

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. Benjamin J. Rynearson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026:

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: Grab those bookbags, uniforms, and smiling faces for mom and dad on the front porch! Our Lourdes students join our Pioneers students as they “go back to school” on Thursday – Back to School Bash on Tuesday evening before that. It’s on! *Continue to pray for us priests and know of our continued prayers for each of you! 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	Leslie & Nellie Wolfe+	Bill Aultz, Sr.+	
Tuesday	Richie Kincaid+ (Anniv.)	Ray & Marie Schreiter+	
Wednesday	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Karen Lowe+	
Thursday	Marcene Klein+	Mary Ellen Gibbons+	
Friday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Special Intention	
Saturday		Bill & Betty+ Davis	6:30 p.m. Robert Reese+
Sunday		Robert Beccard+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Aug. 22-23, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/ GREETERS	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Larry Lance, David Schmitz Steve Stukenholtz
LECTORS	Gail Walford	Jeanette Eilers	Kelly Madden
ACOLYTES	Matt Nienaber	Mike Gilson	Larry Lance
SERVERS	Wade Andrew, Lyndon Brehm	Neil Wirth, Quinn Harpham	Brett Borer, Asher Rakestraw, Owen McAndrews

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Seminarian Jacob Knutson, Sr. Lucia, and an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, & Jesus-centered marriages! *From our prayer chain*, continue praying for: Sr. Cynthia Young, native son Father John Cooper, Lacie Bruns-Morris, 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

ST. MONICA’S PRAYER (FEAST DAY AUG 27): During August, we will pray the following after each morning Rosary: “O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica’s loving tears moved you to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Monica, pray for us!” Prayer cards by the bulletins.

TUE AUG 18 – DEDICATION OF OUR DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL FEAST DAY: Booklets with readings will be in church for morning Masses.

LOURDES SCHOOL BEGINS THU AUG 20: As is custom, the students will be sitting up front and will take the lead on Readings, serving, offertory, and occasional singing.

PARISH 156TH BIRTHDAY ALL DAY EXPOSITION ADORATION THU AUG 27: Begins with Exposition/Prayers immediately after 8:00 a.m. Mass with our Lourdes students; will conclude with Benediction, Reposition, Prayers at 8:30 p.m. Adoration sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9AB28A6F58-64937149-thuau8/>

SMALL GROUP GET TOGETHER ON PRAYER SAT AUG 29 9-10 A.M. in Visitation Hall. We are studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church – the section on prayer (Para 2570 to 2576).

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): Aug. 22: Brent & Darci Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Frank & Julie Volkmer, Amber Spidell, Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, John & Ronda Wigington, Erin Weldon, William & Monica Welsh. **Aug. 29:** Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz, John & Mary Wenzl, Josh Whitney, Carolyn Whitney, Evert & Lisa Whitten, Halli Powers, Doug Wichman, Richard Wichman, Emily Clark, Skyler Woita, Nathan & Mary Wigington. **Sep. 5:** Tom & Kathy

Wigington, Alan & Megan Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth, Emily Wolken, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie Wurtele, Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Anna Young, Jon & Amber Zaturm. **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. (*Schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote email, on Facebook page.*)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Aug 17: Teresa Albers; Aug 19: Brenda Baumann; Aug 22: Kelly Bequette; Aug 24: Jacque Borer; Aug 26: Beth Box; Aug 29: Megan Brehm; Aug 31: Maureen Chance; Sep 2: Kris Chaney; Sep 5: Kay DeFreece; Sep 9: Janie Ebmeier; Sep 12: Jeanette Eilers; Sep 14: Carol Elworth. 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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Thank you to Mary Mills and all those that helped with our recent parish rummage sale. Whether you helped at the rummage sale, donated items or purchased items, your generosity of time, talent and treasurer is greatly appreciated. Proceeds were the highest ever at \$3,555.

SIXTH ANNUAL PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Who is interested? Chat with Fr. Schultes or Fr. Brox. Draft date TBD -- season begins Wed Sep 9!

MAIN CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE: The existing unit continues to be working – and quite well it seems (again, thanks mostly to our maintenance team and some expert volunteers in the parish). That said, we are continuing down the path with the contracted engineering firm to put the project out for bid, to explore the cost of a new system. The “pre-bid” meeting for contractors to come inspect and ask questions before putting their bid together is set for this Tue Aug 18 in the afternoon. The bids are then due in early September to the engineering firm for their review and also to be shared with us. Then a decision to move forward or continue on with the existing unit becomes more pressing.

FIRST DAY OF CCD WED AUG 19 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey. Registration forms in the entrance of the church.

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU AUG 20 AT 6:30 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Classes in the Catholic Faith/to become Catholic, but also for current Catholics to continue in their growing relationship with Jesus and His Church. Doctrine, Bible studies, prayer and Adoration. For more information call 402-873-3047.

ANNUAL MISSION COOP NEXT WEEKEND AUG 22/23: All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses and religious orders, and we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Please be generous! (Father Francis from Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales will be our guest priest.)

CCD ANNUAL PARENT MEETING WED AUG 26: All parents of 1-8 CCD students should be at this meeting in St. Benedict Church at 5:45 p.m. The usual topics of calendar, Sacraments, and the revised safe and sacred program are the main topics as is custom!

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORMS DUE WED SEP 2: As discussed at our parent-student-priest meetings earlier this calendar year, the student Saint reports were due this past April/May and now the Confirmation Sponsor form due date is approaching quickly – to the parish office (or CCD classroom teacher). See the form in the packet you received at those parent/student/priest meetings!

“CONFIRMED FOR MISSION” RETREAT SAT OCT 24 hosted by our parish! Our Nebraska City Confirmation Masses are the next Saturday (Oct 31), so we hope the majority of our confirmand and their parents and sponsors will attend this diocesan sponsored retreat day. Register at: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/catechist-resources/confirmation-retreat>

“COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT” SPONSORED BY SAINT MARY’S FRI NOV 20: Fun Pianos dueling pianos show RETURNS to help us celebrate our 5th annual event. As is custom, happy hour (5:30 p.m.), buffet supper (6:30 p.m.), and approximately two hours of entertainment (7:30 p.m.) – a fun night out, to meet and greet other parishioners in our community, hosted at Veterans Memorial Building! Save the date!

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.*

Aug. 9: Adult Env.: \$3,995.00; Loose: \$462.50; Online: \$5,120.00; Total: \$9,577.50

Parish Endowment: \$50.00; Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; Amount needed for budget to date (6 weeks): \$87,900.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$58,939.75; Short: -\$28,960.25

PARISH ENDOWMENT: In your August envelopes is an annual invite to celebrate **our Aug 27 birthday** (156 in 2026!) by contributing to our Parish Endowment – we have received nearly \$38,000 in earnings since endowment began in fall of 2020. Donations through that envelope, Online Giving, using an envelope marked “endowment,” or contacting the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska directly. Thank you.

K OF C FOOD PANTRY: **Diapers only** available for families in need every Saturday morning from 8:00-8:30 a.m.; food assistance and diapers from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the Lourdes bus barn.