

# 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 Mass; *Flame of Love Rosary* Cenacle Thu at 1:30 p.m.

*1<sup>st</sup> Friday devotions* at 7:25 a.m.; *1<sup>st</sup> 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](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, DECEMBER 7, 2025: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Weekly Highlight:** Thanks to those who attended Fr. Haschke's Holy Land recap last Sunday and the Thursday evening Advent Movie Series. This week, we celebrate our patronal feast day on Monday, with customary candlelight only Mass at 7:00 p.m. (In other news, about three dozen of you contacted me via landline, text, messenger, etc. about the latest round of gift card scams. Seems like there were two fake email addresses posing as me this time – one was more convincing because the scammer used my full name. Those are FAKE and the scammer – wherever they are in the world – are trying to take advantage of your caring and generous hearts, which was particularly creative to do the week of Thanksgiving. Us priests will NOT text or email you asking for gift cards or the equivalent. Sorry for the annoyance! It caused me Thanksgiving week frustration also – may God have mercy on them.) *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>	Legion of Mary	Karen Lowe Family	7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	Virginia Ullsperger+	Rose Schreiner+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ernest & Helen Volkmer+	Donald Gardner+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Dillon Wichman+	Schlichtemeier Family	
<b>Friday</b>	Ernest & Helen Volkmer+	Marv & Mel+ Giittinger	
<b>Saturday</b>		Brian Hiemer+	6:30 p.m. Viola Snyder+
<b>Sunday</b>		Keith Schreiter+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Dec. 13-14, 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>	Kent Schreiner	Jennifer Howard	Matt Rutt
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Danny Heng	Adam Howard	Jon Borer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris Wade Andrew	Oliver Wigington, Landyn Vogt Quinn Harpham	Sam, Jack, William Ebmeier

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Eli Reiter; Sr. Guadalupe, 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, Renee Stehlik 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](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**PRAY** for the happy repose of the souls of Charlene Gangel and Mary Jo Olmer and consolation to their families.

**NEW MISSALETTES & MUSIC ISSUES** in the pews – please do **NOT** take them home. They are purchased for use in church.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION/PARISH FEAST DAY SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM MON DEC 8:** Mass times: 6:20 & 8:00 a.m.; 7:00 p.m. candlelight feast day. *Due to Advent Recital, no Sun night vigil Mass – St. Benedict has a 5:00 p.m. Mass.*

**FEAST DAY ADORATION MON DEC 8 IN CHURCH CANCELLED**, due to TEC use of church, plus visitation/Rosary in church on Monday.

**KINDERGARTEN-3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE CHRISTMAS EVE POSADA** before the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Wed Dec 24). Searching for Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to be angels and play the role of Mary, Joseph, Innkeepers, and Narrator. If your child would like to be a part of the Posada, please contact Brittny Hermann at [brittnyhermann@yahoo.com](mailto:brittnyhermann@yahoo.com) by **Fri Dec 19**. All students participating need to be at rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Eve day - Wed Dec 24. Thank you!

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR DEC 20/21, 24/25, 27/28 MASSES** for lectors, acolytes, greeters, and altar servers on the table in church entryway. Please be generous in assisting with our liturgies. **Note arrival/practice times for Christmas.** Coming later: Dec 31/1 and Jan 3/4 sign-ups.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** Donations accepted as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to honor someone living. Envelopes in your packet; donations can be made online (then email names to be remembered to parish office) or you can use a regular envelope marked with poinsettia with names of those you would like remembered. Make donations by **Sun Dec 21** Thank you.

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

**NEW PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Taking volunteers to join the council for a three-year term. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue of the 4<sup>th</sup> month – Feb 10, Jun 9, Oct 13, 2026 – for approximately two hours each meeting. The council is a consultative body to the resident priests and a representative group *of and to* the entire parish, with members involved in a variety of activities of our parish. See Fr. Schultes, if the Lord may be calling you to join! So far, two people have expressed interest to Fr. Schultes – need at least one more!

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **Dec. 13:** Jay & Jessica Harris, Bill & Noreen Harris, Deroy Harshman, Kylie Hein, Cristin Hendrickson, Daniel & Robin Heng, Elizabeth Heng, David & Debbie Heng, Shawn & Brittny Hermann, John & Linda Hogeland. **Dec. 20:** Lynn & Sharon Heng, Rachel Coyan, Elise Buck, Lauren Bennett, Marco & Samantha Fabietti, Drew Holtmeyer, Adam & Jennifer Howard, Taylor & Sarah Johnson, Bryan Kreifels, Tim Kreifels. **Dec. 27:** Anthony & Michelle Kaiser, Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, Clare Kincaid, Bradley & Catherine Kassube, Mike & Jenny Kearney, Brian Kochanowicz, Dan Kostka, Ron & Loretta Kubik, Grant & Shana Lackey. **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:** Dec. 8: Shawn Stukenholtz, Dec. 10: Julie Volkmer, Dec. 13: Hope Weninger, Dec. 15: Kathy Wigington, Dec. 17: Cheryl Wirth, Dec. 20: Emily Wolken, Dec. 22: Teresa Albers, Dec. 27: Brenda Baumann, Dec. 29: Kelly Bequette, Jan 3: Jacque Borer; Jan 5: Beth Box; Jan 7: 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.**

