

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 22, 2026: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Weekly Highlight:

Thoughts of Sri Lanka (see Bishop Conley's SNR article and 2nd collection this weekend): four current Sri Lanka priests were seminarians with me – all at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg (where Colter Fulton studies) while I was at St. Charles Borromeo in Philly. I spent more time with now Father Eranga and Father Asitha because they were closer in theology grade level to me. One May I drove them back from the East Coast – we visited 8 Cathedrals; Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame; stayed at Notre Dame seminary and watched the movie Rudy; ate Chicago deep dish pizza; went up the Sears/Willis Tower; visited the Field of Dreams; and sat in a John Deere tractor at Schultes farm. Plus a flat tire along the way. I am sure they are both doing amazing back home! *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	Marv Giittinger+	Leonard Kaiser+	
Tuesday	Bill Aultz+	Leonard & Clara Heng+	
Wednesday	Healing Whole Person 2026 Conf.	Cliff Kreifels+	
Thursday	Carolyn Burns+	Alice O'Neill+	
Friday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Leo & Sonja Heng+	
Saturday		In Thanksgiving for Parish Lectors	6:30 p.m. Marcene Klein+
Sunday		Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Feb 28-Mar 1, 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	Herman & Myla Weber Tim & Brenda Baumann	Tim & Nancy Baragary Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Amanda Geneski	Cindy McGinnis
ACOLYTES	Matt Nienaber	Kevin Rettig, Mike Lollmann	Bryan Bequette
SERVERS	Ryder & Hunter Reeves, Henry Holmes	Oliver Wigington, Landyn Vogt Quinn Harpham	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); Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Jaden Wilsey, 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

ADORER NEEDS FOR HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tue 2-3 a.m. (temporary or permanent), Thu 2-3 p.m. (2nd adorer), Thu 4-5 p.m. (temporary). Contact Janie Ebmeier (402-450-1993, jstukenholtz@hotmail.com) or Brooke Chaney (402-209-1965, brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net).

LENT EXPOSITION/ADORATION IN CHURCH 2-5 PM SUN FEB 22: Stop by with your family! We need silence with Jesus – Listen to Him!

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.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY: Tuesdays during Lent after 8:00 a.m. Mass – in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall. Everyone welcome.

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**, 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.

SAT NIGHT MAR 21 MASS moved up to 4:00 p.m. for Lourdes *Event* – **no 6:30 p.m.** Mass. Confession offered before Mass **from 3-4 p.m.**

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY INSTALLED ACOLYTES AND LECTORS: Dan Kostka (lector); Taylor Johnson (acolyte); Michael Lollmann (acolyte); and Skyler Woita (acolyte). Bishop Conley installed them all (plus over 100 others) last Saturday at our Cathedral!

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): 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. **Mar. 14:** Halli Powers, Emily Wiebeck, Skyler Woita, Nathan & Mary Wigington, Tom & Kathy Wigington, Alan & Megan Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth, Emily Wolken, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie Wurtele. **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 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; Mar 16: Brenda Baumann; Mar 18: Kelly Bequette; Mar 21: Jacque Borer. 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

PITCH PARTY THANK YOU to all who attended; for Barb & Ed Stukenholtz years of coordinating; and new coordinator Shawn Stukenholtz!

WEEKLY CCD SCHEDULE: High School 1st Sun only 6:30 p.m. at St. Benedict; 1st-8th 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 two weekends ago, 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW MEMBERSHIP WED FEB 25: CUF (Charity, Unity, Fraternity) new membership degree at St. Benedict Church at 6:45pm (before 7pm meeting). If interested in joining, now is a great time, with lots of activities and the new spiritual "COR" initiative. New members should stay for regular meeting. Questions? Call Matt Nienaber (402-984-2235); Ken Carlstedt (402-209-3025).

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

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

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

PINK LADIES TO SING SUN MAR 1 prior to the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

PARENT-STUDENT CONFIRMATION MEETING WED MAR 4 6:30 P.M. with priests and teachers in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall – 4th & 5th graders and older to be confirmed in fall 2026 must attend with their parents! (A similar meeting of CCD St. Mary and St. Benedict students/parents happened in January.) *The date of the fall Confirmation is yet unknown.*

32ND 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. 15: Adult Env.: \$3,870.00; Loose: \$492.00; Online: \$3,980.00; Total: \$8,342.00
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Altar Society: \$40.00; So. NE Reg.: \$554.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (33 weeks): \$478,500.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$513,035.41

2ND COLLECTION FEB 21/22 FOR SRI LANKA for disaster relief for the Archdiocese of Colombo. In late 2025, Cyclone Ditwah brought prolonged heavy rainfall and landslides. 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. See Bishop Conley article in most recent Southern Nebraska Register: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/op-ed/bishop-s-column/19453-keeping-hope-alive-in-sri-lanka>

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE THU MAR 12–SAT MAR 14: NO TVS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR CAR SEATS: All proceeds go to purchase items used in church – candles, altar bread, missals, music issues, etc. **Thu & Fri Mar 12-13:** 9-5 p.m.; **Sat Mar 14:** 9-Noon in the church hall. Sort your donations and **fold or hang clothing.** Donations can be brought to the church hall, but please **by Mon Mar 9** so items can be prepared. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Mary Mills, 873-6247 or Carline Moles, 873-3023. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SAT MAR 14 AT 12:00 P.M.** to box all remaining items and clean the hall. Thank you.

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