

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Keith Reinhard, Kathy Gilbert, Colene Copeland, Mary Lee Duncan, Kala Griepenstroh, Dan Kaiser, Tom Schreiner, Jack Bakula, Janet Frana, Kenneth Russell, Cheryl Hauptman, 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 our seminarians James O'Neil, Brian Wirth, Joseph Allen, and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORER NEEDED on **Wednesdays** from 11 p.m. to 12:00 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 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 or Kathy Wigington, 402-209-1341, Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators. **Beginning December 3**, Eucharistic Adoration will be held 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Please prayerfully consider committing an hour in prayer each week at the hospital chapel. Some people pick a friend to take turns with the holy hour so that you have some flexibility each week. Thank you to all of our scheduled adorers.

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: If you did not have the opportunity to complete your appeal card these last two weekends, cards are available in the parish office. Through this annual appeal, we are able to show our generous support to our future priests and assist these young men with their formation of the priesthood. 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 39 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 salvation for years to come. Our parish goal is \$14,730.00. If each of our families would be able to give a minimum of \$60.00, we would reach our goal. This averages \$.16 per day/\$1.15 per week/\$5.00 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.

GIVING FROM THE HEART - INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM: Have you returned your completed Commitment Card? All commitment cards must be submitted to the church no later than **December 2** in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. Currently we are at 58% participation of our 100% goal. Thank you to all those that have returned your card. Please continue to keep our Giving from the Heart Program in your prayers.

SPECIAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING PRESENTATION on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church hall. The Franciscan Sisters and a special representative from Lincoln will be giving a presentation on the Mother house and Spiritual Center. This is open to ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. This will be the first half of the meeting.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: St. Mary's Children's Choir will be singing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and the Advent Recital on **Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.** This is open to students in 2nd grade and older. We will practice for the recital on Wednesday, **November 28 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church** and also on **Sunday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes School.** If you have any questions, please contact Kay DeFreece at 402-209-0321 or kay-defreece@cdolinc.net

ADULT CHOIR: The adult choir will be singing in the Advent Recital on Sunday, December 2. There will be practice for the recital on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to be a part of the recital but can't be at Thursday's practice, please email Kay DeFreece at 402-209-0321 or kay-defreece@cdolinc.net

SEEK 2019 - FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER 2: January 3-7, FOCUS is hosting a conference in Indianapolis called SEEK, a five-day event filled with Catholic speakers, sacraments and a bit of fun. SEEK is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to learn about their faith with thousands of their peers, as well as to prepare to engage their faith in college. Fr. Morin and 12 seniors from Lourdes will be attending SEEK. **In order to help pay for the trip, there will be a fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, December 2 beginning at 8:30-12:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus have generously offered to match whatever we raise up to \$1500. Please come and support our kids!** Contributions can also be placed in the collection basket marked "SEEK."

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS TREES will be purchased to decorate our church for Christmas. Again this year we are purchasing two large permanent pre-lit trees at a cost of \$650. Donations are being accepted to purchase the trees and poinsettias (suggested donation \$10.00 per flower) as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to honor someone living. Special envelopes are available in the entrance of the church for your convenience. Please make donations by **Sunday, December 16** either through the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE: Thank you to Tom & Tyler Gude of Gude Mortuary for providing our calendars again. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

37TH ANNUAL ADVENT RECITAL: You are invited to celebrate the start of the Advent season with beautiful music featuring local church and music groups at Nebraska City's annual community-wide Advent Recital on Sunday, December 2 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments will be served following the Recital in the church hall. Free will offering to benefit the Nebraska City Ministerial Association Energy Assistance Program.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, a holy day of obligation will be celebrated on Friday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.

90TH BIRTHDAY: Serene (Gress) Hunt celebrated her 90th birthday on November 24. Her family invites everyone to send a card to Serene at the Ambassador, 1800 14th Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. Happy Birthday, Serene!

THANK YOU to all those that contributed to the support of the diocesan cloistered sisters, Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters) in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters in Agnew. The contemplative community of sisters supports our Diocese by their prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. If you did not bring your envelope on Thursday, please do so by next Sunday. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's. Thank you.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's Gospel is, 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, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us into 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 - MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Nov. 18: Adult Env.: \$5804.00; Loose: \$422.81; Children's Env.: \$.30; Online: \$2756.00; All Saints: \$15.00;

All Souls: \$10.00; Total: **\$9008.36** Mission Sunday: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$13,644.41; Short: \$4636.05; Nov. 18: Needed: \$272,887.88; Received: \$247,173.71; Short: **\$-25,714.17** (\$-94.19 per family)

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	8:45 a.m.	Legion of Mary, rectory	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. Class, Lourdes School
	9:00 a.m.	Cup of Grace, church hall		7:00 p.m.	K of C meeting, church hall
	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir practice	Sunday	8:30 a.m.	SEEK Breakfast, church hall
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Choir practice		5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir practice, Lourdes School
	5:30 p.m.	CCD Grades 1-6, Lourdes Primary		6:00 p.m.	Advent Recital

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *Let us thank God for having called us to His holy faith.* St. Alphonsus Liguori

