

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 most Masses; *1st Saturday* 45 mins before Mass (led by Legion of Mary);
Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle *Thu at 1:30 p.m.*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas J. Schultes

Associate Pastor: Rev. Jonah A. Brox

(Summer) Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bradley Moss

In Residence: Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke

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

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025:

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight:

Summer time is a time for priestly retreats, vacations, and youth activities outside of school – Fr. Brox was on the first canoe trip this week and Fr. Haschke is on the Steubenville Youth Trip this weekend. It is also a good time to work on special projects or projects that need attention, but get pushed aside amongst the normal school calendar of school Masses, Confessions, CCD class, OCIA, school and parish organization meetings, etc. This summer, Fr. Brox primarily (with initial help from Jacob Knutson last summer) finally worked through some instructions for the priests and staff to fully utilize the new phone system we implemented a year ago – including the option for emergency contact through the phone system. Deacon Moss and the priests are also working through some remaining old files that were still in the rectory attic from several years/decades ago. The priests have had planning meetings for our Adult Education that starts in early August and also our plan of changes for CCD, especially with the addition of “The Abbey” on St. Benedict Campus.

Fri July 11 is the annual Feast Day of St. Benedict and Sat July 12 is the anniversary of the dedication of our current church/rectory.

We are continuing the search for that weekday 8am acolyte, for retiring Bill Olmer. We had one inquiry about joining our EMHC team this week – we welcome more volunteers, especially married couples to work together on visits.

Please discern and consider volunteering for either/both ministries. Thanks for your continued attention and 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 | Leonard & Helen Heng+ | Special Intention | |
| Tuesday | Healing Whole Person 2026 Conference | Larry & Pat Goracke+ | |
| Wednesday | Leo & Sonja Heng+ | Alice O'Neill+ | |
| Thursday | Poor Souls+ | Karen Lowe+ & Family | |
| Friday | Ashton Nanninga+ & Family | Leo & Barbara Klaus & Family | |
| Saturday | | Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+ | 6:30 p.m. Dillon Wichman+ |
| Sunday | | Keith Schreiter+ | 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish |
| <u>July 19-20, 2025:</u> | | | |
| | <u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u> | <u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u> | <u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u> |
| USHERS/ GREETERS | Danny & Robin Heng Steve & Stephanie Hackett | Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz | Fred & Sheryl Allen Josh & Carolyn Whitney |
| LECTORS | Sharon Crunk | Jennifer Howard | John Dubas |
| ACOLYTES | John Hogeland | Adam Howard | Bryan Bequette |
| SERVERS | Severin Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey | Gage Geneski, Grant Martin, Gage Greedy | Brett Borer, Asher Rakestraw Eli Cunningham |

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and 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, Ryan Scharp, Phil Timothy 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, please contact the parish office.** St. Mary Church Prayer Chain: prayerchainstm@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPENING: We need an adorer for the 4:00-5:00 a.m. hour on Wednesdays. Spending time with our Lord in the quiet of the early morning is a beautiful opportunity for prayer, peace, and grace! Please consider filling this hour. Contact Brooke (402–209–1965) or Janie (402-450-1993) for questions or if you are willing to take on this holy hour. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

LEGION OF MARY offering to bring our Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to any home in the area – to promote Devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary. Call/text Kathy W at 209-1341. Or contact any member of the Legion of Mary. Sign-up sheet also available in Church.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: One goal of the Legion of Mary is the Enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (either a picture or a statue), placed in your home that reminds each member of the family to follow Jesus. By the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we link the tabernacle of our parish church to our own home, inviting Our Lord to be our constant and most intimate Companion. It is a way of life and it means we desire Him to be with us always. Mary calls us and draws us to her Son, asking us to make Him King of hearts and of our homes. This is a very beautiful ceremony, and an opportunity to have your homes blessed. To have the Sacred Heart of Jesus Enthroned in your home or for more information, contact Kathy 209-1341 or a member of the Legion of Mary.

FLAME OF LOVE DAY OF PRAYER WED JUL 16 OR SAT JUL 19: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Come experience a deeper relationship with Christ and a stronger commitment to prayer and conversion. Franciscan Sisters’ Motherhouse, 347 N. 62nd Rd, Nebraska City – 402-873-3052. Deadline to Register: Sun Jul 13. Limit: 30 Retreatants per session.

FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY CENACLE will not meet on *Thu July 17*, due to above Day of Prayer. Resumes *Thu July 24* at 1:30 p.m.

