

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 26, 2026:

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: Blessed Grandparents Day on this feast of Saints Joachim and Anne – a week ago, I was contemplating both my grandfathers, as one of them passed away on July 16 (39 years ago) and the other's earthly birthday was July 18 – he passed away in 1998. Both influenced my life and I continue to pray/offer Masses for them and my Grandmothers! Separately (and yet another date), a note of thanks to so many of you who welcomed me back to the parish – July 19 was the one-month mark since I returned from sabbatical. I continue to work at some of the elements of cognitive behavioral therapy that I was working on with the Mercy Sisters and their clinical program. I also continue to work at more consistent sleep practices and also checking in with my Lincoln brother priest who was also on sabbatical with me. I recently came across a series on *Formed.org* entitled "The Sanctuary Course for Catholics" about faith and mental health. There is also a series about the same topic for youth. Check them out on your own, with your spouse, friend, child, sibling, parent, etc. *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	William Wolfe+	Brian Hiemer+	
Tuesday	Kent McGinnis+	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
Wednesday	Arnie Beckman+	Marie Kilp+ (Anniv.)	
Thursday	Mike+ & Rosie Callahan & Family	Jacki Oelke+	
Friday	Shirley Sudman+	Marv Giittinger+	
Saturday		Mark Wirth+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Viola Snyder+
Sunday		Curt Wurtele+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Aug. 1-2, 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	Herman & Myla Weber Tim & Brenda Baumann	Tim & Nancy Baragary Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Kay DeFreece	Jon Borer
ACOLYTES	Tim Baumann	Dan DeFreece, Mark Loseke	Joshua Medeiros
SERVERS	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	Leo & Elliott Ramold	Gavin & Ender Cumro, Charlie Gude

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. Juanita Marie 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

6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY is **Sun Jul 26** (Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus). This year's theme is: "I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15) chosen by Pope Leo XIV. The verse chosen is meant to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and elderly people, especially those who live in loneliness or feel forgotten. It is a reminder to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing in them a precious presence and a blessing.

PRAYER FOR RAIN: Good and generous God, almighty Father, it is with grateful hearts and a humble spirit that we ask for timely and generous rains. Watch over our homes and our families and protect them from any damaging storms. Please know of our sincere gratitude for Your gifts to us. We ask all these things through Your Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 to 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): **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. **Aug. 15:** Duane & Shelli Stuhr, Bryan &

Shawn Stukenholtz, Nathan Stukenholtz, Ed & Barb Stukenholtz, Derek Stukenholtz, Steve Stukenholtz, Kami Tedrow, Judy Thorne, Phillip & Mary Timothy. **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. (*Schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote email, on Facebook page.*)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Jul 27: Audra Rutt; Jul 29: Shelli Stuhr; Aug 1: Jackie Smith; Aug 3: Shawn Stukenholtz; Aug 5: Julie Volkmer; Aug 8: Hope Weninger; Aug 10: Kathy Wigington; Aug 12: Cheryl Wirth; Aug 15: Emily Wolken; Aug 17: Teresa Albers; Aug 19: Brenda Baumann; Aug 22: Kelly Bequette. 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

CONGRATS TO SOPHIA MCCOPPIN AND GABE SHEARER who were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony last Saturday in our church!

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

SEMINARIAN COLTER FULTON “NEBRASKA CAMINO” PRESENTATION SUN JUL 26: 7:00 p.m. in Visitation 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!

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.

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Schultes will be providing priest coverage at Assumption and Roseland for Fr. Wirth on Sun Aug 2. Fr. Brox will be away on retreat Sun Aug 2 through Sat Aug 8.

FIRST DAY OF CCD WED AUG 19 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey. Annual parent-priest meeting Wed Aug 26.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORMS DUE WED SEP 2: As discussed at our parent-student-priest meetings earlier this calendar year, the student Saint reports were due this past April/May and now the Confirmation Sponsor form due date is approaching quickly – to the parish office (or CCD classroom teacher). See the form in the packet you received at those parent/student/priest meetings!

“CONFIRMED FOR MISSION” RETREAT SAT OCT 24 hosted by our parish! Our Nebraska City Confirmation Masses are the next Saturday (Oct 31), so we hope the majority of our confirmand and their parents and sponsors will attend this diocesan sponsored retreat day. Register at: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/catechist-resources/confirmation-retreat>

2026 CONFIRMATION & 2027 SACRAMENT DATES: Confirmation is scheduled for **Sat Oct 31, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. 1st Confession **Sat Feb 13, 2027** at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1st Communion **Sun Apr 11, 2027** at Noon.

MAIN CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE: The existing unit continues to be working. Wirth Foundation tabled our application until their next meeting in October. Our maintenance guys and Father Schultes have an in person meeting with the design engineer on Wednesday, to clarify the project and its needs/expectations.

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 19: Adult Env.: \$1,983.00; Loose: \$552.35; Online: \$5,685.00; IRA: \$1,500.00; Total: **\$9,720.35**
Franciscan Sisters: \$5,058.62; So. NE Reg.: \$15.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,650.00; Amount needed for budget to date (3 weeks): **\$43,950.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$30,863.10; Short: -\$13,086.90

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.

CSA 2026: 127 pledges for \$54,477.68. 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, **FIVE** generous donors/couples have provided the proof for that match. 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.