin on Wednesday, September 12 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Registrations are still being accepted but please have registrations to the parish office by Wednesday, September 6 so that books can be ordered. **GRADES 7-12** will begin on Sunday, September 9 with confessions from 4-4:45 p.m. and Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's Church for students and families. Following Mass registration and a cookout will be held. Those attending are to bring hot dog/hamburger buns, covered dish, table service and drinks. **CCD FEES/ACTIVITY FEES** are \$35.00 each for the first two children and \$12.00 each for each additional child. **2nd Grade** students only should include an additional \$8.00 for the 1st Communion Banner. Payment is due and payable at the time of registration. Please either drop completed registrations in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. If the fee is a financial burden, please contact Fr. McCabe, Fr. Thomlison or call the parish office so special arrangements can be made. For more information, please call Diane Denniston, CCD Coordinator, 242-2631 or the parish office, 873-3024. **REGISTRATION FORMS** are available in the entrance of the church.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE is held on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 p.m. the choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you like to sing, please join us. Students in grades 9-12 are also invited to join. This is a great way to honor God through the gift of song. For more information, please call Dan Gittinger, 873-4635.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS will meet on Tuesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. It's Potluck Tuesday so please bring a side dish to share; meat and drinks will be provided! Please make an extra effort to attend since we will be discussing what YOU want to do the upcoming year. Anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters is welcome and members are encouraged to invite a friend. Membership is open to all Catholic women within a 30 mile radius of Nebraska City. Please contact Patrice Wulf at 873-6848, if you have any questions.

MEALS FOR OUR PRIESTS: We are very blessed to have such wonderful priests who do so much for St. Mary's Parish community! If you are looking for a small way to give back and show your appreciations, please consider volunteering to prepare a healthy meal for our priests on a regular basis (1-2 times per year). Meals are prepared on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays. You can sign-up for a night that works best for you. If interested in joining the rotation, please call Maureen Chance, 874-9411 for more details.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!! CHURCH CLEANING - JUST A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES OF THE PARISH: 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, notate that. Thank you to all those that faithfully clean our Lord's home.

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY: Would you like to provide a meal for a member of our parish that has been ill or hospitalized, a family that has had a new baby, or for someone that is homebound and needs some assistance? A "meal train" is being organized in our parish and volunteers are needed to provide meals from time to time. If you would like to volunteer to provide a meal for a family with a new baby or know of a family that has just had a new baby, please call Jenny Kearney, 874-9544 or email at jenkearney_rd@hotmail.com. If you would like to provide a meal for someone that has been ill or hospitalized, or homebound or know someone that has a need, please call Teresa Albers, 873-5143 or email at teresaalbers@hotmail.com. We are hoping to get this organized via the computer or phone by the first of September. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent.

TRY ONLINE GIVING!!! Online Giving gives you the opportunity to share your gift of treasure with St. Mary's Parish Community weekly, twice per month, monthly or a one-time gift. It helps you support your parish even when you travel out of town. It's easy to create and manage your account. It's convenient since you do not need to write a check and you receive a reminder email in advance of each debit from your account. It also permits users to make changes to amounts quite easily as a family's budget shifts and to make contributions to special collections. Your contribution can be withdrawn from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit card. (We are charged a 3% fee by the credit card company). It is a cost-saving program from the perspective of the parish administration and a convenient resource for members of the parish community. Please take a few moments today and check it out by visiting our website at stmarysnebraskacity.com and click on the **Online Giving** link. **Don't use the computer, but would like to try it?** Call Linda at the parish office and she will be glad to help get it set up for you. Online giving is safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes.

TRY IT TODAY!!!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: In the reading from the letter of St. James we are urged to be "doers" of the Gospel, not just listeners. Being a "steward" of God's Word is a matter of listening to the Good News, embracing the Good News and putting the Good News into action in our day-to-day lives. And whenever we are uncertain as to what decisions to make or actions to take as good stewards of the Gospel, St. James reminds us: We can never go wrong if we resist popular values that are not compatible with the Gospel, and we come to the aid of those who are burdened, distressed and poor.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - Your Gifts to the Lord

Aug. 26: Adult Env.: \$9613.00; Loose: \$285.50; Child. Env.: \$8.75; Total: \$9907.25

Needed Weekly: \$10329.69; Short: \$422.44; Needed: July 1-Aug. 26: \$82,637.95; Received: \$75,622.64 Short: \$7437.75

Franciscan Sisters: Needed: \$8400.00; Received: \$6353.00; Short: \$2047.00 Thank you for your generosity.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Leo & Roberta McGowen+	Leslie Wolfe+	
Tuesday	Katherine Rawlings+	Gangel & Rajewich Family+	
Wednesday	Isaac Durr	Anna Mae Kaiser	
Thursday	George & Lizzie McGowen+	Dovel & Beccard Family+	
Friday	Lu Cullin+	Grace Gfall+	
Saturday		Ralph Schreiter+	6:30 p.m. James Ryan+
Sunday		Emil & Angela Volkmer+	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	Arnie Kreifels, Bryan Stukenholtz Jason & Kim Esser	Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese Pete & Nancy Lutz	Richard Gibson, Arnie Beckman Kent & Cindy McGinnis
SERVERS	Bret & Tanner Kochanowicz Nick Bernard	Logan & Derek Riege Jonathan Baker	Noah, Charlie, Quinten Vasa
LECTORS	Lisa Whitten	Jennifer Howard	Molly Reuland
ACOLYTES	Jeff Funke	Duane Stuhr	Erik Olson
OFFERTORY	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family	Tim & Jill Travis	Duane & Julia Russell

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Sep. 3-8 – Cade & Beau Lee

READINGS: Sep. 3, 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30, Sep. 4, 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37; Sep. 5, 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44; Sep. 6, 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11; Sep. 7, 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39; Sep. 8, Mt 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23; Sep. 9, Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37.

