

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. Benjamin J. Rynearson

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026:

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: Big day Sunday – 84 years since dedication of our church! See more info below. *Continue to pray for us priests and know of our continued prayers for each of you! 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	Oscar & Agnes Heng+	Brendan Frey+	
Tuesday	Renee Box+ & Family	Larry, Pat, Marty Goracke+	
Wednesday	Kent McGinnis+ & Family	Special Intention	
Thursday	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Opal Koenig+	
Friday	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Special Intention	
Saturday		Jeff Yost+	6:30 p.m. Bill Aultz, Sr.+
Sunday		Carl Calfee+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<i>July 18-19, 2026</i>			
	<u>Sun 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	Wes & Amanda Geneski
LECTORS	Dan Kostka	Jennifer Howard	Shelli Stuhr
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Adam Howard	Duane Stuhr
SERVERS	Calvin & Julian Weninger	Neil Wirth, Quinn Harpham	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); Seminarian Jacob Knutson, Sr. Mary Amatrix and an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, & Jesus-centered marriages! ***From our prayer chain***, continue praying for: Sr. Cynthia Young, native son Father John Cooper, Lacie Bruns-Morris, 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

BLESSED 84TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH: On Sunday July 12, 1942, Bishop Louis B. Kucera (5th Bishop of Lincoln) dedicated our current church building and rectory. Father Albin Bauer, C.PP.S. was the pastor. Father Theodore Saurer, C.PP.S. was the deceased pastor who had started the building savings fund in 1917. ***We will celebrate the annual Mass for anniversary of dedication of our current church at all Sunday/Vigil Masses this weekend – readings/special booklets as you enter church!***

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP: IRON SHARPENS IRON THU JUL 16 9-10 P.M. 1724 Morgan Dr. (garage), Nebraska City. Join for men's fellowship, prayer, Scripture discussion, Catholic brotherhood, encouragement and accountability. Bring own craft beer/pipe/cigar, Rosary, Bible, lawn chair. Come for fellowship; leave strengthened in faith. All Catholic men welcome. More info, contact Josh Medeiros, 209-4530.

SMALL GROUP GET TOGETHER ON PRAYER SAT JUL 18 9-10 A.M. in Visitation Hall. We are studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church – the section on prayer (para 2265 to 2269). If you wish to catch up, read Para 2259 to 2264.

WEDDING IN CHURCH SAT JUL 18: We have an afternoon wedding, with Friday late afternoon rehearsal (Jul 17) in our church.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass: July 18: Jim & Donna Murphy, Sam & Pat Nanfito, James & Patricia Neu, Matt Nienaber, Aaron & Kelly O'Donnell, Erik & Kilee Olson, Amanda Meyer, Nick Smith, Scott & Jan O'Neil, Caroline Partsch, Tim Peter. **July 25:** Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Robert & Heather Popish, Matt Powell, Tom & Rachelle Ragland, Joni Rakestraw, David & Sonja Ramold, Daniel & Theresa Nastase, Amanda Rayhel, Charlene Reese, David Reese, Jeff Reese. **Aug. 1:** Darren & Emma Rettig, Kevin & Deb Rettig, Mike & Janis Riege, Gareth Robinson, Charles & Margaret Rumery, Alica Smalley, Sarah Soholt, Duane & Julia Russell, Matt & Audra Rutt, Teresa Schlorholtz, Cory & Jennifer Schlichtemeier. **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.*)

WEEKLY GROCERY STORE SHOPPER: We have a new team of shoppers in place – the priests will not go without milk and eggs, nor Father Brox without chips and salsa 😊! Thanks to our new volunteer team and especially to our long-time secret shopper!

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Jul 13: Noreen Harris; Jul 15: Sharon Heng; Jul 18: Jenny Kearney; Jul 20: Tammy Levins; Jul 22: Jackie Loseke; Jul 25: Margaret Rumery; Jul 27: Audra Rutt; Jul 29: Shelli Stuhr; Aug 1: Jackie Smith; Aug 3: Shawn Stukenholtz; Aug 8: Hope Weninger; Aug 10: Kathy Wigington. 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*); Matt Nienaber, 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

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Rynearson will be away on retreat Sun Jul 12 through and including Fri Jul 17.

