

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.*

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. Jonathan J. Haschke

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025:

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight:

Thanks to numerous of you who attended the recent community “5 to Thrive” events at Valentino’s (Thanks to Nile and staff for hosting). While few (if any) of us want to think about the end of our life at times – one attorney at these events stated that 60% of people do NOT have a will or trust for the distribution of their assets at the end of their earthly life – so then the government gets involved (and I think none of us want that). It is great to have a plan in place to benefit our children, grandchildren, and elements of our life that were important to us and we hope they continue to thrive after we pass on to the next world – including our schools, parishes, hospital, library, etc. (We are grateful for our parishioners and a couple of thoughtful non-parishioners who remembered us with a gift from their estates!)

A different and more current opportunity is the annual Parish Birthday Endowment envelope in your August tithing envelopes – dated intentionally on our parish birthday, August 27. More importantly, we offer all day Adoration that day in our church, to pray for our predecessors (I prayed at the grave of our very first pastor again this week – he is buried with other Omaha priests at Holy Sepulcher in Omaha); to pray for our current needs; and continue to pray (and provide) for those who will pass through our doors in the future!

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	Sr. Veronica Volkmer+ & Family	Jacki Oelke+	
Tuesday	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Russell Hullinger+	
Wednesday	Virginia Heng+	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	
Thursday	Bruce Welniak, Darin Vogel+	Dan & Alice O'Neill+	
Friday	Virginia Ullsperger+	Special Intention	
Saturday		Maxine Ebmeier	6:30 p.m. Leo & Sonja Heng & Family+
Sunday		Laurence DuBois+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Aug 30-31, 2025:</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/	Carline Moles, Betty Slagle	Charles Moyer, Jim Elworth	Fred & Sheryl Allen
GREETERS	Judy Francois, Jane Lutz	Randy & Gail Walford	Brad & Cathy Kassube
LECTORS	Dan DeFreece	Amanda Geneski	Joshua Whitney
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng	Kevin Rettig	Brent Travis
SERVERS	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	Gage Geneski, Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Caden & Keaton Travis, River Giittinger

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and Seminarian Jacob Knutson; Sr. Rose Josefa of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood at the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother 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

PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of David Read and consolation to his family.

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...best Catholic content all in one place. Check out the website and be inspired – register for free through our parish. It has numerous programs for all ages.

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!

“IN THE UPPER ROOM” – A HOLY HOUR FOR OUR PRIESTS AUG 28 7-8 P.M. at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. The Holy Hour will include meditations, Rosary, silent time for personal prayer and Benediction with Music by Simple Faith.

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. 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. **Sep. 13:** Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Derek Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz, Larry & Marcia Talmon, Kami Tedrow, Cathy Thomas, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy, Brent & Darci Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Lee & Joyce Turner, Frank & Julie Volkmer. **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. (*Entire current quarterly schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote bulletin email, and on Facebook page.*)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: 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, Sep. 20: Audra Rutt, Sep. 22: Jackie Smith, Sep. 24: Shelli Stuhr. 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 (Council 3152): Matthew Nienaber; **Catholic Daughters of Americas Regent (Court Emmanuel 1122):** Julie Volkmer

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CCD GRADES 1-12: Next gathering: **Sun Aug 24** Grades 9-12 from 7-8 p.m. at St. Benedict Abbey; **Wed Aug 27** Grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict/Lourdes Primary. **Annual Parent-Priest Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wed Aug 27 in Abbey.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED AUG 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Benediction/Reposition at 6:30 p.m. All men from St. Mary, St. Benedict, St. Joseph, and St. Bernard are invited.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE SEP 2 at 6:30 pm in the church Hall. Icebreaker is your favorite summer memory. All parish women from St. Mary, St. Benedict, St. Joseph, St. Bernard, St. Paulinus, and Holy Trinity are invited.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONTINUES THU SEP 4 (EACH 1ST & 3RD THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

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. 17: Adult Env.: \$3,130.00; Loose: \$364.05; Online: \$4,130.00; IRA: \$11,000.00; Assumption: \$1,340.00; **Total: \$19,964.05**
Franciscan Sisters: \$200.00 (Cumulative: \$3,522.00); Parish Endowment: \$100.00; Mission Coop: \$1,505.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (7 weeks):** **\$101,500.00**

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: **\$91,563.85** **YTD Shortfall:** **-\$9,936.15**

ANNUAL MISSION COOP LAST WEEKEND: Thank you for the generous hospitality and support given to Fr. James Kariuki from the Diocese of Nakuru in Kenya (Africa). Challenges facing his diocese: droughts, floods, and banditry which has brought loss of human lives and animals, loss of property, and displacement of the people. Your support helps provide food for the starving, drinking water, and help displaced people with the basics. Special envelopes by the bulletins, use Online Giving or an envelope marked "Mission Coop". Please remember him and his diocese in your prayers. While it is a very noble to desire to give ongoing support to a missionary; each missionary that comes to our parish needs your help. Therefore, please help support the larger missionary needs of the universal Catholic Church by supporting the different missionary dioceses or orders who give appeals in our parish each year and by supporting all the dioceses and parishes who cannot even afford to send a missionary to this country by supporting the *World Mission Sunday* collection on the third Sunday of October.

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 – with another \$7,000 coming in the next month. Donations through that envelope, Online Giving, using an envelope marked "endowment," or contacting the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska directly. Thank you.

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 parish and/or cemetery operations; savings for special projects; and adding principal to our endowments. For more information, contact the parish office.