

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 18, 2026: *SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Weekly Highlight:

I miss the Christmas decorations every year, but as the Lord had my own spiritual journey (and homilies) focused much more on the progression amongst them and the silence of the Bethlehem manger scene, I think I miss them more this year – may I take those insights with me throughout the year! Thanks so very much to our decorators for their diligence and great work -- Barb & Ed Stukenholtz and Patrice & Bob Wulf.

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	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Tom Schreiner+	
Tuesday	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Brian Hiemer+	
Wednesday	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	Ray Haiar+ (Anniv.)	
Thursday	Brian Neville Family	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	
Friday	Shirley Sudman+	Fr. Salisbury & Fr. Homes	
Saturday		Dennis & Brian Heng+	6:30 p.m. Ray, Helen, Janet Frana+
Sunday		Robert & Mary Lee Duncan+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Jan. 24-25, 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	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
LECTORS	Dan Kostka	Barb Stukenholtz	Joshua Whitney
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Sean Chance	Tom Gude
SERVERS	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	Leo & Elliott Ramold	Harper & Hudson Weldon, Jaxson Reese

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 Leo Bykerk, 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

PRAY for the happy repose of the souls of Ed Bade and Mike Callahan and consolation to their families.

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.)

WEEKLY FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY at Sisters Convent resumes Tue Jan 20.

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

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)

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. 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. **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. **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 19: Jeanette Eilers; Jan 21: Carol Elworth; Jan 24: Mary Farris, Jan 26: Judy Francois; Jan 28: Lana Gilson; Jan 31: Kathy Grundman, 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. 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

THANK YOU to Herman and Myla Weber, Pam Boes, and Loretta Kubik for serving in the parish office during my absence. Thank you to all those that sent cards, phone calls, prayers, and for your patience. May God Bless you. -- *Linda Willson*

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.

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.

OCIA THU JAN 22: St. Mary Church Hall for spring semester from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PARISH SOUP SUPPER SUN JAN 25: Sign-up sheets in the back of the church for all parishioners to volunteer an hour to help. Each family is asked to bring a large salad (feeds 10 or more) and any type of dessert to the basement by Noon on Jan 25th. **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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED JAN 28 7:00 P.M. in the church hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

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. 11: Adult Env.: \$4,560.00; **Loose:** \$163.30; **Online:** \$1,785.00; Sol. of Mary: \$50.00; **Total: \$6,558.30**
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Altar Society: \$290.00; So. NE Register: \$80.00; Soup Supper: \$20.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (28 weeks): \$406,000.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$435,132.31

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL “ONE ROSE ONE LIFE” NEXT WEEKEND JAN 24/25 envelopes will be near bulletins, for you to contribute. Simply return through the regular collection, as the parish office then forwards those envelopes to our Knights. Thank you.

LOURDES ANNUAL APPEAL: We are 72% of the way to our \$265,000 goal for the Lourdes Annual Appeal! 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. Thank you to all who have supported this effort already. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support Catholic Education. To make a donation, visit LourdesCentralCatholic.org or use the envelopes at the back of church.

ANNUAL LOURDES TUITION ASSISTANCE: Use the envelope in your January tithing packet -- 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. Thanks for supporting 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.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ARE HIRING! 1. A qualified individual for the Parish Office Manager/Bookkeeper position. This position will serve as the administrative backbone of the parish and will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Church office. 2. A qualified individual for the School Principal position. This position is responsible for overseeing the PreK through 8th grade school. For more information or to apply, please contact Father Timmerman at 402-296-3139.