ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

218 N. 6th St., Nebraska City, NE 68410 Telephone: 402-873-3024 Website: stmarysnebraskacity.com 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, 969-0556 or Kathy Wigington, 209-1341

Confessions: Saturday, 4-5 p.m., 20 minutes before 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday Mass 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, (prayerchainstm@gmail.com) or calling tree: Kathy Duffy, 873-7576

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

PRAY FOR THE SICK – Emmett Christiansen, Bill Kochanowicz, Liz Schomerus, Emily Zech, Keith Reinhard, Kathy Gilbert, Colene Copeland, Mary Lee Duncan, Kala Griepenstroh, Dan Kaiser, Jack Bakula, Janet Frana, Everett Tjaden, 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. Additional names have been moved to our book of intentions. Thank you for your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of Lily Hower.

<u>PLEASE PRAY</u> for our seminarians, James O'Neil, Brian Wirth, Joseph Allen, also, Caleb Hile, and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thank you.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adorer needed each <u>Wednesdays from 12:00 a.m. -1:00 a.m. and 1-2 a.m.</u> 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 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 contact our coordinators, Pam Gress, 402-969-0556 or Kathy Wigington 402-209-1341. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

CCD FOR GRADES K-6: Kindergarten CCD begins and grades 1-6 resumes on Wednesday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes Primary. Registration for kindergarten can be completed the first night of class. For more information, contact Diane Denniston, CCD Coordinator, 402-209-2498.

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.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet on Tuesday January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary's Church hall. We will be organizing all of the items collected from our Advent drive. Call Barb Stukenholtz, 402-209-4976 with questions.

THANK YOU to all those that donated items for the homeless during the Catholic Daughters Advent drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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ACOLYTES AND LECTORS ARE INVITED TO A MEN'S RETREAT at Good Counsel Retreat House January 18-20 with Fr. Eric Clark entitled "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross". The retreat will also include Acolyte/Lector refresher training with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. Registration and information at www.goodcounselretreat.com or 402-786-2705.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN WINTER SYMPOSIUM (Retreat) is planned for January 11 and 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Join us on Friday and/or Saturday for prayer, confessions and Mass with Bishop Bruskewitz along with information about the Villa Marie Ladies Auxiliary; anticipated legislation of concern to the Nebraska Catholic Conference; The Catholic Social Services Homeless Project; the new WeThinkTeach project and a panel discussion on Human Trafficking. To access the Agenda and Registration, go to goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE - The U.S. bishops' annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Monday, January 14–Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message, or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Dec. 31: Adult Env.: \$21257.00; Loose: \$973.28; Children's Env.: \$.00; Online: \$2911.10; Christmas: \$5207.98; IRA: \$5000.00;

Total: \$35349.36; Cookie Walk: \$20.00; Retired Priests: \$385.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,644.41; Over: \$21,704.95; **Dec. 31: Needed:** \$354,754.34; Received: \$353,012.69; Short: **§-1,741.65** \$-6.38 per family) Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 8:45 a.m. Legion of Mary, rectory Wednesday 5:30 p.m. CCD Class, Grades 7-12, Lourdes Primary

5:30 p.m. CCD Grades K-6, Lourdes Primary 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for the one who is to die." St Peter Chrysologus referring to the Magi

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

| | 6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel) | 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
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| Monday | Leland & Kristine Schroll Family | Dorothy Funke+ | |
| Tuesday | Parishioners @ Morton Place | Anton & Maria Stratker+ | |
| Wednesday | Parishioners @ N.C. Care & Rehab | Curt Grundman Family | |
| Thursday | Daniel & Jan Penning+ | Jakeb Myers+ | |
| Friday | Oscar & Agnes Heng+ | Fred Gress+ | |
| Saturday | | Albert Burger+ | 6:30 p.m. Delrosa Riege+ |
| Sunday | | Ed Mills+ | 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish |
| | 6:30 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| USHERS/ | Bryan Stukenholtz | Charlene Reese, Jeff Reese | Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis |
| GREETERS | Jason & Kim Esser | Pete & Nancy Lutz | Jeff & Hettie Funke |
| SERVERS | Sam & Miles Draus | Nick & Andrew Bernard | Michael Bequette, Blake Miller |
| | | Adam Howard | William Funke |
| LECTORS | Dan DeFreece | Barb Stukenholtz | Kelly Madden |
| ACOLYTES | Fred Allen | Mike Gilson | Duane Stuhr |
| OFFERTORY | Robert & Heather Popish Family | Pete & Nancy Lutz | James & Patricia Neu |
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WEEKDAY SERVERS: Reed Hamling, Eli Buggi, Oscar Krog; 6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital -Server: Dale Kreifels; Reader: Joan Beccard

READINGS: Jan. 7, 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mk 4:12-17, 23-35; Jan. 8, 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44; Jan. 9, 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52; Jan. 10, 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22; Jan. 11, 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16; Jan. 12, 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30; Jan. 13, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.