**PARISH OFFICE LIMITED HOURS** beginning Wed Nov 12 due to our secretary, Linda Willson, being on medical leave for 4-6 weeks. Emails and phone messages will be monitored and responded to as soon as possible. Volunteers will be available to answer phone and door visits following daily Mass to 11:30 a.m. on Mon, Wed, and Fri. You may also leave a message for the priests at 402-873-3024.

**Telephone:** 402-873-3024

**Mailing Address:** 218 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Nebraska City, NE 68410

**Website:** [stmarysnebraskacity.com](http://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 (Council 3152):** Matthew Nienaber; **Catholic Daughters of Americas Regent (Court Emmanuel 1122):** Julie Volkmer

**PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL:** Week 13 winners: No Chance Lance (9-4); Tyler Gude (10-3); Jon Borer (8-5); Team Allgood (6-7); Fr. Schultes (6-7). Playoffs begin: 6 seed Team Allgood versus 3 seed No Chance Lance; 5 seed Fr. Schultes versus 4 seed Jon Borer.

**44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT RECITAL SUN DEC 7** in our church at 6:00 p.m. Free will offering to benefit the Nebraska City Food Pantry. Refreshments to follow in the church hall. Knights of Columbus will be selling their Christmas cards and other wood seasonal crafts.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE DEC 9** for those who RSVP previously. Annual Advent/Christmas outing at 5:30 p.m., with supper at Tommy Angel Restaurant, 812 Central Avenue. As in the past, Cardo will be played for those interested in bringing an approximately \$10.00 gift to exchange. Contact Shawn Stukenholtz at 402-209-0863 or [fourmifarm6559@gmail.com](mailto:fourmifarm6559@gmail.com) with questions.

**ADVENT THURSDAY MOVIES** in church hall at 6:30 p.m. Bring beverage and snack. *Dec 11: Cool Hand Luke; Dec 18: Field of Dreams.*

**KC SPONSORED ALTAR SERVER-DAD-GRANDPA TAILGATE PARTY SUN DEC 14 5:00 P.M.** in St. Mary Church Hall. Watch Fr. Brox (Lions) and Fr. Daro (Vikings) versus Fr. Schultes (Cowboys). Also food, games and prizes. Wear your favorite NFL team gear. RSVP by **Dec. 12** at 873-3024 or [stmbulletin@windstream.net](mailto:stmbulletin@windstream.net)

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Mary Soup Supper is back! **Sun Jan 25 2026 from 4-7 p.m.** in our church hall. We need volunteers to chair desserts, drinks, dining room, soup servers and cleanup. We also need baskets for our raffle. Please call Barb Stukenholtz, 209-4976 or Sally DuBois, 209-0789, if you are interested in donating a basket or would like to help.

## # 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.*

**Nov. 30: Adult Env.:** \$2,240.00; **Loose:** \$197.06; **Online:** \$5,205.00; **IRA:** \$25,000.00; **Bldg. Fund:** \$25.00; **Total:** **\$32,667.06**  
**Parish Endowment:** \$75.00; **Franciscan Sisters:** \$25.00; **Cloistered Sisters:** \$603.00; **Retired Priests:** \$33.00; **So. NE Reg.:** \$22.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget:** \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (22 weeks):** **\$319,000.00**  
**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026:** **\$270,426.82** **YTD Shortfall:** **-\$48,573.18**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ADVENT FOOD DRIVE** to benefit the Knights of Columbus Food Bank. Nonperishable items accepted in special boxes in the entry of the church. Canned meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, and stews are the most needed items.

**KNIGHTS BOOSTER CLUB** annual cinnamon roll sales! Pre-orders only – \$20/pan. Available for pick-up the evening of *Fri Dec 19!* To place a pre-order, envelopes and information are in the entrance of the church. **Deadline to return envelopes to the offertory is Dec 14.** Or, online orders are available through Lourdes socials media and web site. <https://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org>

**SIGNIFICANT YEAR END GIFTS PREFERENCE:** If you plan to make a significant year end gift and use our Online Giving program, please consider writing a check instead. We can save on our processing fees and receive your entire gift – thank you for your consideration of such.

**2025 CSA(DDP):** 41 open pledges for \$10,111.50 – payments before Dec 31 rebated in Jan 2026. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>