

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 most Masses; *1st Saturday* 45 mins before Mass (led by Legion of Mary);
Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle *Thu at 1:30 p.m.*

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

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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight:

School activities – here we go! We will begin training our 3rd grade boys to be altar servers soon. CCD begins this Wednesday – ALL students 1-12 grade invited to the opening Mass (5:30 p.m. at St. Benedict) and then fun activity and snack with priests and teachers. Adults should consider coming to “class” also on Thursday evenings – each 1st and 3rd Thursday – starting at 6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict Abbey.
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	Richie Kincaid+	Don & Jackie Loseke	
Tuesday	Kermit Durr+	Donald Gardner+	
Wednesday	Viola Snyder+	Albert & Rose Mary Burger+	
Thursday	Catherine Souba+	Ryan & Janie Ebmeier	
Friday	Legion of Mary	Special Intention	
Saturday		Thelma Nielsen+	6:30 p.m. Children & Danny & Robin Heng
Sunday		Keith Schreiter+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Aug 23-24, 2025:</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 Griepestroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Ric Sevening, Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
LECTORS	Sharon Crunk	Jeanette Eilers	Shelli Stuhr
ACOLYTES	Matt Nienaber	Mark Eilers	Duane Stuhr
SERVERS	Ryder Reeves, Henry Holmes	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson	Harper & Hudson Weldon, Jaxson Reese

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and Seminarian Jacob Knutson; Sr. Cecilia 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 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, please contact the parish office.** St. Mary Church Prayer Chain: prayerchainstm@gmail.com

THE LEGION OF MARY IS PROMOTING THE ANGELUS, a prayer honoring the mysteries of the Annunciation and the Incarnation. St. Mary Church bells will ring at noon to remind us to pray the Angelus. Prayer cards in entrance of church. For more info contact any Legion member.

FORMED.ORG – THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND: STUDY...WATCH...LISTEN...READ... The best Catholic content all in one place. If you have not visited the website recently, take a look today and be inspired! If you have never visited Formed.org, register for free through our parish. It has numerous programs for all ages.

ANNUAL MISSION COOP WEEKEND SAT/SUN AUG 16/17: Welcome Father James Kariuki from the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru in Kenya-Africa. The primary goal of his home diocese is the propagation of the Faith. Challenges facing the two counties in the diocese: droughts, floods and banditry which has brought loss of human lives and animals; loss of property and displacement of the people. Your support will help in providing food for the starving, drinking water and help the displaced people with the basics. Please be generous! Special envelopes are available by the bulletins, use Online Giving or an envelope marked Mission Coop.

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

LEGION OF MARY SPONSORED ANNUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS SUN AUG 24 10:00 A.M. For those with serious, chronic illness (physical or mental); those who are of advanced age; or those about to undergo surgery may receive this Sacrament. A section up front in church will be reserved for those to receive anointing. If questions, call Fr. Schultes, Fr. Brox, 873-3024 or Tom Wightington, 209-5564.

PARISH 155TH BIRTHDAY ALL DAY EXPOSITION ADORATION WED AUG 27: Begins with Exposition/Prayers immediately after 8:00 a.m. Mass with our Lourdes students; will conclude with Benediction, Reposition, Prayers at 6:30 p.m., leading into our monthly Knights of Columbus gathering. Adoration sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9AB28A6F58-57684313-wedaug>. Many spots open!

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MON SEP 1 (LABOR DAY) at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. Resumes Tue Sep 2 at 6:00 a.m.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **Aug. 23:** Jim & Donna Murphy, Sam & Pat Nanfito, James & Patricia Neu, Aaron & Kelly O'Donnell, Erik & Kilee Olson, Amanda Meyer, Nick Smith, Scott & Jan O'Neil, Tim Peter, Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Robert & Heather Popish, Tom & Rachelle Ragland, Joni Rakestraw, David & Sonja Ramold, Daniel & Theresa Nastase. **Aug. 30:** Amanda Rayhel, Charlene Reese, David Reese, Jeff Reese, Darren & Emma Rettig, Kevin & Deb Rettig, Mike & Janis Riege, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Alicia Smalley, Sarah Soholt, Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Teresa Schlorholtz. **Sep. 6:** David Schmitz, Carol Schram, John & Jessica Schreck, Kent Schreiner, Ted & Carmen Schreiter, Ben & Trina Schropfer, Riannon Simmerman, Betty Slagle, Jackie Smith, Kori Stuck, Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Nathan Stukenholtz. **If unable to clean when assigned, families/individuals are responsible for finding a replacement or contacting and paying \$15 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.

