

# 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.*

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)

**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 31, 2025:***

***TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**Weekly Highlight:** With school activities in full swing, an (annual) reminder of other activities that can take us away from the parish. Our weekly “day away” becomes more important for its break and time to visit family, friends, and brother priests in other locations. Fr. Schultes is generally away Sunday evening into Monday evening; Fr. Brox is away Monday evening into Tuesday evening; Fr. Haschke is away Wednesday evening into Thursday evening. Other activities for our priests: Fr. Schultes is a member of the Diocesan Investment and Loan (DI&L central bank) committee, the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska Board, Engaged Encounter, Dean of the Plattsmouth Deanery, on our St. Mary Hospital Board, Lourdes Finance Committee and School Board, chaplain to area Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters, and helps with numerous Lourdes school activities; Fr. Brox is 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 11<sup>th</sup> grade theology teacher at Lourdes, a member of the Diocese Junior Clergy, Advocate on the Diocese Tribunal, chaplain to our local Legion of Mary, and helps with numerous other Lourdes activities. Fr. Haschke has numerous Lourdes and school administration functions especially overseeing several committees and boards, numerous diocesan education administration activities, Diocesan Chaplain to Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, and assists with Rachel’s Vineyards retreats and post-abortion healing events.

*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>	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Leta Harshman+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Healing Whole Person 2026 Conference	Pat Ramold+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Leonard Kaiser+	Brian Hiemer+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Chris Winkler+ Bryan Palmer+	Karen Lowe+	
<b>Friday</b>	Donald Lutz+	Gwen Ebmeier	
<b>Saturday</b>		Parents of Danny & Robin Heng+	6:30 p.m. Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>		Donald Gardner+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Sep. 6-7, 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>	Herman & Myla Weber Tim & Brenda Baumann	Tim & Nancy Baragary Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Colin & Teresa Albers
<b>LECTORS</b>	Kent Schreiner	Jennifer Howard	Jon Borer
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tim Baumann	Adam Howard, Mark Loseke	Andy Fedoris
<b>SERVERS</b>	Austin & Gavin Rayhel, Kane O'Donnell	Leo & Elliott Ramold, Oliver Wigington	Hudson Rutt, Landon Wurtele, Nick Kearney

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and Seminarian Jacob Knutson; Sr. Rita Marie of the Holy Trinity 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 Sharp, 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)

**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.

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

**LOURDES ANNUAL “GROTTO MASS” FRI SEP 5 9:30 A.M.:** We will keep our normal daily Mass schedule in church – 6:20 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. If weather affects the Grotto Mass, that Mass will move to our church.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **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. **Sep. 20:** Amber Spidell, Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, John & Ronda Wigington, Erin Weldon, Skip & Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz, John & Mary Wenzl, Joshua Whitney, Carolyn

Whitney, Everet & Lisa Whitten, Halli Powers. **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:** 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, Sep. 27: Shawn Stukenholtz, Sep. 29: Hope Weninger. 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** (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

**THANKS TO OUR MULTI-PARISH LEGION OF MARY** for organizing our annual Anointing of the Sick Mass at last Sunday’s 10a.m. Mass.

**WEEKLY CCD:** Grades 9-12 **Sun 7-8 p.m.** at St. Benedict Abbey; Grades 1-8 **Wed 5:30-6:45 p.m.** at St. Benedict/Lourdes Primary.

**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 THU SEP 4 (EACH 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M.** at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST SEP 7 8:30-11:30 A.M.** will be held at St. Benedict Abbey to benefit Maeleigh McConnell, daughter of Ryan and Heidi McConnell of St. Benedict Parish and in our CCD program. Go support the McConnells, our Knights, and check out the completed “Abbey” in the process!

**ANNUAL “VALENTINO’S NIGHT OUT” MON OCT 20** to benefit St. Mary and St. Benedict Parishes. Dine in, pick up, or delivery sales from 3:00 p.m. to close result in donations to the parishes. Thanks for supporting a local business and our two city parishes – last year each parish received \$300 from this event!

**“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. 24:** Adult Env.: \$4,455.00; Loose: \$643.75; Online: \$4,035.00; Assumption: \$115.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; **Total: \$9,273.75**

Franciscan Sisters: \$100.00 (Cumulative: \$3,622.00); Parish Endowment: \$760.00; Mission Coop: \$2,415.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (8 weeks): \$116,000.00**

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$100,837.60 YTD Shortfall: -\$15,162.40**

**ADULT CHOIR - DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** High school students and older are invited to come and share your gift and sing with the adult choir beginning on Sun Sep 7 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Weekly practice is on Sundays at 9:40 a.m. before the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We do not require anyone who wants to sing to be there all the time but would love to have them when they are available. We want you to sing when it fits in your schedule. This is a great way to honor God through the gift of song. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Dan Giittinger 402-873-4635. Thanks, and praying that you will join us.

**SEMI-ANNUAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED** for six months ended June 30, 2025: \$7,037.69 parish and \$788.78 cemetery. *Cumulative* distributions since origination: Cemetery (est. Mar 2020) \$4,785.95; Parish (est. Sep 2020) \$30,701.01. Thanks for supporting these endowments.

**CSA 2025 UPDATE:** 47 open pledges totaling \$25,212.50 – all payments made before Sep 30 quarter-end will be rebated to the parish in mid-October. Thanks to 102 pledges that are already completed! <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>. Contact our parish office if you need information on your pledge status. This campaign ends Apr 30, 2026.

**AUGUST RUMMAGE SALE RECAP:** Thanks to all who assisted with the latest rummage sale, especially the ladies who spend many hours sorting, organizing, labeling, and helping customers during the sale. Thanks to numerous helpers (including Lourdes students) who helped box and bag up remainder items and get them upstairs and loaded in the CSS trailer. This sale resulted in \$2,150.00 to support the purchase of our altar supplies (bread, wine, dry cleaning vestments, candles) and missalettes/music issues in the pews! Since July of 2021, the rummage sales have contributed over \$14,000 to purchasing such items!

**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.