MAIN CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE: *It is working again (still)!* Some have asked how we got it fixed? It is through the generous time of our maintenance guys and other locals who spent several hours investigating and repairing the supposed leak, let alone more hours and investment in purchasing and loading new refrigerant into the system (because it had all leaked out over time). We could have paid an HVAC contractor several thousand dollars to do the same investigative work, but that cost seemed imprudent from initial inspections and the uncertainty that anything fixable might be found. Praise the Lord for our own parishioners’ sacrifice of time and brainstorming! We did submit our Wirth Foundation application, as we have proceeded now down two paths (the repair of the current as is & the potential to replace in case that repair ends up failing) to assist with the replacement of the system. The design engineer is finishing the final schematic details, to then put the project out for bid to determine a true price and timeline over the raw estimations solely by the design engineer. We appreciate your continued understanding and patience and are fortunate to have sanctuary and narthex air conditioning units!

98TH BIRTHDAY: Henry Stratker will be celebrating his 98th birthday **on July 26**. Blessings & Happy Birthday, Henry!

4: WE SHARE GOD’S GIFTS TO US! (Proverbs 3:9)

“STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE” – MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Thanks for your generous support of our parish and its apostolates.

July 5: Adult Env.: \$6,281.00; Loose: \$665.75; Online: \$9,110.00; IRA: \$50.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; Total: \$16,131.75
Franciscan Sisters: \$125.00; Peter’s Pence: \$100.00; A/C: \$10,072.95 (Stock)

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,650.00; Amount needed for budget to date (1 weeks): \$14,650.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$16,131.75

NEW WEEKLY TITHING BUDGET AMOUNT: We start the new fiscal year by only increasing our weekly tithing goal by \$150 (to \$14,650/week from \$14,500/week), for a total of \$761,800 – which would be a new all-time tithing record. Within the next month, we should have more definitive numbers on property insurance, health insurance, endowment distributions, CSA 2026 total pledges (as some people are still returning their pledge cards), etc. to finalize our budget. We also have fairly certain knowledge on a generous estate gift that should settle in the next month – already conservatively included in the budget, helping limit the overall increase in tithing goal from the recently completed fiscal year. Our 2026-2027 Lourdes contribution was calculated at the annual pastor meeting this past March -- \$577,332 (\$48,111/month). We continue to aim to meet diocesan stipulations about that amount being capped at 80% of regular tithing with at least break-even net operating profit and proportionality to student enrollment at Lourdes from our parish (compared to the other supporting parishes). None of this work includes the potential air conditioning replacement – see discussion above.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS’ ANNUAL COLLECTION JUL 18-19: Each year we have a collection to help with support of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother (Sr. Ana Maria, Sr. Kathleen, and Sr. Cynthia). Our parish contributes \$700.00 per month (\$8,400 annually), towards their living expenses. Our Sisters help with the education of our children and adults and are a prayerful intercession for our parishes and school. *In 2025-26, contributions totaled \$4,972 – shortfall covered by general parish funds.* An envelope is included in your July packet or donate through Online Giving. **A second collection will also be taken up by our ushers the weekend of (Jul 18-19).** Thank you.

CSA 2026: 107 pledges for \$51,427.68. Goals: \$55,000 and 50% of households (190 donors). *Pledge cards available through parish office.* <https://www.givecentral.org/LincolnDiocese-CSA> Please return pledge cards by dropping in the collection or at the parish office.

ENDOWMENT ANONYMOUS MATCH UPDATE: All registered households received their annual tithing letter in late Jan/early Feb – included with that was information about the local “5 to Thrive” initiative, regarding wealth/property transfers in Nebraska and specifically Otoe County. A fruit of that initiative was the March 17, 2026 letter sent to all registered households regarding the local parish match for providing proof of their own estate planning to benefit our parish. To date, **four** generous donors/couples have provided the proof for that match. All matching funds have been received from the anonymous donor team. Thank you to all who have partaken to date and to the donor team. Reminder that this initiative is open for the duration of calendar 2026 – if you need further information, contact the parish office or Father Schultes. Our most recent endowment statement (May 31) shows a balance of approximately \$475,000 and our budgeted distributions for 2026-2027 fiscal year increased to \$15,000 – projected distributions are calculated on multiple historical quarter end values and capped at 5% annually, to not invade the principal investment of the endowment and to have relatively even amounts of distributions for annual cash flow expectations.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE THU AUG 6–SAT AUG 8: NO TVS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, MATTRESSES OR CAR SEATS: All proceeds go to purchase items used in church – candles, altar bread, missals, music issues, etc. **Thu & Fri Aug 6-7:** 9-5 p.m.; **Sat Aug 8:** 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 Aug 3** so items can be prepared. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Mary Mills, 873-6247 or Carlene Moles, 873-3023. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SAT AUG 8 AT 12:00 P.M.** to box all remaining items and clean the hall. Thank you.