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Aug 18: Mary Farris, Aug 20: Judy Francois, Aug 23: Lana Gilson, Aug 25: Kathy Grundman, Aug 27: Pat Gude, Aug 30: Noreen Harris, Sep. 3: Megan Brehm, Sep. 6: Sharon Heng, Sep. 8: Jenny Kearney, Sep. 10: Tammy Levins, Sep. 13: Jackie Loseke, Sep. 15: Cheryl Wirth, Sep. 17: Margaret Rumery. 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 the 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: Deroy Harshman, Adam Howard (*thru 2025*); Loretta Kubik, Emma Rettig, Kent Schreiner (*thru 2026*);

Beth Box, Lynn Heng, Jenny Kearney (*thru 2027*); Jason Esser, 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: Matthew Nienaber; **Catholic Daughters of Americas Regent:** Julie Volkmer

CCD FOR ALL GRADES 1-12 BEGINS WED AUG 20: Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Benedict – fun, interactive activity to follow. Regular high school night Sun Aug 24 at St. Benedict Abbey from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Grades 1-8 have regular class on Wed Aug 27 at St. Benedict.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONTINUES THU AUG 21 (EACH 1ST & 3RD THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED AUG 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

FIFTH ANNUAL PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Who is interested? So far 2-time champion Mary Allgood, Tyler Gude, Mitch Gude, Fr. Schultes and Fr. Brox. Chat with Fr. Schultes or Fr. Brox. Draft date TBD -- season begins Thu Sep 4, with everyone's favorite Cowboys playing that evening!

"SAINT MARY'S NIGHT OUT" FRI NOV 21: Music Bingo and Catered supper this year! Save the Date!

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

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

Aug. 10: Adult Env.: \$3,014.00; Loose: \$599.75; Online: \$3,550.00; Total: \$7,163.75
Franciscan Sisters: \$320.00 (Cumulative: \$3,322.00)

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (6 weeks):** \$87,000.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$71,599.80 **YTD Shortfall:** -\$15,400.20

"FIVE TO THRIVE" INITIATIVE: Several local non-profits including St. Mary, St. Benedict, and Lourdes are working together to promote educational workshops for the large amount of wealth-transfer in the next ten years in Otoe County. Workshops **Tue Aug 19** and **Thu Aug 21 – RSVP via 5tothrivenc@gmail.com**. We know how important Nebraska City and its organizations are to so many of our citizens and hope they will consider remembering our organizations in their wealth-transfer decision making. <https://www.nebcommfound.org/news/the-transfer-of-wealth/>

PARISH ENDOWMENT: In your August envelopes is an annual invite to celebrate **our Aug 27 birthday** (155 in 2025!) by contributing to our Parish Endowment – we have received nearly \$24,000 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.

ONLINE GIVING: Save paper. Save time. And make your offertory gifts work harder than ever for our ministries by participating in our Online Giving program. When you give online, your gift will be transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account directly to the church account. Access your account at any time—you're in control and that is a win-win for you and St. Mary Church. Please visit our website today at www.stmarysnebraskacity.com. For more information, you can also call the parish office. Thank you to all those that use online giving.

GIFTING YOUR RETIREMENT ASSETS TO ST. MARY CHURCH: Donating all or part of your unused retirement assets such as your IRA, 401k, 403b, pension or other tax-deferred plan, is an excellent way to make a gift to St. Mary Church. While some of these assets are sometimes used to cover your own long-term care, most people will probably not use all their retirement assets during their lifetime. **How to Make a Gift of Retirement Assets:** To leave your retirement assets to St. Mary Church, you will need to complete a beneficiary designation form provided by your retirement plan custodian or financial advisor. If you designate St. Mary Church as the beneficiary, we will benefit from the full value of your gift because your retirement assets will not be taxed at your death. Your estate will benefit from an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift. 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 operations (parish and cemetery), our savings for larger projects (parish and cemetery) and our endowments (parish and cemetery). For more information, contact the parish office.