MEXI FOOD & FUN in St. Benedict's Church hall on Friday, January 11 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Serving steak or pork tacos and quesadillas, rice and beans - dine in or take out. To order take out call or text 402-209-3510. Proceeds to benefit the Guardian Angel Fund. This fund is used to support families who desire a Catholic education for their children, but financially are unable to provide.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN ANNUAL RETREAT: Upcoming retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: Jan. 11-12, Winter Symposium with LDCCW; Jan. 18-20, Acolyte-Lector Retreat with Fr. Eric Clark & the Knights of the Holy Eucharist; Feb. 1-3, Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds with Fr. William Holoubek. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com

ABLAZE WORSHIP MINISTRY invites You to a "Direction for Our Times Conference". Speakers include Anne, a lay Apostle and Fr. Darragh Connolly, Chaplain of the Lay Apostolate from Kilmore, Ireland with Fr. Michael Voithofer of **ABLAZE WORSHIP MINISTRY** opening and closing the day retreat. This special day will be held on **Saturday, January 19** from **8-4 p.m**. at **St. Gerald's Church on 96th & Q St.** The \$25 cost covers food and materials. Register by mailing your check payable to Deb Fortina; 9304 Adams Street; Omaha NE 68127. Questions call: 402-206-8364

DIVORCED? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led **Surviving Divorce** program begins on **February 4 from 7-9 p.m.** at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the **Surviving Divorce** personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

INTRODUCTION TO DELIVERANCE: Have you ever wondered...exactly what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization/Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20-minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at Lourdes Primary School/St. Benedict's on Thursday, February 7, from 7-8:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Annette at annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net or call 402-473-0615. See flier in the entrance of the church.

JOY & HOPE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION MASS for all married couples will be held Sunday, February 10 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. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple appreciated! Family guests are welcome. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.

WHAT IS A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER? A marriage encounter is for married couples who desires a richer, fuller life together. A marriage can never be too good. The weekend is designed for couples who have a good marriage and wish to improve their communication. Whether a couple has been married for a few years or many years, the weekend helps them to deepen and enrich the joys they share together. Marriage encounter also provides support and encouragement to priests and other religious who are dedicated to their vocation in life. How does World Wide Marriage Encounter enhance a marriage? The weekend teaches a communication technique that encourages each couple to explore important areas of their relationship in a spirit of love and understanding. With this new communication technique, husbands and wives can continue to grow closer together living more joyful and purposeful lives. Upcoming dates: February 15-17 at the Lied Center in Nebraska City. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson, Pat, 308-940-0670 and Janelle, 308-940-1105 pbjbben@yahoo.com **Need to call well in advance for facility reservations.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. HASCHKE AND FR. MORIN: Jan. 7: Cindy McGinnis, Jan. 9: Mary Mills, Jan. 12: Kilee Olson, Jan. 14: Mary Penning, Jan. 16: Mary Pargett, Jan. 19: Rachelle Ragland, Jan. 21: Margaret Rumery, Jan. 23: Julia Russell, Jan. 26: Amber Shawhan, Jan. 28: Jackie Smith. 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. 5: Carl Abbott, Sally Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Mike & Patti Alex, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Evelyn Alonso, William & Kathy Aultz, William & Roberta Aultz, Mark & Heather Bakula, Gynae Bantz. Jan. 12: Tim & Nancy Baragary, Colleen Barrett, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Aaron & Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Aric & Tara Bennett, Larry & Nan Benscoter, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard, Richard Blobaum, Caroline Bolin. Jan. 19: Richard & Gail Bond, Marcia Boone, Jennifer Booth, Ronda Booth, Jon & Jackie Borer, Daren & Beth Box, Roger & Ranae Brandt, Theresa Brown, Jody Honeysuckle, Carl & Leigh Calfee. 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.