

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 26, 2026: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekly Highlight: Thank you to all who sent messages or verbalized your support and prayers this past week as we begin this period of Fr. Schultes' absence (continue to pray for him and all us priests!). I am grateful for your support during this time. Last weekend, we had 13 students make their First Holy Communion! A very special and grace-filled Mass, often leaving me in moments of contemplating the depths of His love for us. What a gift the Eucharist is and what a gift to witness these boys and girls receive Jesus for the very first time! Special thanks to you parents and teachers who do so much to help prepare these young souls to encounter Christ in the sacraments. *Thanks for your continued attention & devotion!* ~ 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	Leo & Sonja Heng (Grand) Children	Jacki Oelke+	
Tuesday	Virginia Heng+	Bill Aultz, Sr.+	
Wednesday	Marcene Klein+	Marv Giittinger+	
Thursday	Kent & Cindy McGinnis Family	Doug Boes+	
Friday	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Frank & Sue Wisnieski+	
Saturday		Leo & Sonja Heng+	6:30 p.m. Viola Snyder+
Sunday		Albert & Rose Mary Burger+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>May 2-3, 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	Herman & Myla Weber Tim & Brenda Baumann	Tim & Nancy Baragary Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Bob Wulf	Ryan Ebmeier
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland	Jason Esser, Mark Loseke	Brent Travis
SERVERS	Ryder & Hunter Reeves, Henry Holmes	Leo & Elliott Ramold, Neil Wirth	Clayton & Joel Bantz, Carter Bennett

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

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

LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS – “ANY THING GOES” MAY 1-3: The Broadway musical will be held Fri May 1, 7:00 p.m.; Sat May 2, 7:00 p.m. and Sun May 3, 2:00 p.m. in the Wirth Theatre. Tickets available at <https://tix.com> or call 402-873-6154 or scan the QR code on the flier in the entrance of the church.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 3: The Legion of Mary (the Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium) at St. Mary invites all parishioners to join them following each Sunday Mass in St. Mary Visitation Hall for breakfast and a slide show presentation about our Legion of Mary. A special invitation is sent to the auxiliary members in appreciation for their faithful daily prayers. The Legion of Mary was established in Ireland in 1921 and took root in the Lincoln Diocese in 1957. This lay apostolic group assists pastors in performing spiritual works in their parishes. In 2018, the Legion of Mary had 121 active members in seventeen praesidia across the Diocese and 1,288 auxiliary members. Legion members visit shut-ins, new-comers, lapsed Catholics, and Catholics in health care institutions, colleges, and correctional centers; they give rides to Mass; assist with OCIA and CCD; lead bible studies; maintain literature racks in church; and promote the Rosary, Sacred Heart enthronement, Perpetual Adoration, First Fridays and First Saturdays and the Miraculous Medal. They seek union with Mary and imitate her humility and faithfulness in serving Christ. This is a beautiful apostolate and open to both men and women of all ages. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium at St. Mary was started in 1976 by devout ladies of our parish. In 2026 we will be celebrating our 50th year of serving our Catholic community. Join us May 3 and get to know us!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS GATHERING TUE MAY 5 6:30 P.M. in St Mary Church Visitation Hall. Visitors always welcome.

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)

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): **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. **May 16:** Misy Fulton, Susan Gardner, David & Pat Garris, Rynn Gawart, Wesley & Amanda Geneski, Zoe Geneski, Hayden Cline, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad. **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 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; May 18: Shawn Stukenholtz; May 20: Hope Weninger; May 23: Kathy Wigington. 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, 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

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. 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—an opportunity to check them out. No driving, no planning, 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, 402-873-6154 or click on the "Experiences" tab 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>

THANK YOU FOR BEING "UNITED FOR LOURDES": Thank you to everyone who supported the 32nd annual Lourdes Event, "Stars, Stripes & the Lourdes Knights" on March 21! With nearly 350 guests attending, the event was a tremendous success raising \$197,891.60* for our school – the most ever in event history. Plus, an additional \$17,485 was raised for our Fund-A-Need project. This year's special project supports the Knights activities program and focused on the essential upgrades needed to athletic uniforms, facilities, and equipment. We are grateful for the tremendous support we received from sponsors, donors, alumni, volunteers, faculty and staff, students, and our Lourdes Event Committee. From the unity to the generosity, the night reflected the very best of our Lourdes community. We sincerely appreciate your support!

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. 19: Adult Env.: \$2,405.00; Loose: \$883.55; Online: \$6,385.00; Total: \$9,673.55 Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (42 weeks): \$609,000.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$609,873.65

CSA 2026 BEGINS THIS 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>