

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 8, 2026: ***FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

Weekly Highlight:

A thank you to our parish volunteers (CCD, acolytes, EMHCs, lectors, priests, etc.) for completing the annual renewal of safe environment credentials. We were down to our final handful as of last weekend and I think we are now current again.

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	World Marriage Day Couples & Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother	Rebecca Rezac	
Tuesday	Bob Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Brian Hiemer+	
Wednesday	Louise Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Trent & Rachel Schmidt	
Thursday	Virginia Heng+ (Anniv.)	Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother	
Friday	Nedra Eiserman+	Mary Jo Olmer+	
Saturday		Kristina Yost Schildberg+	6:30 p.m. Bill Aultz+
Sunday		Willard & Loyola Hiemer+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<i>Feb 14-15, 2026</i>			
	<i>Sat 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Sun 8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sun 10:00 a.m.</i>
USHERS/ GREETERS	Danny & Robin Heng Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Bob Wulf	Ryan Ebmeier
ACOLYTES	Andy Fedoris	Jon Borer	Mike Kearney
SERVERS	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris, Wade Andrew	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Gavin & Ender Cumro, Charlie Gude

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; Seminarian Jacob Knutson, 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

PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of Nedra Eiserman and Cliff Kreifels and consolation to their families.

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, 402-450-1993 or Brooke Chaney, brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net, 402-209-1965.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY MASS WED FEB 11 AT 8:00 A.M. MASS: Bishop Conley is the scheduled presider at that Mass!

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.)

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 18 MASS TIMES: 6:20 a.m.; 8:00 a.m. (with Lourdes 3-12); 6:30 p.m.

"IN THE UPPER ROOM" ~ A HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS ~ THU FEB 19 7:00-8:00 P.M. at John XXIII Diocesan Center ~ sponsored by MAGNIFICAT of Lincoln and Seven Sisters Apostolate. Join to pray for our Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition/Adoration. All are invited to attend. Father Robert Barnhill, Magnificat's Spiritual Advisor, will preside. A community Rosary will be led by the mothers of Priests, a short Meditation from Fulton Sheen's book "The Priest Is Not His Own," music, and time for silent personal prayer. Material will be available for purchase **along with free material** to assist you in praying for our Priests. Information will also be available for the Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

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.

5 WEEK LENTEN STUDY ON THE CROSS: In "THE CROSS", presenter Clement Harrold will help you see the Cross with new eyes by examining the historical practice of crucifixion, as well as the spiritual and theological significance of Christ's Cross. *Mondays - Feb 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, and 23* from 1:30-3:00 p.m. OR 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse, 347 N. 62nd Rd, Nebraska City.

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 distributed.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): 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. **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. **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 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 *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.

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.

KC BREAKFAST SUN FEB 15 AT ST. BENEDICT ABBEY 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. – proceeds to help St. Benedict parishioner Lynell Schomaker with medical expenses.

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.

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

"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://onecause/lourdesevent>. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece, 402-873.6154 or at kay-defreeze@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.*

Feb. 1: Adult Env.: \$5,990.00; Loose: \$352.00; Online: \$5,480.00; Ash Wednesday: \$35.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; Total: \$11,882.00
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Altar Society: \$60.00; Lourdes Tuition Assistance: \$300.00; Retired Priests: \$33.00; So. NE Reg.: \$380.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (31 weeks): \$449,500.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$469,215.41

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.

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: One final update as this campaign has closed: we eclipsed the dollar goal in amount paid, but were short of participation goal. *Goals:* 127 household paid pledges for \$19,200. *Result:* 112 for \$25,140 (3 of these are open for \$450).