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IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE TRY CALLING SAINT MARY'S CHURCH (873-3024) OR LOURDES SCHOOL (873-6154).

*Pastor: Father Mark Cyza  
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**THE SACRAMENTS**

**Confession:** Offered 30 minutes before weekend Masses.  
**Baptism:** To arrange to have your child Baptized, please try to contact the rectory before the child is born.  
**Marriage:** Contact the rectory at least six months in advance to begin preparations.  
**Change in Health Status:** If you or a family member are homebound or hospitalized or ill and would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction), and/or Holy Communion, please contact the rectory.

*"Ora et Labora"  
 (pray and work)  
 ~ St. Benedict*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF  
 ADVENT  
 17 DECEMBER 2017**

**SCHEDULE OF THE MASSES**

**INTENTION**

Monday	18 Dec.	11:00 AM	Martha Cady
Tuesday	19 Dec.	11:00 AM	Helen Gagnon+
Wednesday	20 Dec.	11:00 AM	Priest Intention
		5:30 PM	Special Intention
Thursday	21 Dec.	11:00 AM	Randy & Deb Shippee
Friday	22 Dec.	11:00 AM	Priest Intention
		1:30 PM	(at the Ambassador) Clara Plumer+
Saturday	23 Dec.	5:00 PM	Ken & Pauline Kreifels
Sunday	24 Dec.	8:15 AM	Liturgy of the Hours (all are invited)
		9:00 AM	Pro Populo
		12:00 PM	(Mass in Spanish) Priest Intention

**LAY MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b> Stan Ohnmacht	<b>Dec. 17</b> Doug Kreifels
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b> Stan Ohnmacht	<b>Dec. 17</b> Gary Sasse
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b> Volunteers	<b>Dec. 17</b> Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b> Volunteers	<b>Dec. 17</b> Volunteers
<b>Offertory Family:</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b> Volunteers	<b>Dec. 17</b> Volunteers
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b> Kris Barrett	<b>Dec. 17</b> Nancy Giles

**Church Cleaner:** Week of Dec. 11: Robyn Gay      Week of Dec. 18: Nancy Giles

Refreshments following Mass at the Ambassador at ~2 PM on Jan 5 will be provided by: Nancy Giles & Ann Lerdahl

**Group Leaders for 2017-2018**  
 Nancy Giles: Group 1 (Last name A-D)   Gladys Jones: Group 2 (Last name E-H)  
 Teresa Watton: Group 3 (Last name I-O)   Anna Sasse: Group 4 (Last name P-Z)

**OFFERING FOR 2 DECEMBER 2017**  
 Envelope: \$ 1,765.00   Loose: \$ 276.71  
 Children: \$ 1.00   Legion of Mary: \$ 20.00  
 GRAIN 1,810.50

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Past, Present & Future Pastors of St. Benedict

Parish Adopted Priest <i>Msg. Fucinaro</i>	Vocations to the Franciscan Sisters of Sorrowful Mother
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Seminarians at St. Gregory the Great, Seward, NE: James O'Neil Joe Allen and Brian Wirth. All from Nebraska City and for Michael Katalenich who is a brother studying at Province of St. Albert the Great. Prayers for Br Steve Ohnmacht+ and Fr. Robert Schreiter who grew up in our parish.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

All Middle School students are invited to our Middle School Youth Group gathering on Dec.16 from 8-11AM. Join us at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Nebraska City, for 8AM Mass & a trip to a Christmas tree farm to select, cut down & set up Christmas Trees to decorate the church for Christmas! Students will need to coordinate transportation with parents/friends for the tree farm trip! Middle School Youth Group is open to all students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in the area. The group meets monthly for spiritual and social gatherings.

**POOR FUND**

Thank you to all who donate to this fund. Money is used to assist those in need: Food, clothing, shelter, coats, gloves, fuel, rent assistance, etc. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**ADVENT ANGEL TREE UPDATE**

Thank you all for your generosity. To date we have raised \$1,025 used to assist our fellow parishioners in need. This money is used to purchase SCRIP cards for those who have requested assistance this Christmas.

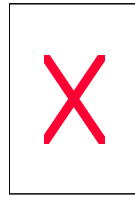
**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Will be held at St. Mary's on Dec. 17 at 2 PM.

**ST BENEDICT ENDOWMENT**

We have had a generous donation made to the parish in the amount of \$10,000. This endowment is to be used for general support of the church. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the pastor and the parish council. All are invited to learn more about this endowment and to contribute as able. This fund was established through the Catholic Foundation of

**A DATE WITH THE SON...**  
 All are invited to participate in Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. If you would like to commit to an hour each week or make a church visit you are invited to do so! If interested in learning more, contact at Pam at 402-969-0556.



**PRO LIFE EVENTS UPCOMING...**

**Jan. 27, 2018:** Nebraska Walk for Life - Lincoln  
 9 AM: Mass at St. Mary's Church -10 AM Walk for Life begins  
**February 15, 2018:** Catholics at the Capitol - Lincoln @ 8 AM (more information to follow)

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

We have students from our parish who are interested in attending the March for Life in DC. Cost is \$450 per student. If anyone would like to donate in return for their services of: cleaning, daycare, raking leaves etc. ??? contact Kay DeFreece 402-209-0321 or Dotti 402-297-1211.

**THANK YOU**

The Plattsmouth Deanery donated over 11,000 diapers to this years Diaper Drive. Thx you all!

**HELP SPONSOR A ST BENEDICT STUDENT**

Money given to **Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund** will be used to help families of our parish who desire a Catholic education at **LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC** for their children, but are unable to pay the tuition. A donation of any amount would be appreciated.

**WINTER NEEDS DRIVE**

Catholic Daughters Advent Drive: the Catholic Daughters would like your help collecting slightly used or new sleeping bags and blankets for the Catholic Social Services to distribute to the homeless. Please bring items to the back of church they December 31st. Call Barb Stukenholtz with any questions, 402-209-4976.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Sun., Dec. 24 at 5:00 PM & at 8 PM in Spanish  
 Mon., Dec. 25 at 12 AM (Midnight Mass)  
*The choir will begin singing at 11:30 PM.*  
*Refreshments served after Midnight Mass*

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION**

All are invited to attend Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at St. Benedict on Dec. 17. We will begin with Mass a noon. Dinner and celebration will follow in the parish hall.

**LEGION OF MARY AT ST BENEDICT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

*WANTED—PARISHIONERS WITH A DEVOTION TO THE ROSARY.*

- If you are interested in becoming an **Auxiliary member** of the Legion of Mary, contact Patrick Gress. Requirements are to offer a daily rosary and to pray the Legion Tessera. There are no weekly meetings or other obligations. Your only obligation is to **PRAY, PRAY & PRAY!!!!**
- Active membership** entails a weekly meeting, assigned weekly work and daily rosary and to pray the Legion Tessera. Contact Father or Patrick if interested in learning more.

**RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES**

Visit [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) to review retreat topics and dates. Register online or by calling 402-786-2705.

**GREATEST GIFT ONE CAN GIVE**

Prayer is the greatest gift of Love. Having a Mass (the greatest prayer on earth) offered for a living or deceased loved one is a great act of love. To request a Mass, write the name of the person you would like a Mass offered for (indicate if they are living or deceased). Place the name and offering (suggested amount is \$10, however, not necessary) and place this request in the offertory basket.