

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 23, 2026:

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: All schools are now underway – as are school activities and numerous items connected traditionally to the school calendar – many of those activities in this bulletin. Find an activity or two and get involved, meet others, encounter and share Jesus! *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	Jacki Oelke+	Mary Jo Olmer+	
Tuesday	Grand/Children of Leo & Sonja Heng	Brendan Frey+	
Wednesday	Mike+ & Rosie Callahan & Family	Brian Hiemer+	
Thursday	Arnie Beckman+	Dan & Alice+ O'Neill	
Friday	Shirley Sudman+	Ed & Ann Bade+	
Saturday		Kent McGinnis+	6:30 p.m. Daren Vogel & Chris Winkler+
Sunday		Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carldstedt+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Aug. 29-30, 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	Judy Francois, Jane Lutz Betty Slagle	Charles Moyer, Jim Elworth Randy & Gail Walford	Fred & Sheryl Allen Brad & Cathy Kassube
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Amanda Geneski	Matt Rutt
ACOLYTES	Andy Fedoris	Mike Lollmann	Taylor Johnson
SERVERS	Calvin & Julian Weninger	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Luke Chaney, Blake Meyer

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. Rose Josefa of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 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.

ANNUAL MISSION COOP THIS WEEKEND AUG 22/23: We welcome Father Francis Mondeddu from the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS) to our parish this week. The MSFS were founded in 1838 in Annecy, France, by Servant of God Fr. Peter Mermier during the difficult years following the French Revolution. Approximately 1,500 MSFS missionaries serve in 33 countries – in parish missions, educational institutions for children especially for socially vulnerable, social services (orphanages and semi – orphanages), and training Institutes for women empowerment programs. Father is native to India, but is currently serving in northern Canada (north of Saskatoon). Please welcome him to our parish and our community – and consider supporting our mission coop program. Mission coop envelopes near bulletins, or utilize your own envelope and label it "mission coop", or utilize online giving.

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-thuaug#/>

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. 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 Wolta,

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 Zatur. **Sep. 12:** Rachel Coyan, Lynn & Sharon Heng, Elise Buck, Lauren Bennett, Marco & Samantha Fabietti, Shawn & Brittny Hermann, John & Linda Hogeland, Drew Holtmeyer, Adam & Jennifer Howard, Taylor & Sarah Johnson. **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 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; Sep 16: Mary Farris; Sep 19: Judy Francois; Sep 21: Lana Gilson. 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

CCD WED AUG 26 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey. Registration forms in the entrance of the church.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED AUG 26 7:00 P.M. in the Visitation church hall. Rosary at 6:40 p.m.

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU AUG 27 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.

CATHOLIC MEN’S GROUP: IRON SHARPENS IRON THU AUG 27 8:30-9:30 P.M. AT RECTORY GARAGE: Note the slightly earlier time & the location change! Adoration beforehand in church for those able to make it – to celebrate our parish birthday – see other bulletin notice for such. 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE SEP 1 6:00 P.M. MASS with installation of officers and meeting to follow in Visitation Hall. All ladies of St. Mary, St. Benedict, St. Joseph, St. Bernard, St. Paulinus, and Holy Trinity are invited to be a part of Catholic Daughters!

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!

KC ALTAR SERVER-DAD-GRANDPA TAILGATE PARTY SUN OCT 18: Save the date! 2nd half of Chargers-Chiefs game, followed by supper and 1st half of beloved Cowboys versus Packers! Further details developing. Stay tuned.

“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!

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

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). The “pre-bid” meeting for contractors to come inspect and ask questions before putting their bid together was this past Tuesday. Bids are 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.

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. 16: Adult Env.: \$3,540.00; Loose: \$347.00; Online: \$4,175.00; Assumption: \$550.00; Total: \$8,612.00
Franciscan Sisters: \$125.00; Mission Coop: \$40.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; Amount needed for budget to date (7 weeks): \$102,550.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$67,551.75; Short: -\$34,998.25

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.