

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mother Mary Immaculate, our patron, pray for us!

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Saturday 6:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri 6:20 a.m.; Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass: See bulletin, website & Facebook group page

Confession: Saturday: 4-5 p.m.; Sunday: 20 minutes before 8 & 10 a.m. Mass; 1st Saturday 7-8 a.m.; or by appointment with priest

Eucharistic Adoration (in church): Mon thru Fri between 6:20 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration (St. Mary Hospital Chapel): Mon 6:00 a.m. to Thu 11:59 p.m.

(Call/Text Janie Ebmeier, jstukenholtz@hotmail.com, 402-450-1993 or Brooke Chaney, brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net, 402-209-1965)

Devotions: Rosary 30 mins before Mass; Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle Thu at 1:30 p.m.

1st Friday devotions at 7:25 a.m.; 1st Saturday devotions at 7:15 a.m. (led by Legion of Mary)

New parents should contact the rectory for **Baptism** – a class may be required before Baptism.

Engaged couples **planning to get married** in our parish need to contact the rectory at least 6 months in advance of your preferred wedding date.

Contact a priest for **Confession** and/or especially **Sacrament of the Sick** when you or a loved one are preparing for a medical procedure or are seriously ill.

Sacrament of the Sick is not only for those nearing the end of their life.

Diocesan Retreats (Waverly): **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE:** 402-786-2705; www.goodcounselretreat.org; office@olgcretreat.org

Pastor: Rev. Thomas J. Schultes **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jonah A. Brox

In Residence (Chief Administrative Officer of Lourdes School): Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Weekly Highlight: Blessed Resurrection! It was great to see our church full of family, friends, and visitors for Easter Sunday Masses. We had good liturgical participation throughout the Triduum! A tremendous thank you (again) to our musicians, our decorators, our altar area helpers, our cleaners, etc. Father Brox was the celebrant of his 1st Easter Vigil – with many more to come in his priesthood! The young lady who received the Sacrament of Confirmation through Father Brox's administration of the Sacrament was super excited after Mass and her family and sponsor (many from Elkhorn) were most appreciative of our Easter Vigil team also! Your priests are mostly recovered, but still, lots of school activities and other repetitive seasonal/annual tasks on the docket. We continue to need your support, encouragement, and selfless participation in praising God and praying/helping each other. *Thanks for your continued attention & devotion! ~ Father Schultes*

#1: WE PRAY AND WORSHIP TOGETHER! (Mark 12:30)

NEXT WEEK MASS SCHEDULE/PRIEST INTENTIONS & NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY HELPERS

	6:20 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Dennis & Brian Heng+	Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother	
Tuesday	William Wolfe+	Mary Jo Olmer+	
Wednesday	Marcene Klein+	Cliff Kreifels+	
Thursday	Kent & Cindy McGinnis Family	Sue Wisnieski+	
Friday	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Bill Aultz, Sr.+	
Saturday		Albert & Rose Mary Burger+	6:30 p.m. Robert Reese+
Sunday		Leo & Sonja Heng+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Apr. 18-19, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sun 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/ GREETERS	Danny & Robin Heng Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen
LECTORS	Beth Box	Jim Wirth	Shelli Stuhr
ACOLYTES	Ted Bernard	Mark Eilers	Duane Stuhr
SERVERS	Calvin & Julian Weninger Lyndon Brehm	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson Christian Pinzino	Stryder & Storm Meade Seth Whitney

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Deacon Bradley Moss; and Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Alec Langan and an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, & Jesus-centered marriages! **From our prayer chain**, continue praying for: native son Father John Cooper, Ryan Scharp, Phil Timothy, Renee Stehlik and all the sick, homebound, hospitalized, those in nursing homes and in our Book of Intentions. **To add names to this prayer list, call the parish office.** Due to privacy, the person must grant their permission for their name to be in the bulletin. Thanks for your prayers. **If seriously ill or hospitalized and would like a visit from our priests, contact the parish office.** St. Mary Church Prayer Chain: prayerchainstm@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SUN APR 12 3:00 P.M. Appearing to St. Faustina, the Risen Jesus made several promises to those who entrust themselves to His Divine Mercy, especially on this feast day. Jesus revealed to St. Faustina, "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (Diary, 1109) "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 699) The individual that goes to Confession and receives Holy Communion on this feast day receives a plenary indulgence. This indulgence, however, is unique and special compared to the rest of the year. Throughout the year, to obtain a plenary indulgence, normally the individual must be detached from all sin, which is difficult. However, with the special graces offered on Divine Mercy Sunday, complete detachment from sin is not required. During this Adoration holy hour on this special feast day, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited, and Confession will be available to assist in gaining these graces!

