

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 2, 2026:

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: Our calendars have turned to August! Pray for Father Brox on annual retreat this week – the week that includes Aug 4, the feast day of St. John Vianney. Saint John Vianney is the patron saint of all parish priests – may we seek his intercession this week to give thanks for all priests – current, past, and future that have helped facilitate our relationship with Jesus! A couple articles of reflection:

<https://ewtn.co.uk/article-why-st-john-vianney-is-a-model-for-all-priests/>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/08/04/st-john-m-vianney-the-cur-of-ars-patron-of-parish-priests.html>. 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+	Robert Beccard+	
Tuesday	Susan & Matthew Heng+	Mark & Rosetta Wirth+	
Wednesday	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Donald Gardner+	
Thursday	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Willard & Loyola Hiemer+	
Friday	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	Renee Box+	
Saturday		Kent McGinnis+	6:30 p.m. Albert & Rose Mary Burger+
Sunday		Laurence DuBois+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Aug. 8-9, 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	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family Jason & Kim Esser	Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman Nile & Mary Farris	Richard Gibson, Cindy McGinnis Joy & Teresa Johnson
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Jim Wirth	John Dubas
ACOLYTES	Andy Fedoris	Skylar Woita	Nate Wigington
SERVERS	Austin & Gavin Rayhel, Kane O'Donnell	Oliver Wigington, Landyn Vogt	Caden & Keaton Travis, River Giittinger

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. Mary Agnelis 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: St. Monica's feast day is celebrated on Aug 27. During the month of August, we will pray the following prayer each morning after the 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.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS ~ "IN THE UPPER ROOM" THU AUG 6 7-8 P.M. ~ John XXIII Diocesan Center ~ *Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord ~ sponsored by MAGNIFICAT and SEVEN SISTERS' APOSTOLATE.* All invited to join us to pray for our Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Adoration. Father Joseph Steele will preside. A community Rosary will be led by the mothers of Priests, there will be a short Meditation St. Pope John Paul II book "On the Fiftieth Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination", Music, and time for silent personal prayer. Material to purchase, also at no cost to assist you in praying for our Priests. Information also available for the Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please contact Coordinator, Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further info.

1ST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS (AUG 7): As led by our Legion of Mary – begin at approximately 7:25 a.m., leading up to 8:00 a.m. Mass.
<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/first-friday-devotion-to-sacred-heart-4692>

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUG 15: falls on a Saturday this year. Assumption, All Saints, and Mary Mother of God are NOT obligatory holy days when on Saturday or Monday (or Sunday, but that is already the Lord's Day!) – <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/canon-law/complementary-norms/canon-1246>. Therefore, we will NOT have any extra Masses – the usual 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning Mass will be the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption. (Sidebar: The other three of the six holy days – Christmas, Ascension, and Immaculate Conception – are obligatory Mass days regardless of day of the week.)

LEGION OF MARY SPONSORED ANNUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS SUN AUG 16 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 Wigington, 209-5564.

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

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED: One individual needed on the 5th Sun weekend at 6:30 p.m. and one individual needed at the 4th Sun at 10:00 a.m. If you would be willing to serve at these times each month, please call Amanda Geneski, 402-227-9606 or the parish office.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): Aug. 8: David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Carol Schram, John & Jessica Schreck, Kent Schreiner, Ted & Carmen Schreiter, Ben & Trina Schropfer, Riannon Simmerman, Betty Slagle, Jackie Smith, Kori Stuck. **Aug. 15:** Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Nathan Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Derek Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz, Kami Tedrow, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy. **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. **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 3: Shawn Stukenholtz; Aug 5: Julie Volkmer; Aug 8: Hope Weninger; Aug 10: Kathy Wigington; Aug 12: Cheryl Wirth; Aug 15: Emily Wolken; Aug 17: Teresa Albers; Aug 19: Brenda Baumann; Aug 22: Kelly Bequette; Aug 24: Jacque Borer; Aug 26: Beth Box; Aug 29: Megan Brehm. 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

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Brox will be away on retreat Sun Aug 2 through Sat Aug 8.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED SEMINARIAN COLTER FULTON LINCOLN DIOCESE CAMINO program last Sunday night in Visitation Church Hall. A great crowd with good cross section of demographics in attendance to listen to Colter’s passionate presentation.

CATHOLIC MEN’S GROUP: IRON SHARPENS IRON THU AUG 13 8:30-9:30 P.M.: Note the slightly earlier time! 1724 Morgan Dr. (garage), Nebraska City. Join for men’s fellowship, prayer, Scripture discussion, Catholic brotherhood, encouragement and accountability. Bring own craft beer/pipe/cigar, Rosary, Bible, lawn chair. Pray over the Sunday readings for the next Sunday, in preparation for reflection and discussion. Time for fellowship; leave strengthened in faith. All Catholic men welcome. More info, contact Josh Medeiros, 209-4530.

FIRST DAY OF CCD WED AUG 19 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey. Annual parent-priest meeting Wed Aug 26.

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>

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.

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.*

July 26: Adult Env.: \$4,302.00; **Loose:** \$483.90; **Online:** \$2,125.00; **IRA:** \$200.00; **Total: \$7,110.90**
Franciscan Sisters: \$425.00; Retired Priests: \$33.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,650.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (4 weeks): \$58,600.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$37,974.00; Short: -\$20,626.00

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE THU AUG 6–SAT AUG 8: NO TVS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, MATTRESSES OR CAR SEATS: All proceeds go to purchase items used in church – candles, altar bread, missals, music issues, etc. **Thu & Fri Aug 6-7:** 9-5 p.m.; **Sat Aug 8:** 9-Noon in the church hall. Sort your donations and **fold or hang clothing**. Donations can be brought to the church hall, but please **by Mon Aug 3** so items can be prepared. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Mary Mills, 873-6247. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SAT AUG 8 AT 12:00 P.M.** to box all remaining items and clean the hall. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Franciscan Sisters Collection. Our parish contributes \$700/month (\$8,400/year), towards their annual living expenses. Current contributions total \$5,663.62 (to offset total stipend to them). Our Sisters help with the education of our children and adults and are a prayerful intercession for our parishes and school. Thanks for your generosity & thanks Sisters for your work in our community!

CSA 2026: 131 pledges for \$54,927.68. Goals: \$55,000 and 50% of households (190 donors). *Pledge cards available through parish office.* <https://www.givecentral.org/LincolnDiocese-CSA> Please return pledge cards by dropping in the collection or at the parish office.