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE: Every gift we have comes from God. In recognition of this fact, we are invited to return the first fruits to God.

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.

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.

LABOR DAY BRUNCH: The Bethel United Church of Christ will host a brunch on Sunday, September 2 from 10:30-1:00 p.m. Serving scrambled eggs and sausage with a choice of pancakes or biscuits and gravy and coffee and juice. Everyone is invited to attend. Free will offering.

DATE CORRECTION - CATHOLICISM 101 (R.C.I.A. – (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): Everyone is invited to come and learn more about the Catholic faith or learn more about becoming Catholic. Fr. Thomlison and Fr. Cyza will be offering weekly classes on the teachings of the Catholic Church beginning on Wednesday, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Lourdes School. Come join us to learn all about the beauty and splendor of the Catholic Faith. To pre-register, please call the parish office, 873-3024.

“A NEW PENTECOST FOR A NEW EVANGELIZATION” is the title of the upcoming conference featuring Renewal Ministries Ralph Martin and Sr. Ann Shields. This special event will take place **Friday and Saturday, September 7-8, 2012**, at St. Peter Church in Lincoln. Three dynamic presentations by each speaker and Saturday lunch are included in the cost (\$45/person, \$75/couple). For more information, see the posted flyer. Registration forms are available online, www.dioceseoflincoln.org. For more information, please contact the Office for Evangelization at: evangelization@cdolinc.net or 402-488-2040 or see the flier in the entrance of the church.

BIBLE STUDY: PREPARE FOR SUNDAY MASS: The Franciscan Sisters are once again having weekly Bible Studies in the Convent to enhance your understanding of the Holy Scriptures and capitalize on the fullness of your Sunday worship by experiencing a deeper exposure to the Mass Readings. Come Thursday mornings 9:00-11:00, beginning September 13. Coffee and rolls are served, so in order for us to be adequately prepared, please call us in advance if you plan on attending periodically: 873-3052.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MARIAN MASS, ROSARY & CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION will take place on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Waverly Marian Center. The Most Reverend Fabian W. Bruskevitz will be the main celebrant and homilist. A play about Fatima, performed by the children in S.T.A.G.E., will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Rosary will be prayed in English, Czech, Spanish, Vietnamese and German. Limited seating and handicap accessible restrooms will be provided. It will be a great opportunity to pray to Our Lady for peace throughout the world. For more information, see the flier in the entrance of the church.

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.

RETREAT SCHEDULES AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL are available in the entrance of the church. Scheduled retreats are September 20-23 Opus Sanctum Angelorum for men and women. For information, call 402-786-2705 or email goodcounsel@cdolinc.net or visit the website at www.goodcounselretreat.com.

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.

ST. ANDREWS'S CHURCH – TECUMSEH will host their Annual Auction and Dinner on Saturday, September 15 in the parish hall beginning at 4:30 p.m. Live auction and raffle drawing. Advanced reservations required - tickets, call Missy Fleck, 402-335-3620. For more information, see the flier in the entrance of the church.

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.

ATTENTION FARMERS!!! Tax planning now could help you and our parish. Don't wait until mid-December to research your options! A gift of an asset such as stocks, grain, or livestock can have great tax advantages for you and help our parish. Call Fr. McCabe or Les Mach, Planned Giving Officer for our Diocese for options or more information at 402-443-6180 or les-mach@lincolndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNERS FOR FR. MCCABE AND FR. THOMLISON: Sept. 5: Marliis Miller, Sept. 8: Kristen Miller, Sept. 10: Mary Mills, Sept. 12: Kris Ohrablo, Sept. 15: Amy Lucas, Sept.17: Mary Penning, Sept. 19: Mary Pargett, Sept. 22: Mary Paap, Sept. 24: Rachelle Ragland, Sept. 26: Janis Riege, Sept. 29: Margaret Rumery. 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.): **Sep. 8:** Molly Reuland, Nicole Richardson, Mike & Janis Riege, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Christine Runyon, Duane & Julia Russell, Molly Russell, Cathy Sawyer, Teresa Schlorholtz, David Schmitz. **Sep. 15:** Nick Schmitz, Donald & Lynell Schomaker, Kevin & Elizabeth Schomerus, Ronald & Diane Schomerus, Clarence & Carol Schram, Steve & Linda Schreiner, Keith & Arlene Schreiter, Ted & Carmen Schreiter, Richard Sevensing, Elizabeth Slagle. **Sep. 22:** Jackie Smith, Angela Snyder, Jolene Spevak, Phyllicia Spidell, William & Teresa Stanberry, Bruce Stanley, Mary Stanley, Carol Stehlik, Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz. **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.

GREAT THOUGHTS FROM GREAT THINKERS: “In daily life we must see that it is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.” *Brother David Steindl-Rast*