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY EACH TUESDAY (THRU MAY 19): after 8:00 a.m. Mass – in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall.

"HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON" RETREAT APR 16-18 (NAM CHURCH LINCOLN): In person or livestream options:

<https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/healing-the-whole-person-weekend-2026-lincoln-ne/>. "Day of Equipping" Fri Apr 17: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/day-of-equipping-2026-lincoln-ne/>

1ST HOLY COMMUNION SUN APR 19 NOON MASS: Pictures and practices Sat morning Apr 18 in our church (as custom).

ST. BENEDICT SPONSORED MONTHLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MON APR 20: Bible Study 9-10 a.m. in The Abbey; Adoration in St. Benedict Church 10-11 a.m.; Mass with school at 11:00 a.m. Join for any portion of the morning. (Next month Mon May 18.)

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2027 SACRAMENT DATES: 1st Confession **Sat Feb 13, 2027** at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1st Communion **Sun Apr 11, 2027** at Noon. Fall 2026 Confirmation date is yet to be determined by Bishop Conley and his scheduling.

2: WE SERVE EACH OTHER! (Matthew 23:11)

ANNUAL CEMETERY WORKDAY – SAT MAY 2 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.: Our workday will focus on cleaning along the fence line, cleaning headstones, and general cleanup for ease of repetitive care and mowing. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, chain saws, etc. Lunch will be provided.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **Apr. 18:** Ken & Paula Carlstedt, Mary Causgrove, Sean & Maureen Chance, Grant Chance, Joe & Brooke Chaney, Kris Chaney, Robert Collet, Logan & Jessica Crunk, Sharon Crunk, Jillian Owen, Jeffrey & Meredith Cumro. **Apr. 25:** Justin & Molly Cunningham, Carson & Trisha Cusick, Craig & Joni Davis, Denise Davis, Kevin & Jennifer Dechant, Dan & Kay DeFreece, Jameson & Taylor DeFreece, Briana Barnes, John & Debra Dubas, Sarah Graham. **May 2:** Gary Denniston, Sally DuBois, Donald & Kasey DuVal, Kristen Easley, Mark Easter, Ryan & Janie Ebmeier, Mark & Jeanette Eilers, Jim & Carol Elworth, Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett. **If unable to clean when assigned, families/individuals are responsible for finding a replacement or contacting and paying \$20 for a sub.** Substitutes: Mary Mills 873-6247; Sharon Crunk 873-4568; Julia Russell 209-2340; Sharon Heng 873-5105; Kris Chaney 209-1186; Loretta Kubik 984-5646. (Current quarter schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote email, and on Facebook page.)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Apr 13: Judy Francois; Apr 15: Lana Gilson; Apr 18: Jacque Borer, Apr 20: Kathy Grundman; Apr 22: Pat Gude; Apr 25: Noreen Harris; Apr 27: Sharon Heng; Apr 29: Jenny Kearney; May 2: Tammy Levins; May 4: Jackie Loseke; May 6: Margaret Rumery; May 9: Audra Rutt; May 11: Jackie Smith. Please bring dinner 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 Visitation (church) Hall. It is preferred that meals be taken to the back door of the rectory. If priests are not home, please put meals in the refrigerator. Questions/to volunteer, call Donna Murphy, 402-639-0397. If you are unable to take a meal on your scheduled day, please find a replacement, donate a gift card, or order a meal to be delivered to the rectory. Thank you.

3: WE ARE IN COMMUNITY TOGETHER! (Matthew 18:20)

WELCOME visitors & guests!

If you have moved to Nebraska City, please stop by, or call the parish office to register.

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Telephone: 402-873-3024

Mailing Address: 218 N. 6th St., Nebraska City, NE 68410

Website: stmarysnebraskacity.com **Facebook Group Page:** "St. Mary's Catholic Church, Nebraska City, NE"

Cemetery Database included here: <https://www.windyprairie.com>

BULLETIN NOTICES: Submit by **Mon at 11:00 a.m.** in writing either by e-mail to stmbulletin@windstream.net (preferred) or to the parish office.