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

	6:20 a.m. (Hospital Chapel)	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Michael Kosch Family	Jerome Ullsperger+	
Tuesday	Carol O'Flaherty+	Josephine Stratker+	
Wednesday	Delrosa Riege+	Steve Eickhoff+ (Anniv.)	
Thursday	Juanita Kreifels+	Mike Vaughn+	
Friday	Kenny Kreifels+	Dorothy Funke	
Saturday		Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser Family	6:30 p.m. Leonard & Lois (Anniv.) Harris+
Sunday		Tom Lollmann+ (Anniv.)	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	6:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Herman & Myla Weber Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Don & Pat Ramold Tim & Nancy Baragary	Wayne & Brenda Kreifels Duane & Shelli Stuhr
SERVERS	Severin Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	James & Joseph Kearney Sam Bolin	Joseph & Seth Whitney
LECTORS	Buck Shawhan	Gail Walford	Ron Schmitz
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland, Mark Loseke	Adam Howard	Larry Lance
OFFERTORY	Janelle Krisko Family, Juli Lechner	Mike Lollmann Family	Derek & Taylor McGinnis

WEEKDAY SERVERS: - Brayden Tift, Dane Lyons, Callen Schnitzer; **6:20 a.m. Mass at Hospital** – Server: Dave Heng; Reader: Terry Smith

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.

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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December 2 – SEEK Fundraiser Breakfast & Advent Recital; December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception & Consecration to Jesus through Mary. December 15 – Cookie Walk; December 16 – Communal Penance Service; March 3 – First Confession; March 10 - St. Mary's Soup Supper.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY – DECEMBER 8: Everyone is invited to be consecrated to Jesus through Mary or re-consecrate themselves following the 8:00 Mass on Saturday, December 8. Fr. Haschke will lead the consecration prayer and will also consecrate the entire parish to Mary using the same prayer that Bishop Conley will be using to consecrate the whole diocese.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE: St. Mary's Church, along with the Nebraska City Ministerial Association will be participating in the Christmas Angel Tree Project. The Angel Tree Project helps families in need by providing gifts for their children. A tree has been placed in the entrance of the church and has ornaments with items listed on them. Please consider taking an ornament(s) and purchasing the item listed. Place UNWRAPPED items in the box located near the Angel Tree no later than **December 9**. MAKE SURE TO ATTACH THE ORNAMENT TO THE GIFT SO IT GETS TO THE CORRECT FAMILY. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy McGinnis at 402-209-0531. Thank you for helping make their Christmas a little merrier!

80TH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: George Hengen is celebrating his 80th birthday of December 10 and his children are helping him celebrate with a card shower. If you would like to send him a card, his address is PO Box 126, Nebraska City, NE 68410-0126. Happy Birthday, George!

CDA NEWS: The Catholic Daughters of America will have their Christmas party Tuesday, December 4 at the Keeping Room at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a small unwrapped game to donate to the kids at the Tuttwiler Community Center in Mississippi. We will also be playing CARDO!! Bring a wrapped \$5 gift for the cardo exchange. If you want to see what the Catholic Daughters is all about come join us! Call Barb Stukenholtz with questions 402-209-4976. **CDA Advent Drive:** CDA will be working together with LDCCW to collect more items for the homeless. Our collection will run from December 1-31. Items that are needed are: hand and feet warmers, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, individually wrapped snacks, water proof sleeping bags, and small personal hygiene products. There will be a box in the entrance of the church, thank you in advance for your generosity. Merry Christmas!

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING - DECEMBER 9: John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church and our Nation. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1:15 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 1:30 p.m.; Praise and Worship, 1:40 p.m.; Blessing of salt/water/religious articles, before Mass begins at 2:00 p.m.; Anointing of the Sick after the homily, Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass. Future Mass dates: March 24, 2019, June 9, Sept. 29, December 8, 2019. Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team. Please join us.

26TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the 26th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, **December 15** starting at 8:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church hall.

This event is an opportunity to involve the whole family. Each family of the parish is asked to bake 6-10 dozen cookies. 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, 873-6247 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. Fr. Jonathan Haschke, Mary Mills and Linda Lollmann, Co-Chairmen.

Students needing community service are invited to help with the Cookie Walk. Call Mary, 402-873-6247 or Linda 402-873-3986.

JOIN US AT ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH HALL on December 11 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. for tacos, quesadillas, rice and beans. Steak or pork quesadillas: \$ 5.00; Steak or pork taco's \$3.00; Rice & beans: \$ 2.00. To order take out call or text 402-209-3510 on to place your order. Proceeds to benefit our guardian angel fund. This fund is used to support families who desire a catholic education for their children, but financially are unable to provide.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT – DINNER FOR FR. HASCHKE AND FR. MORIN: Nov. 26: Noreen Harris, Nov. 28: Pat Heng, Dec. 1: Sharon Heng, Dec. 3: Elaine Heng, Dec. 5: Mary Kay Hengen, Dec. 8: Alyce Hollesen, Dec. 10: Jennifer Howard, Dec. 12: Anna Mae Kaiser, Dec. 15: Jean Kreifels, Dec. 17: Jenny Kearney, Dec. 19: Tamara Levins, Dec. 22: Linda Lollmann, Dec. 26: Jackie Loseke, Dec. 29: Amy Lucas. 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}): **Dec. 1:** Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz, Larry & Maria Talmon, Cami Tedrow, Cathy Thomas, Gerald & Donna Thoms, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy. **Dec. 8:** Brent & Darci Travis, Mark & Melissa Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Lee & Joyce Turner, Joe & Kristin Tynon, Brad & Jo Vasa, Karen Vaughn, Maria Villagomez, Frank & Julie Volkmer. **Dec. 15:** Amber Spidell, Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, Christopher & Allison Weddle, Erin Weldon, Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz, John & Mary Wenzl. **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.