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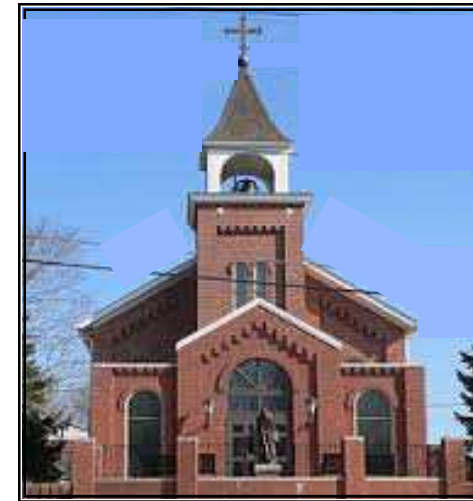
Lourdes Central Catholic Schools Building upon a tradition of over 140 years of Catholic Education in Nebraska City. For more information about supporting or attending Lourdes, contact the school at 873-6154. Have you remembered St. Benedict's or Lourdes Central Catholic your will? For more information contact your financial advisor or contact our Advancement Director at Lourdes Central Catholic at 402-873-6154.

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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
 Assistant: Father Dominic Phan
 Visit our website at: www.stbens.org
 Email: stbenedicts1856@gmail.com*



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

Acolyte:	Dec. 16 Stan Ohnmacht	Dec. 17 Doug Kreifels
Lector:	Dec. 16 Stan Ohnmacht	Dec. 17 Gary Sasse
Servers:	Dec. 16 Volunteers	Dec. 17 Volunteers
Ushers:	Dec. 16 Volunteers	Dec. 17 Volunteers
Offertory Family:	Dec. 16 Volunteers	Dec. 17 Volunteers
Rosary Leader:	Dec. 16 Kris Barrett	Dec. 17 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 6th-8th 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.

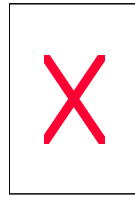
ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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

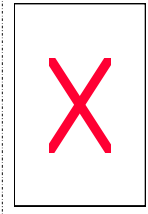
Catholic Daughters Advent Drive: the Catholic Daughters would like your help collecting slightly used or new sleeping bags and blankets for the Catholic Social Services to distribute to the homeless. Please bring items to the back of church they December 31st. Call Barb Stukenholtz with any questions,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



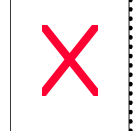
LEGION OF MARY AT ST BENEDICT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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 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.