

# 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](mailto:jstukenholtz@hotmail.com), 402-450-1993 or Brooke Chaney, [brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net](mailto: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, FEBRUARY 15, 2026:*** ***SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

### **Weekly Highlight:**

Lent 2026 – go time! Bulletin full of Lent stuff! Big table in church entry way (narthex) full of lots of free Lent materials – including the Lenten study (for all ages), with Saturday group reflections discussed below. *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>	Virginia Heng+	President Donald Trump	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Marv Giittinger+	
<b>ASH</b>	Caroline Sarraillon+	Taylor Gray+	6:30 p.m. Leo & Sonja Heng+
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	Myron & Velma Henner+	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
<b>Friday</b>	Ginger Roddy+	Karen Lowe+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Albert & Rose Mary Burger+	6:30 p.m. Robert Reese+
<b>Sunday</b>		Jacki Oelke+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Feb 21 -22, 2026</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>	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
<b>LECTORS</b>	Beth Box	Jeanette Eilers	Kelly Madden
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Daren Box	Mark Eilers	Dan DeFreece
<b>SERVERS</b>	Calvin & Julian Weninger, Lyndon Brehm	Leo & Elliott Ramold	Caden & Keaton Travis, River Giittinger

**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 Trent Moudry, 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](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**ADORER NEEDED FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** on Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. Call/Text Janie Ebmeier, [jstukenholtz@hotmail.com](mailto:jstukenholtz@hotmail.com), 402-450-1993 or Brooke Chaney, [brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net](mailto:brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net), 402-209-1965.

**ST. BENEDICT SPONSORED MONTHLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MON FEB 16:** Bible Study 9-10 a.m. in The Abbey; Adoration in St. Benedict Church 10-11 a.m.; Mass with school at 11:00 a.m. Join for any portion of the morning. (Next month Mon Mar 16.)

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** **ABSTINENCE** means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholic **age 14 and older** on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent. **FASTING** means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal – no snacking or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics **from the age of 18 until age 59**. BOTH abstinence and fasting laws are applicable on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **The laws of Fasting and Abstinence bind under pain of sin, and substantial neglect of the laws is considered serious matter (aka "a mortal sin").** Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. If in doubt, consult with the priest hearing your confession.

**"IN THE UPPER ROOM" (HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS) THU FEB 19 7:00-8:00 P.M.** John XXIII Center in Lincoln ~ sponsored by MAGNIFICAT and Seven Sisters. Exposition/Adoration, community Rosary (by priest moms), meditation, music, and silent time. Materials available to assist you in praying for our Priests. Seven Sisters Apostolate info available – contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT AT 5:30 P.M.** in our church. Confession available starting at 5:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY MORNING LENT STUDY GROUP SHARING:** Each **Sat of Lent, starting Feb 21** – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall. Bring your own beverage and your study book – available with Lent materials on big table in church narthex.

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

**LENT EXPOSITION/ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH SUN FEB 22:** 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. – bring your family!

**5 WEEK LENTEN MONDAYS (FEB 23; MAR 2, 9, 16, 23) STUDY:** "THE CROSS" examines the practice of crucifixion and spiritual/theological significance of Christ's Cross. 1:30-3:00 p.m. OR 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse, 347 N. 62nd Rd, Neb City.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **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. **Feb. 28:** Kami Tedrow, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy, Brent & Darci Travis, Tim & Jill Travis, Lee & Joyce Turner, Frank & Julie Volkmer, Amber Spidell, Adam Walters, Derek Walters. **Mar. 7:** Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, John & Ronda Wigington, Erin Weldon, William & Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz, John & Mary Wenzl, Joshua & Carolyn Whitney, Evert & Lisa Whitten. **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. (Current quarter schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote email, and on Facebook page.)

**DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS:** 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, Mar 4: Hope Weninger; Mar 7: Kathy Wigington; Mar 9: Cheryl Wirth; Mar 11: Emily Wolken; Mar 14: Teresa Albers. 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. 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:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sun only 6:30 p.m. at St. Benedict; 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade each Wed 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict.

**MARRIAGE MENTORING (W2L):** As highlighted in homilies at St. Mary and St. Benedict last weekend, if you are married 10ish years or less and would like to invest in your marriage and help our parish start *Witness to Love*, notify one of our priests or the parish office ASAP!

**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!

**CLERGY STUDY DAY TUE FEB 17:** Majority of diocese clergy will be at seminary in Seward. In case of emergency and need for a priest, contact Lourdes School (402-873-6154) and they will find a priest. Fr. Doug Daro is our Deanery coverage priest that day.

**OCIA THU FEB 19:** St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall for spring semester from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**KC LENTEN FISH "FRI-DAYS" FEB 20, 27; MAR 6, 13:** Sit down or drive thru at St. Benedict Church beginning at 4:30 p.m.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED FEB 25 7:00 P.M.** at **St. Benedict Church and Abbey.** No Rosary this month.

**LECTOR/READER ANNUAL APPRECIATION BREAKFAST SAT FEB 28:** Valentino's 9:00 a.m.; RSVP to parish office **by Fri Feb 27.**

**32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL LOURDES EVENT SAT MAR 21:** You are Invited to "Stars, Stripes & the Lourdes Knights." Celebrate our community, enjoy a festive evening with patriotic flair, and support the mission of our Catholic school. **Schedule:** 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church; 5:00 p.m. Social Hour, Silent Auction at Lourdes; 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Program, Grand Auction. Tickets \$100 per person (dinner and open bar). Purchase tickets **by March 11.** Register for the auction, donate, or become a sponsor: <https://onecau.se/lourdesevent>.

## # 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.

**Feb. 9: Adult Env.: \$4,599.00; Loose: \$214.00; Online: \$5,315.00; IRA: \$25,350.00; Total: \$35,478.00**

Franciscan Sisters: \$125.00; Altar Society: \$116.00; Lourdes Tuition Assistance: \$450.00;

Retired Priests: \$250.00; So. NE Reg.: \$653.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (32 weeks): \$464,000.00**

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$504,693.41**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FEB 21/22 FOR SRI LANKA** for disaster relief for the Archdiocese of Colombo. Sri Lanka experienced its most severe flooding in decades in late Nov/early Dec 2025 after Cyclone Ditwah brought prolonged heavy rainfall, which triggered landslides and widespread inundation across the country. This collection will provide financial assistance in making repairs to Church property and to provide material assistance to those who are still struggling to rebuild. Make checks payable to the parish and label your envelope "Disaster Relief for Colombo." If you plan to give to this collection, please do so **by March 1.** Thank you.

**MID-YEAR (6 MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR) FINANCIAL PACKET** available near bulletins in church. See Fr. Schultes with questions

**CHRISTMAS PARISH ANGEL TREE RECAP:** Thanks to all who participated! 76 of 88 ornaments have been returned to the parish to date!