REDEEMED – RESTORING YOUR MASCULINE IDENTITY IN CHRIST AUG 1-2 at St. Patrick Church, 3400 E 16th St., Fremont. Men – come experience raw and moving testimonies that will ignite your desire to pursue authentic healing and receive the truth of your identity as a beloved son through community, brotherhood, and vulnerable reflection. See jpiihealingcenter.org or flier in the entrance of church.

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

RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR BENCH FOR FRANCISCAN SISTERS: We need 1000 lbs. of recyclable plastic/bags. Save your bags from produce, stores, ice, zipper bags, bread, and dry cleaning, cereal box liners, case overwrap, newspaper sleeves, paper towels/toilet paper wrap, bubble wrap and plastic mailers. Place in the special box in the entrance of the church.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass: July 19: Taylor & Sarah Johnson, Anthony & Michelle Kaiser, Clarence & Anna Mae Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, Clare Kincaid, Bradley & Catherine Kassube, Mike & Jenny Kearney, Brian Kochanowicz, Dan Kostka. **July 26:** Bryan Kreifels, Tim Kreifels, Grant & Shana Lackey, Larry & Debbie Lance, Doug Wichman, Richard Wichman, John & Brielle Langley, Janelle Lechner, Juli Lechner, Ronald & Katherine Lechner. **Aug. 2:** Tim & Tamara Levins, Jeff Lollmann, Linda Lollmann, Mike & Natasha Lollmann, Don & Jackie Loseke, Mark Loseke, Amy Lucas, Dan & Jean Lucas, Randy & Gail Walford, Jane Lutz. **If unable to clean when assigned, families/individuals are responsible for finding a replacement or contacting and paying \$15 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.

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: July 14: Hope Weninger, July 16: Kathy Wigington, July 19: Cheryl Wirth, July 21: Emily Wolken, July 23: Teresa Albers, July 26: Brenda Baumann, July 28: Kelly Bequette, July 30: Jacque Borer, Aug 2: Beth Box, Aug 4: Maureen Chance, Aug 6: Kris Chaney, Aug 9: Kay DeFreece, Aug 11: Janie Ebmeier. 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: Deroy Harshman, Adam Howard (*thru 2025*); Loretta Kubik, Emma Rettig, Kent Schreiner (*thru 2026*); Beth Box, Lynn Heng, Jenny Kearney (*thru 2027*); 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: Jason Esser; Catholic Daughters of Americas Regent: Julie Volkmer

LOURDES ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SAT JUL 26 at Arbor Lanes, starting at 9 a.m. \$30/player – 6 players/team. Cash prizes.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED JUL 30 7:00 P.M. in the church hall. Rosary at 6:40 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THU AUG 7: We are changing our traditional OCIA approach to having topical faith formation (for anyone who is interested in furthering their knowledge of church teaching – including those who are interested in joining the church) to gathering twice a month – on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Thursday each month. Fr. Brox will be the priest coordinator, but several team members involved. Stay tuned for further information soon.

CCD BEGINS WED AUG 20: More details soon, including usage of “The Abbey” to gather as a group to start & end class each week.

FLOCKNOTES – OUR COMMUNICATION TOOL: If you are not currently receiving the bulletin and other ongoing information through Flocknotes, and would like to stay up to date, you can register at <http://stmarycatholicchurch21.flocknote.com/> or call the parish office. PLEASE SIGN UP. WE WANT TO STAY CONNECTED WITH YOU!

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.*

July 6: Adult Env.: \$5,155.00; Loose: \$1,320.00; Online: \$8,350.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; **Total: \$14,850.00**
Franciscan Sisters: \$100.00; Peter’s Pence: \$570.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ TBD (budget not yet final); **Amount needed for budget to date (1 weeks):** \$ TBD

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$14,850.00 **YTD Shortfall: \$ TBD**

THE APPLE CORP will be singing before the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sun Jul 20.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE THU AUG 7–SAT AUG 9: NO TVS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR CAR SEATS: All proceeds go to purchase items used in church – candles, altar bread, missals, music issues, etc. **Thu & Fri Aug 7-8:** 9-5 p.m.; **Sat Aug 9:** 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 4** so items can be prepared. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Anna Mae Kaiser, 873-6454 or Mary Mills, 873-6247. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SAT AUG 9 AT 12:00 P.M.** to box all remaining items and clean the hall. Thank you.