

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. Jonathan J. Haschke

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight:

(1) Thanks to all who supported last Sunday's Soup Supper and a big thanks to the chairpersons (Barb and Sally) and numerous volunteers who helped work the event and provide a plethora of desserts and salads. Gross proceeds before food payment was approximately \$2600. Donations are still being accepted for those that were unable to attend or help that would like to support our soup supper. (2) Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for getting our parish/community on the Sacred Heart of Jesus icon circuit – was great to have it with us this week. (3) Seems our tithing envelope company had an envelope stuffing issue, as numerous of us received not only our own February envelopes, but also another parishioner set. At this point, we are unsure if this happened to everyone – or just half of us – because the other half did not receive their monthly mailing. If you are missing your envelopes, please message the parish office.

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	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Laurence DuBois+	
Tuesday	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	Doug Gibson+	
Wednesday	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Jacki Oelke+	
Thursday	Shirley Sudman+	Marv Giittinger+	
Friday	Robert & Mary Lee Duncan+	Patty Kilp+ (Anniv.)	
Saturday		Leo & Sonja Heng+	6:30 p.m. Viola Snyder+
Sunday		Tom Schreiner+ (Anniv.)	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Feb 7-8, 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	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family Jason & Kim Esser	Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman Nile & Mary Farris	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Joy & Teresa Johnson
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Kay DeFreece	John Dubas
ACOLYTES	Tim Baumann	Dan DeFreece	Nate Wigington
SERVERS	Andrew & Jackson Walters Lucas Spidell	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson	Eli Cunningham, Landon DuVal Kelby Fulton

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and McGivney Swanson, and an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, & Jesus-centered marriages! *From our prayer chain*, continue praying for: native son Father John Cooper, Kathy Grundman, 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

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FEB 7-8: **WMD** honors husband and wife as foundation of the family and beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in married life. **WDPCL** is a day of prayer for all vowed to consecrated life. Congrats to all our married couples, especially those celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, and over 50 years and to Sr. Ana Maria, Sr. Kathleen, and Sr. Cynthia. See additional information about Sr. Ana Maria celebration of 70 years professed in section #3 of this bulletin.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE at North American Martyrs Church, Lincoln, Feb. 20-22. Call/Text 402-370-5839 to save a place.

2026 SACRAMENTS DATES: 1st Confession Sat Feb 21 at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1st Communion Sun Apr 19 at Noon in our church.

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON RETREAT APR 16-18 AT NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH LINCOLN: Registration now open -- in person and livestream/virtual options: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/healing-the-whole-person-weekend-2026-lincoln-ne/>. Connected is a "Day of Equipping" on Fri Apr 17: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/day-of-equipping-2026-lincoln-ne/>

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

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING TUE FEB 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Visitation (church) Hall – agendas and financial package forthcoming.

ANNUAL SAFETY DISCLOSURE: Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees/volunteers report any allegations of abuse/neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse/neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (1-800-652-1999) and to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): Feb. 7: Amanda Rayhel, Charlene Reese, David Reese, Jeff Reese, Darren & Emma Rettig, Kevin & Deb Rettig, Mike & Janis Riege, Gareth Robinson, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Alica Smalley, Sarah Soholt. **Feb. 14:** Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Teresa Schlorholtz, Cory & Jennifer Schlichtemeier, David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Carol Schram, John & Jessica Schreck, Kent Schreiner, Ted & Carmen Schreiter. **Feb. 21:** Ben & Trina Schropfer, Riannon Simmerman, Betty Slagle, Jackie Smith, Kori Stuck, Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz, Nathan Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Derek Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz. **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. (Entire current quarterly schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote bulletin email, and on Facebook page.)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Feb 2: Pat Gude; Feb 4: Noreen Harris; Feb 7: Sharon Heng; Feb 9: Jenny Kearney; Feb 11: Tammy Levins; Feb 14: Jackie Loseke; Feb 16: Margaret Rumery, Feb 18: Donna Murphy; Feb 21: Audra Rutt; Feb 23: Jackie Smith, Feb 25: Shelli Stuhr; Feb 28: Julie Volkmer; Mar 2: Shawn Stukenholtz. 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*); 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

WEEKLY CCD SCHEDULE: High School Sundays 7-8 p.m. at St. Benedict; 1st-8th Grade Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict.

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Schultes will be away from the parish starting Mon Feb 2 until Fri Feb 6.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' MONTHLY GATHERING TUE FEB 3 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall.

OCIA THU FEB 5: St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall for spring semester from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PARISH PITCH PARTY FRI FEB 13: Arrival time 6:15 p.m. in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall. Bring a snack, \$1.00, and your drink of choice! Prizes awarded for low and high winners. All finished between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

VALENTINE'S TRIVIA NIGHT SAT FEB 14: St. Paulinus Syracuse – tables \$100 for teams of up to 8 persons; with add-on charcuterie boards, desserts, and champagne. Cash bar available. Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. Eight rounds of trivia start at 7:00 pm. Register/info via QR code on the flyer or <http://go.unl.edu/trivianight>. Questions, contact stpaulinuschurch@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE SISTER ANA MARIA'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION SUN FEB 15 from 1-4 p.m. Food, Fellowship, and Memories at the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse, 347 N. 62nd Rd, Nebraska City. Join the party!

"STARS, STRIPES, AND THE LOURDES KNIGHTS" SAT MAR 21: 32nd annual Lourdes Event. Join us for an unforgettable night supporting Lourdes Central Catholic! To learn about the Lourdes Event, business sponsorship opportunities, or how you can support the annual fundraiser, visit the event website at <https://onecau.se/lourdesevent>. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece, 402-873.6154 or at kay-defreece@cdolinc.net.

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.*

Jan. 25: Adult Env.: \$2,280.00; **Loose:** \$261.01; **Online:** \$3,970.00; **IRA:** \$200.00; **Total:** \$6,711.01
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Altar Society: \$35.00; Lourdes Tuition Assistance: \$935.00; Retired Priests: \$40.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (30 weeks):** \$435,000.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$457,333.41

YEAR-END 2025 TITHING STATEMENTS were mailed this week. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

CSA(DDP) 2025: \$13,902.50 quarterly rebate received. 15 pledges open for \$2,957.50 -- ends Apr 30. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>

ANNUAL "SUPERSANDWICH" SALES: *Order deadline Sun Feb 1.* Order from a Lourdes/KC rep after Mass or via Lourdes website -- www.lourdescentralcatholic.org. Order pickup at St. Mary Church Sun Feb 8 from 9 a.m. until Noon. Proceeds help KC and Lourdes Prom.

FEBRUARY CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH: Each registered household should receive *The Southern Nebraska Register*, which has international, national, and local parish/school news. Parish annual cost is \$5,696.00 (\$16 each). Consider a donation to help defray the cost -- suggested donation is \$16.00 (more appreciated, if you wish). Additional envelopes in church or donations can be given online. Thank you.

FORMED – THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND with Catholic movies, children's programs, e-books, audio talks, and Bible studies. *Our subscription is \$1,099.00 for 2026.* Donate to help defray our cost. Place contributions in an envelope marked "Formed" in the collection basket, mailed, dropped by the parish office or Online Giving. Go to Formed.org and click on "Sign-up." Get the FREE FORMED APP.

LOURDES ANNUAL TUITION ASSISTANCE: Envelope in your January tithing packet -- your gift helps families and works alongside the Diocese's Good Shepherd Scholarships. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket or parish office. Thank you!