Parish Corporate Trustees: Colin Albers & Mary Mills

Parish/Finance Council: Loretta Kubik, Emma Rettig, Kent Schreiner (*thru 2026*); Beth Box, Lynn Heng, Jenny Kearney (*thru 2027*); John Langley, Lu Marcotte, Hope Weninger (*thru 2028*); Matt Nienaber, Mary Mills, Ed Stukenholtz, Pam Boes (*annual organization reps*)

Cemetery Board: Tom Gude, Tyler Gude, Jeff Lollmann, Dave Ramold, Kevin Rettig, Mike Riege,

Ed Stukenholtz, Frank Volkmer, Linda Willson.

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight (Council 3152): Matthew Nienaber; **Catholic Daughters of Americas Regent (Court Emmanuel 1122):** Julie Volkmer

WEEKLY CCD SCHEDULE: High School 1st Sun only 6:30 p.m. at St. Benedict; 1st-8th Grade each Wed 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict.

FINAL CCD WED APR 29: 5:30 p.m. Mass for students/families at St. Benedict Church, followed by a social/snack!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED APR 29 at **NEW St. Joseph Church Parish Hall** for 6:30 p.m. Rosary, followed by meeting at 7:00 p.m. Another "on the road" monthly gathering, to see the new Hall, but also to support another parish that is part of our Knights Council!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER BUS TOUR: SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA PARISHES FRI MAY 1 5:00-9:00 P.M. If you missed this exciting opportunity at the Lourdes Event, you still have a chance to be a part of an exciting exclusive Progressive Dinner Bus Tour experience to Southeast Nebraska Parishes on Fri May 1. The cost is only \$50 per person! Each of the parishes on this tour have completed a major building project or remodel within the past year—and this upcoming evening is your opportunity to check them out while enjoying a relaxed, joy-filled night of fellowship. No driving, no planning—just good company and a lot of fun. Your evening adventure: This experience is all about fellowship, gratitude, and celebrating our parish communities—served with delicious food and a lot of fun along the way. To reserve your spot, contact Brooke Chaney (brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net) or call the Lourdes school office at 402-873-6154. Or you can also purchase your spot by clicking on the "Fixed Prices" tab found on the Lourdes Event Auction website at <https://onecau.se/lourdesevent>. *This experience was donated by our pastors and parish communities of St. Mary, St. Benedict, St. Paulinus, and St. Joseph Catholic Churches.*

4: WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS TO US! (Proverbs 3:9)

"STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE" – MY RETURN TO THE LORD *Thanks for your generous support of our parish and its apostolates.*

Apr. 5: Adult Env.: \$2,261.00; **Loose:** \$757.57; **Online:** \$7,305.00; **Easter:** \$3,440.00; **Ascension:** \$25.00;

Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; **Total:** **\$13,813.57**

Parish Endowment: \$50.00; **Franciscan Sisters:** \$25.00; **Rice Bowl:** \$587.00; **Holy Land:** \$883.00; **So. NE Reg.:** \$16.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (40 weeks):** **\$580,000.00**

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: **\$591,666.75**

2025 CSA(DDP): 2 open pledges for \$215.00 – annual campaign ends April 30. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>

LEAVE A LEGACY TO ST. MARY CHURCH by including the church in your estate planning. IRAs can be given directly to the church and there are no tax consequences to the family. You can include St. Mary Church as one of the beneficiaries of your IRA or 401K. Life insurance policies are another way to support the church. When making end of life preparations, include memorials to be given to the church. Past bequests have helped fund our emergency savings, cemetery care and so much more. For more information, contact the parish office.

HOW CAN ONLINE GIVING BENEFIT ME AND MY CHURCH? Benefits for You: No check writing or ATM stops before church, safe, secure, and confidential. Use your checking or savings. Schedule recurring or one-time donations. Change a gift or account any time you like. Choose offertory, special funds, etc. **Benefits for St. Mary Church:** Reduces check processing fees, allows staff more time to focus on ministries, creates peace in knowing your data and auto-deposited gifts are secure, accommodates special funds, provides giving history for tax statements, reaches a wider demographic of givers.