

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 9, 2026:

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: With school activities starting soon and priest summer retreats and vacations now completed, 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 Sun evening into Mon evening; Fr. Brox is away Mon evening into Tue evening; Fr. Rynearson is away Wed evening into Thu evening. Other activities for our priests: Fr. Schultes is a member of the Diocesan Investment and Loan (DI&L central bank) committee, 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 8th grade and 11th 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. Rynearson has numerous Lourdes and school administration functions especially overseeing several committees and boards, numerous diocesan education administration activities and Diocesan Chaplain to Totus Tuus summer youth program. Collectively, your three STM priests are the primary priest coverage for the other priests in the Deanery when they are away for their own apostolate or personal reasons. *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	Curt Wurtele+	Special Intention	
Tuesday	Jeff Oelke	Matthew Wigington	
Wednesday	Bill Ramaekers+ (Anniv.)	Shirley Young+ (Anniv.)	
Thursday	Laurence DuBois+	Bill Aultz, Sr.+	
Friday	Renee Box+	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
Saturday		Parents, Grandparents of Danny & Robin Heng	6:30 p.m. Frank Wisnieski+ (Anniv.)
Sunday		Carl Calfee+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Aug. 15-16, 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	Danny & Robin Heng	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen Wes & Amanda Geneski
LECTORS	Dan Kostka	Bob Wulf	Ryan Ebmeier
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Jon Borer	Mike Kearney
SERVERS	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris Kelby Fulton	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson Christian Pinzino	Hudson Rutt, Landon Wurtele Nick Kearney

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, for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood at the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrow Mother, 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.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUG 15: falls on a Saturday this year. Assumption (Aug 15), All Saints (Nov 1), and Mary Mother of God (Jan 1) 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.

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.

TUE AUG 18 – DEDICATION OF OUR DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL FEAST DAY: Booklets with readings will be in church for morning Masses.

LOURDES SCHOOL BEGINS THU AUG 20: As is custom, the students will be sitting up front and will take the lead on Readings, serving, offertory, and occasional singing.

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. 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. **Aug. 29:** Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz, John & Mary Wenzl, Joshua & Carolyn Whitney, Evert & Lisa Whitten, Halli Powers, Doug Wichman, Richard Wichman, Emily Clark, Skyler Woita, Nathan & Mary Wigington. **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 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; Aug 31: Maureen Chance; Sep 2: Kris Chaney; Sep 5: Kay DeFreece. 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

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THU AUG 13 AT 6:30 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Classes in the Catholic Faith/to become Catholic. Doctrine, Bible studies, prayer and Adoration. For more information call 402-873-3047.

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. Registration forms available in the entrance of the church.

ANNUAL MISSION COOP AUG 22/23: 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! (Father Francis from Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales will be our guest priest.)

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>

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. 2: Adult Env.: \$5,251.00; Loose: \$307.25; Online: \$5,755.00; IRA: \$50.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; Total: \$11,388.25
Parish Endowment: \$50.00; Franciscan Sisters: \$225.00; So. NE Reg.: \$80.00; Cemetery: \$100.00; Peter’s Pence: \$100.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; Amount needed for budget to date (5 weeks): \$73,250.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$49,362.25; Short: -\$23,887.75

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.

K OF C FOOD PANTRY: **Diapers only** available for families in need every Saturday morning from 8:00-8:30 a.m.; food assistance and diapers from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the Lourdes bus barn.