

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 (on sabbatical)*

Associate Pastor: *Rev. Jonah A. Brox*

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekly Highlight: Lots of happenings – thanks to numerous parents and Father Homes, etc. who helped put together our first afternoon “Prom Mass” and then meal in our Visitation Hall – thanks to all who dealt with the Mass time change; Priest Moves went public – effective Mon June 15, Father Haschke will leave St. Mary and Father Rynearson moves in!; Father Schultes announced his Bishop granted sabbatical for the next two months – see your Flocknote email from last Sunday afternoon. Plus, activities continue – 1st Communion weekend is one of the best! Pray for/in thanksgiving of that event! *Thanks for your continued attention & devotion! ~ Father Schultes & Father Brox*

#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	Oscar & Agnes Heng+	Brian Hiemer+	
Tuesday	Melvin & Lila Kreifels	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
Wednesday	Susan & Matthew Heng+	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	
Thursday	Mike+ & Rosie Callahan Family	Mary Jo Olmer+	
Friday	Shirley Sudman+	Karen Lowe+	
Saturday		Myron & Velma Henner+	6:30 p.m. Leonard & Clara Heng+
Sunday		Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Apr. 25-26, 2026			
	Sun 6:30 p.m.	Sun 8:00 a.m.	Sun 10:00 a.m.
USHERS/	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude	Steve Stukenholtz
GREETERS	Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Bob & Jody Weddle	Larry Lance, David Schmitz
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Kay DeFreece	Jon Borer
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Dan DeFreece	Tom Gude
SERVERS	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris Wade Andrew	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Harper & Hudson Weldon Jaxson Reese

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 Dylan Beck 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

PRAY FOR the happy repose of the soul of Renee Box and consolation to her family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1ST COMMUNICANTS: Weston Andrew, Kenna Bennett, Barrett Borer, Colben Cusick, Anderson Gottwald, Josslynn Harris, Cami Lollmann, Edith Lollmann, Jameson Popish, Trevin Rayhel, Emersyn Reeves, Warren Schreck, Jon Zatum. Many thanks to their families, teachers, and priests!

TEMPORARY ADORER NEEDED: Spend peaceful time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary Hospital Chapel. Coverage is needed for four Thursdays during 7-8 a.m. OR 8-9 a.m. on May 21 & 28, June 4 & 11. If you can cover any or all of these times, please call or text Brooke Chaney, 402-209-1965

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

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.)

TOTUS TUUS 2026 – JUNE 7-12: Grades 9-recent graduates: Jun 7-11 at 6-8 p.m. (includes dinner). Grades 1-8 entering Fall 2025: Jun 8-13 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All at St. Benedict Church – The Abbey and Lourdes Primary. Cost is \$20 per child, max \$50 per family. Registration forms on big table and near bulletins in church! Fliers posted on church bulletin boards and on Flocknote.

2026 CONFIRMATION & 2027 SACRAMENT DATES: Confirmation is scheduled for **Sat Oct 31, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. 1st Confession **Sat Feb 13, 2027** at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1st Communion **Sun Apr 11, 2027** at Noon.

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 19-25 and this is a great time to thank all those that volunteer at St. Mary. Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to “inspire by example” — volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve! Thank you for the many gifts of time and talent that many of you give to God and His Church.

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. 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. **May 9:** Miguel Farfan, Nile & Mary Farris, Andrew & Madeline Fedoris, Andy & Joan Fedoris, Wilber & Marlene Fey, David Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois, Steven & Adrian Francois, Eric Francois. **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 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; May 13: Shelli Stuhr; May 16: Julie Volkmer. 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: 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 and 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.

JOB OPENING: Lourdes Central Catholic School is seeking a mission-driven **Advancement Associate** to join our team. This full-time position supports the school’s advancement efforts through **marketing and communications, event coordination, fundraising, and stewardship**. The ideal candidate is highly organized, detail-oriented, collaborative, and an excellent communicator who is passionate about Catholic education. View the job description and learn more at <https://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org/careers.html>

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. 12: Adult Env.: \$4,932.00; Loose: \$271.35; Online: \$3,065.00; Easter: \$265.00; Total: **\$8,533.35**
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Rice Bowl: \$50.00; Holy Land: \$50.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (41 weeks): \$594,500.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$600,200.10

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

CSA 2026 BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND APR 25-26: Pledge cards available after each Mass the next three weekends. Thanks to our volunteers for assisting with those cards! Our goals this year are \$47,000 in rebates (so we need \$55,000 total pledged/paid –the first \$8,000 stays with diocese) and at least 50% of our households participating, so 188 donors! Our rebates have remained steady, but we fall short of 50% participation. Use <https://www.givecentral.org/LincolnDiocese-CSA> this year for online giving as it changed from last year – please wait until **after May 1** to use the online giving option – otherwise your payment will get applied to the 2025 campaign that does not end until April 30.

“NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING” WED MAY 6 sponsored by all three Nebraska Diocese. Donations are being accepted beginning April 20 **thru May 13** to our parish at the link below. (*If you are a regular tither via envelopes or our online giving, those methods are preferred, due to fee structures of these various donation options.*) Thanks for considering!
<https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/st-mary-catholic-church-42d33125-90e4-41ae-8cda-f932bd9adbb3>