

# 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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; *1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org); [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org)

***SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025:***

***EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**Weekly Highlight:**

A quarterly Saturday church cleaning schedule now posted on bulletin boards and separately on our parish Facebook page (and in weekly Flocknote email) – for more advance notice and additional communication. We will continue to have the three weeks most immediate (reminder) schedule in the bulletin! Thanks to all who responded to my earlier email on this topic.

Our Deacon has left -- a first sign that summer is moving towards its latter part. Another is the calendar turning the page to August. The tidal wave of school calendar related items is building from afar – and in our bulletin. Thanks to all who readily review the items in this publication and act upon it! 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.
<b>Monday</b>	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Mark & Rosetta Wirth+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Caroline Sarraillon+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Grandparents of Danny & Robin Heng	Legion of Mary	
<b>Thursday</b>	Bob Beilman+	Douglas Boes+	
<b>Friday</b>	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Jacki Oelke+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Dillon Wichman+	6:30 p.m. Laurence DuBois+
<b>Sunday</b>		Pat Ramold+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Aug 9-10, 2025:</u></b>			
	<b><u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family Jason & Kim Esser	Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman Nile & Mary Farris	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Joy & Teresa Johnson
<b>LECTORS</b>	Frank Volkmer	Jim Wirth	Kelly Madden
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Daren Box	Mike Gilson	Jon Borer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris, Wade Andrew	Gage Geneski, Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Clayton & Joel Bantz, Carter Bennett

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and Seminarian Jacob Knutson; and an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, & Jesus-centered marriages! ***From our prayer chain,*** continue praying for: native son Father John Cooper, George Hengen, 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](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION “ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY”:** Thu Aug 14 Vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m.; Fri Aug 15 Mass at 6:20 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL MISSION COOP WEEKEND SAT/SUN AUG 16/17:** Each year over 150 missionary dioceses and religious orders request permission to come to our diocese to give an appeal for financial support. This appeal is a major source of funding for these missionaries, and the monies collected in our parish go directly to that missionary diocese or religious for the poor that they serve. These funds are used to feed, house, and educate the poor and orphans, provide medical care, build churches, schools, clinics, catechetical training centers, dig wells, etc., and educate candidates for the priesthood and religious life and provide many other necessities. Please be generous!

**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 Wigington, 209-5564.

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

**MINISTER RECRUITMENT – WHO’S INTERESTED?** (1) **EMHC:** adult male or female (husband & wife teams ideal) to spend 60-90 minutes on rotating Fridays taking Holy Communion to homebound between 9a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; (2) **Acolyte:** adult males who assist clergy at Mass – distribute Holy Communion, set up and clear altar – greatest need at Sat eve Mass and help with weekday 8:00 a.m. Mass. Dads with son altar servers are most ideal candidates; (3) **Lector/Reader:** adult male or female who proclaim Scripture & Petitions. Like acolytes, we are in greatest need for Sat eve Mass. Contact one of our priests or the parish office with questions. Training to be scheduled.

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **Aug. 9:** Kelly & Sue Madden, Mark & Jennifer Madison, Paul & Angie Madison, Emily Magel, Jennifer Marolf, Lu Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Jerry & Suzi Martin, Rita Mathews. **Aug. 16:** Derek & Taylor McGinnis, Kent & Cindy McGinnis, Kylan McGinnis, Jason & Molly McNeely, Shawn & Randi Meade, Brett & Emily Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Marcia Elshire. **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. **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 4: Maureen Chance, Aug 6: Kris Chaney, Aug 9: Kay DeFreece, Aug 11: Janie Ebmeier, Aug 13: Jeanette Eilers, Aug 16: Carol Elworth, 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. 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**CLERGY WHEREABOUTS:** Fr. Brox on vacation Sat Aug 2 thru Thu Aug 7. Fr. Schultes chaplain for Engaged Encounter Aug 8-10 weekend.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THU AUG 7 6:45-8:00 P.M.** at St. Benedict Abbey. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu each month. Fr. Brox main priest.

**CCD BEGINS WED AUG 20:** Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Benedict – fun, interactive activity to follow. Regular classes on Wed Aug 27.

**FIFTH ANNUAL PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE:** Who is interested? Chat with Fr. Schultes or Fr. Brox. Draft date TBD.

**# 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.*

**July 27:** Adult Env.: \$4,028.00; Loose: \$736.00; Online: \$2,335.00; Grain: \$5,368.00; IRA: \$10,000.00; **Total: \$22,467.00**  
Franciscan Sisters: \$1,885.00; Retired Priests: \$33.00; So. NE Register: \$22.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget:** \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (4 weeks): \$ 58,000.00**

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$53,290.25 YTD Shortfall: -\$4,709.75**

**WEEKLY TITHE BUDGET:** We set our weekly needed amount for the current fiscal year at \$14,500. This is less than a 1% increase from last year (\$14,400/week). After a \$30,000 decline in our Lourdes contribution last year, we are increasing by \$8,500 (1.5% increase) to \$568,800. Our largest projected expenses after Lourdes: \$103,000 for clergy benefits (salary, health insurance, retirement/401k, cell phone, etc.) and \$75,000 for net diocesan administration, Southern Nebraska Register, Saint John Vianney (retired clergy retirement). Other expenses (e.g., property insurance) continue to increase. We recently received a non-parishioner estate gift to jump start this fiscal year! We hope to finish church hall purchases by Dec 31, to move residual to maintenance, endowment, and operations (as per campaign promo materials). Annual “state of the parish” homily in late September.

**KC ANNUAL CORN ON THE COB:** Should be LOTS available for purchase after all Masses!

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS BENCH:** Save your bags from produce, stores, ice, zipper bags, bread, and dry cleaning, cereal box liners, case overwrap, newspaper sleeves, paper towels/toilet paper wrap, bubble wrap and plastic mailers. Place in the box in the entrance of the church.

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS’ ANNUAL ENVELOPE/COLLECTION:** Our parish contributes \$700/month (\$8,400 annually), towards their living expenses (St. Benedict and Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth also contribute). Our Sisters help with the education of our youth and adults and are a prayerful intercession for parishes and school. *In 2024-25, contributions were \$5,236 – shortfall covered by general parish funds.* An envelope is included in your July packet or donate through Online Giving. **A second collection THIS weekend (Aug 1/2) by our ushers** – it should have been last weekend, but Fr. Schultes forgot about it (sorry). Thanks to many who returned their envelope already.

**PARISH RUMMAGE SALE THU AUG 7–SAT AUG 9: NO TVS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR CAR SEATS:** All proceeds go to purchase items used in church – candles, altar bread, missals, music issues, etc. **Thu & Fri Aug 7-8:** 9-5 p.m.; **Sat Aug 9:** 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 4** so items can be prepared. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Anna Mae Kaiser, 873-6454 or Mary Mills, 873-6247. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SAT AUG 9 AT 12:00 P.M.** to box all remaining items and clean the hall. Thank you.

**“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](mailto: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.

**CSA 2025 REBATE RECEIVED** for \$16,350.00. 51 open pledges totaling \$29,127.50. <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>. Thanks for your annual support of this campaign!