

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 19, 2026:

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: It is beautiful how Our Lord communicates with us priests. On Wednesday, as the Plattsmouth Dean (representative for Bishop Conley when delegated as such) Fr. Schultes was at 11am St. Benedict Mass to install Fr. Dominic Winter as their new pastor. At the same time, Fr. Brox was meeting with the Wurtele family to plan Curt's funeral (Fr. Rynearson was on retreat). Thursday night, Fr. Brox subbed at hospital Adoration to close it at 11:59 p.m., so Fr. Schultes then was celebrant at both Friday morning Masses. After a morning CCD planning meeting with three priests and three great volunteers, Fr. Brox had the afternoon funeral for Curt and Fr. Schultes prepared for a wedding rehearsal soon after that funeral Mass. On Saturday during the wedding, Fr. Brox had another committal (burial) service at Wyuka for Elvin Murphy whose funeral Mass was in St. Joseph, Missouri. Amazing how God helps put it all together with His priests! *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	Fr. Haschke	Cody Kreifels+ (Anniv.)	
Tuesday	Our Nation & Military	Mary Ellen Gibbons+	
Wednesday	Grand/Children of Leo & Sonja Heng+	Mary Jo Olmer+	
Thursday	Marcene Klein+	Richard & Marie Kilp+	
Friday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Laurence DuBois+	
Saturday		Karen Lowe+	6:30 p.m. Robert Reese+
Sunday		Henry & Donna Stratker	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>July 25-26, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sun 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	Larry Lance, David Schmitz Steve Stukenholtz
LECTORS	Gail Walford	Barb Stukenholtz	Joshua Whitney
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland	Jason Esser	Brent Travis
SERVERS	Ryder & Hunter Reeves, Henry Holmes	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Eli Cunningham, Landon DuVal

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 Mikaelis 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

PRAY FOR the happy repose of the soul of Curt Wurtele and Elvin Murphy and consolation to the families.

LADIES CHOIR: All ladies - youth, moms & daughters are invited to sing in the choir on **Sun Jul 26**, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you have questions, please contact Kay DeFreece.

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

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED: One individual needed on the 5th Sunday weekend at 6:30 p.m. and one individual needed at the 4th Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you would be willing serve at these times each month, please call Amanda Geneski, 402-227-9606 or the parish office.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **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. **Aug. 8:** David Schmitz, Nick Schmitz, Carol Schram, John & Jessica Schreck, Kent Schreiner, Ted & Carmen Schreiter, Ben & Trina Schropfer, Riannon Simmerman, Betty Slagle, Jackie Smith, Kori Stuck. **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. (Quarterly schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote email, on Facebook page.)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: 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; Aug 12: Cheryl Wirth; Aug 15: Emily Wolken; Aug 17: Teresa Albers. 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. Brox will be away on vacation Sun Jul 19 through Sat Jul 25; Fr. Schultes will be away on vacation Mon Jul 20 through Wed Jul 22; Fr. Rynearson will be away on vacation Wed Jul 22 through Sat Jul 25.

SEMINARIAN COLTER FULTON “NEBRASKA CAMINO” PRESENTATION SUN JUL 26: 7:00 p.m. in Visitation Church Hall. Bring your own beverage to enjoy. Come hear about the priest/seminarian Nebraska Camino and thank Colter for his month of ministry in our parishes!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED JUL 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Visitation Hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC MEN’S GROUP: IRON SHARPENS IRON THU JUL 30 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. Please pray over the Sunday readings for the next Sunday, in preparation for prayerful reflection and discussion. Time for fellowship; leave strengthened in faith. All Catholic men welcome. More info, contact Josh Medeiros, 209-4530.

FIRST DAY OF CCD AUG 19 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey.

MAIN CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE: Gonna be a hot next week, so our repaired leaking main air conditioning will get a true test! Our maintenance guys and other locals continue to monitor the system and have added more refrigerant to it. Continued investigation suggests that the system was likely leaking for numerous years without significant notice. Praise the Lord for our own parishioners’ sacrifice of time and brainstorming! We do not have a reply to our Wirth Foundation application yet, but that should be coming soon. We continue to work with the design engineer to modify their work and provide them more information about electrical and architecture/aesthetic desires for a new system. We appreciate your continued understanding and patience and are fortunate to have sanctuary and narthex air conditioning units!

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 12: Adult Env.: \$2,386.00; Loose: \$335.00; Online: \$2,290.00; **Total: \$5,011.00**
Franciscan Sisters: \$75.00; Retired Priests: \$500.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,650.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (2 weeks): \$29,300.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$21,142.75; Short: -\$8,157.25

NEW WEEKLY TITHING BUDGET AMOUNT: Our new fiscal year weekly tithing goal is \$14,650/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 (some are still returning their pledge cards – see below), etc. to finalize our budget. We received a generous estate gift this week that was in line with budgeted expectations. 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 for that amount to be 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 above.

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.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS’ ANNUAL COLLECTION: 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. Thank you.

CSA 2026: 122 pledges for \$53,677.68. 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. We received our first quarterly rebate in the amount of \$15,857.68.

ENDOWMENT ANONYMOUS MATCH UPDATE: All registered households received their annual tithing letter in late Jan/early Feb – included was information about the local “5 to Thrive” initiative. 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. This initiative is open for the duration of calendar 2026 – if you need further information, contact the parish office or Father Schultes.