

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 25, 2026: *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Weekly Highlight:

Soup! Souper! ... after seven-year absence – last ***parish*** Soup Supper was in 2019! Come eat – sit with someone new – expand your prayer network by knowing more members of your parish/Catholic community! *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. |
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| Monday | Randy Fox+ | Ginger Roddy+ | |
| Tuesday | Myron & Velma Henner+ | Mary Jo Olmer+ | |
| Wednesday | Rev. Michael McCabe | Robert Beccard+ | |
| Thursday | David Walker Family | Kent & Cindy McGinnis Family | |
| Friday | Marcene Klein+ | Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother | |
| Saturday | | Karen Lowe+ | 6:30 p.m. Albert & Rosemary (Anniv.) Burger+ |
| Sunday | | Donald Gardner+ | 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish |
| <u>Jan. 31 - Feb 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/ | Herman & Myla Weber | Tim & Nancy Baragary | Duane & Shelli Stuhr |
| GREETERS | Tim & Brenda Baumann | Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford | Colin & Teresa Albers |
| LECTORS | Beth Box | Jim Wirth | Jon Borer |
| ACOLYTES | Daren Box | Jason Esser | Brent Travis |
| SERVERS | Austin & Gavin Rayhel Kane O'Donnell | Oliver Wigington, Landyn Vogt Quinn Harpham | Clayton & Joel Bantz, Carter Bennett |

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 Jon Kadlec, 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

ADDITIONAL LOURDES MASS TUE JAN 27: Due to activities of Catholic Schools Week, Lourdes will have an all-school prayer partner Mass at 9:00 a.m. that day in our church. Regular 6:20 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses will still take place – without any Lourdes students in attendance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK LOURDES ADORATION IN CHURCH THU JAN 29 from approximately 2:45 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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.

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. To date, approximately half of our volunteers have completed the training – emails sent as reminders to others. Thanks to all who have finished!

ANNUAL SAFETY DISCLOSURE: Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees/volunteers report any allegations of abuse/neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse/neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (1-800-652-1999) and to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **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. **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. **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 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, Feb 18: Donna Murphy; Feb 21: Audra Rutt; Feb 23: Jackie Smith. 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.

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING TUE FEB 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall – agendas and financial package forthcoming.

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 Sundays 7-8 p.m. at St. Benedict; 1st-8th Grade Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict.

PARISH SOUP SUPPER SUN JAN 25 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.: 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. Free Will Donation requested. Sally DuBois 402-209-0789 or Barb Stukenholtz 402-209-4976.

HOLY HOUR (EXPOSITION/BENEDICTION) WED JAN 28 6:00 P.M.: Our Knights Council is hosting the *Sacred Heart of Jesus icon*, starting Mon evening through likely next Sun Feb 1 – the Icon is being passed throughout Nebraska and the Midwest. It is promoted as part of the Knights **COR** (Latin for “Heart”) Faith initiative. All invited to Holy Hour before the regular monthly Knights meeting (see below) to venerate the icon, ponder the Sacred Heart, and adore the Blessed Sacrament. <https://www.kofc.org/what-we-do/programs/faith/pilgrim-icon/>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED JAN 28 7:00 P.M. in the church hall. Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. See above.

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. 18: Adult Env.: \$2,417.00; **Loose:** \$719.25; **Online:** \$4,290.00; Christmas: \$30.00; IRA: \$3,000.00;
Stock: \$5,033.84; **Total: \$15,490.09** Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Altar Society: \$190.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (29 weeks): \$420,500.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$450,622.40

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL “ONE ROSE ONE LIFE” JAN 24/25: Envelopes will be near bulletins (and/or in pews), for you to contribute. Simply return through the regular collection – the parish office forwards those envelopes to our Knights Council. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LOURDES ANNUAL “SUPERSANDWICH” SALES UNDERWAY: *Order deadline Sun Feb 1.* Order from a Lourdes/KC rep after Mass or form available on Lourdes website -- www.lourdescentralcatholic.org. Pickup sandwiches at St. Mary Church Sun Feb 8 from 9 a.m. until Noon. Proceeds help KC and Lourdes Prom.

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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. *Cumulative amount donated: \$1,090.00 – thank you! (Last fiscal year: \$1,900.00)*

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. To donate: <https://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org/annual-appeal.html> or use the envelopes at the back of church.

LOURDES ANNUAL TUITION ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: 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!