

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, JANUARY 11, 2026: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Weekly Highlight:

The parish "Soup Supper" returns in two weeks – it last happened in spring 2019. For what I know, this was an annual tradition for many years – my first spring (2020), something out of the ordinary had the event cancelled (anybody remember what that was 😊?) Again the next year, for similar reason, it was not pursued – and some parishioners thought the event needed a break. Years later, a couple of ladies have taken charge of the event, with many of you volunteering to help – thanks Barb and Sally and their growing list of helpers! Looking forward to seeing our parish in action and hope many attend and sit amongst new friends – we have a remodeled church hall to celebrate and utilize!

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	Curtis Grundman Family	Karen Lowe+	
Tuesday	Leslie & Nellie Wolfe+	Schllichtemeier Family	
Wednesday	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Jacki Oelke+	
Thursday	Marcene Klein+	Laurence DuBois+ (Anniv.)	
Friday	Sally Wigington+ (Anniv.)	Fr. Schultes & Fr. Brox	
Saturday		Colben Cusick & Family	6:30 p.m. Bill Aultz+ (Anniv.)
Sunday		Kristina Yost Schildberg+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	<u>Jan. 17-18, 2026:</u>		
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/	Danny & Robin Heng	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Fred & Sheryl Allen
GREETERS	Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Gail Walford	Shelli Stuhr
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland	Mark Eilers, Skyler Woita	Duane Stuhr
SERVERS	Ryder & Hunter Reeves, Henry Holmes	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Stryder & Storm Meade, Seth Whitney

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 Henry Stuhr; and young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood in our Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses, 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 Stehlík 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

WEEKLY FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY at Sisters Convent will not be held Tue Jan 13 (change from prior notices). Resumes Tue Jan 20.

ST. BENEDICT SPONSORED MONTHLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MON JAN 19: 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 Feb 16.)

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON RETREAT APR 16-18 AT NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH LINCOLN: Registration opens Mon Jan 12 (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)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS (LECTORS, ACOLYTES, EMHC, ETC): ALL clergy, religious, lay employees, and volunteers (whose duties include contact with minors and other vulnerable individuals) are required to complete the CMG Connect Safe Environment training renewal in January of 2026. Those that are current on background checks are NOT required to complete a new background check in January of 2026 (those are valid for five years). <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/news/diocesan-news/18204-safe-environment-recertification-streamlined> The website for renewing your training: https://lincoln.cmgconnect.org/users/sign_in

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): Jan. 17: Lu Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Rita Mathews, Derek & Taylor McGinnis, Kent & Cindy McGinnis, Kylan McGinnis, Jason & Molly McNeely, Shawn & Randi Meade, Brett & Emily Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick.

Jan. 24: Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Marcia Elshire, Jim & Donna Murphy, Sam & Pat Nanfito, James & Patricia Neu, Matt Nienaber, Aaron & Kelly O'Donnell, Erik & Kilee Olson, Amanda Meyer, Nick Smith. **Jan. 31:** Scott & Jan O'Neil, Caroline Partsch, Tim Peter, Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Robert & Heather Popish, Tom & Rachelle Ragland, Joni Rakestraw, David & Sonja Ramold, Anthony & Rose McPhillips, Daniel & Theresa Nastase. **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: Jan 12: Kris Chaney; Jan 14: Kay DeFreece; Jan 17: Janie Ebmeier; Jan 19: Jeanette Eilers; Jan 21: Carol Elworth; Jan 24: Mary Farris, Jan 26: Judy Francois; Jan 28: Lana Gilson; Jan 31: Kathy Grundman. 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.

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

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL FINAL STANDINGS: Champs: The Wild Borers; 2nd: No Chance Lance; 3rd: Tyler Gude; 4th: Fr. Brox; 5th: Mary Allgood; 6th: Fr. Schultes; 7th: Mitch Gude; 8th: Wes Geneski; 9th: Tim Kreifels; 10th: Fr. Kilcawley.

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.

SUPPORT POST-PROM AT VALENTINO'S MON JAN 12: Make your Monday easier and join for supper between 3 and close time that night.

CCD PARENT-STUDENT CONFIRMATION MEETING WED JAN 14 with priests, coordinator, and teachers at 5:30 p.m. – CCD students (4th & 5th graders) to be confirmed in fall 2026 must attend with their parents! (A similar meeting of Lourdes St. Mary and St. Benedict students/parents later – CCD only meets once a week, so they begin preparation now!) *The date of the fall Confirmation is yet unknown.*

FATHER HASCHKE WILL SHOW PICTURES AGAIN FROM THE HOLY LAND – SUN JAN 18 in church hall after 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come see pictures from his recent trip to the Holy Land. All welcome – this is a second opportunity for those who could not attend in November.

PARISH SOUP SUPPER: Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church this weekend for all parishioners to volunteer an hour to help with the Soup Supper. Each family is asked to bring a large salad (feeds 10 or more) and any type of dessert to the basement by Noon on the 25th of January. **Remember hours are 4:00-7:00 p.m.** and Free Will Donation requested. Questions or to volunteer please call Sally DuBois 402-209-0789 or Barb Stukenholtz 402-209-4976.

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. 4: Adult Env.: \$11,480.00; **Loose:** \$203.25; **Online:** \$8,180.00; **IRA:** \$6,500.00; **Sol. of Mary:** \$1,721.00

Christmas: \$115.00; All Saints: \$25.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; **Total: \$28,249.25**

Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Retired Priests: \$70.00; Altar Society: \$570.00; Parish Endowment: \$75.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (27 weeks):** \$391,500.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$428,574.01

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5TH ANNUAL "PARISH WISH LIST" ANGEL TREE: Ornaments on tree to support church and rectory maintenance, office supplies, priest meals, etc. Items can be left by the tree or at the parish office. Thanks for supporting our seasonal Angel trees!

ALTAR SOCIETY DONATIONS: Envelope in your January envelope set or use Online Giving. Contributions to the Altar Society and proceeds from the rummage sale and funerals support the parish in purchasing altar bread, wine, candles, missals, music issues, etc. Thank you.

LOURDES ANNUAL APPEAL: Join in sharing the gift of Catholic education! Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of education; it is through the unity of many generous hearts that we provide every student the opportunity to grow in knowledge, faith, and character. Thanks to the generosity of our community, *we have already reached 65% of our goal with gifts from 167 supporters*. Your generosity strengthens our community and helps shape hearts, minds, and souls for generations to come. Visit LourdesCentralCatholic.org or use the donation envelopes at the back of church.

ANNUAL LOURDES TUITION ASSISTANCE: Consider using the envelope in your January tithing packet to support Lourdes Tuition Assistance. Your gift helps families afford a Lourdes education and works alongside the Diocese's Good Shepherd Scholarship program. This year, 107 students (40% of our Lourdes families) applied for tuition assistance. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket or parish office. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD): Save money on your taxes by donating your annual RMD directly to St. Mary Church. Direct-from-your-IRA donations are called qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). They count as withdrawals for purposes of meeting the RMD rules that apply to your traditional IRAs, avoiding having to pay income taxes on them, if they were kept for your own usage.