

# 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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; *1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org); [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org)

***SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025:***

***SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**Weekly Highlight:**

We are blessed to continue to clean our church ourselves and not have to pay a service provider!  
I sent an email to approximately 30 registered households regarding our weekly Sat morning church cleaning. I have several other households to contact, for which I do not have an email address readily available in my address book. The point of the email was to evaluate our communication of the shared responsibility of that cleaning. The only means by which that listing is communicated is through the bulletin (in print in church; on website; on Facebook Group page; and emailed via Flocknote each week). Thanks to many who have responded to that email – several suggested a text reminder system (being evaluated). Many KC members are devoted to assisting with the Sat morning weekly “Bus Barn Food Bank,” which then takes them away from the Sat cleaning time. Some parishioners do clean ahead on Fri (at their own initiative), to meet their assigned Sat calendar spot. Thanks to many of you who are devoted to fulfilling your assigned week, find a sub, or are part of the supervisor/organization team. We hope to improve the schedule communication, to keep more people involved in this task – to not only help care for our church, but also to meet other parishioners while working together. I am edified when parents bring their older children along to help care for the church that all of us utilize and worship in! 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.
<b>Monday</b>	Virginia Ullsperger+	Robert Beccard+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Brian Hiemer+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ron+ & Donna Wright & Family	Karen Lowe+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Parents of Danny & Robin Heng	Mark Wirth+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Friday</b>	Dorothy Woycheshin	Laurence DuBois+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Kay Haiar+	6:30 p.m. Bill Aultz+
<b>Sunday</b>		Robert Beccard+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Aug 2-3, 2025:</u></b>			
	<b><u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Herman & Myla Weber Tim & Brenda Baumann	Tim & Nancy Baragary Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Colin & Teresa Albers
<b>LECTORS</b>	Kent Schreiner	Gail Walford	Cindy McGinnis
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tim Baumann	Kevin Rettig	Nate Wigington
<b>SERVERS</b>	Andrew & Jackson Walters, Lucas Spidell	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson	Sam, Jack, William Ebmeier

**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, George Hengen, 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](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**5<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY** is Sun July 27 (Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus (Jul 26)). The theme for this year is: “Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. Sir 14:2)

**LEGION OF MARY SPONSORED ANNUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS SUN AUG 24 10:00 A.M.** For those with serious, chronic illness (physical or mental); those who are of advanced age; or those about to undergo surgery may receive this Sacrament. A section up front in church will be reserved for those to receive anointing. If questions, call Fr. Schultes, Fr. Brox, 873-3024 or Tom Wigington, 209-5564.

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

**VOLUNTEER MINISTER RECRUITMENT:** Who is interested in these ministries? (1) EMHC: male and female adults (husband & wife teams most ideal) to spend 60-90 minutes on rotating Fridays taking Holy Communion to the homebound between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; (2) Acolytes: adult males who assist clergy at Mass – set up altar, distribute Holy Communion, clear altar – we are in greatest need at Sat evening Mass and to help with weekday 8:00 a.m. Mass occasionally. Dads with son altar servers are most ideal candidates, to assist at altar with their sons; (3) Lector/Reader: adult male or female who proclaim Scripture and Petitions at Holy Mass. Like acolytes, we are in greatest need for Sat evening Mass. Contact one of our priests or the parish office with questions. Training schedule to be determined.

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS BENCH:** 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 box in the entrance of the church.

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **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. **Aug. 9:** Kelly & Sue Madden, Mark & Jennifer Madison, Paul & Angie Madison, Emily Magel, Jennifer Marolf, Lu Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Jerry & Suzi Martin, Rita Mathews. **Aug. 16:** Derek & Taylor McGinnis, Kent & Cindy McGinnis, Kylan McGinnis, Jason & Molly McNeely, Shawn & Randi Meade, Brett & Emily Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Marcia Elshire. **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 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, Aug 13: Jeanette Eilers, Aug 16: Carol Elworth, Aug 18: Mary Farris, Aug 20: Judy Francois, Aug 23: Lana Gilson, Aug 25: Kathy Grundman. 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:** Matthew Nienaber; **Catholic Daughters of Americas Regent:** Julie Volkmer

**CLERGY WHEREABOUTS:** Deacon Moss last assigned day is Sun Jul 27. Fr. Brox on annual priest retreat Sun Jul 27 through Thu Jul 31.

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

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THU AUG 7 6:45-8:00 P.M.** at St. Benedict Abbey. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu each month. Fr. Brox main priest.

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

**FIFTH ANNUAL PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE:** Who is interested? Chat with Fr. Schultes or Fr. Brox. Draft date TBD.

**# 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 20:** Adult Env.: \$3,280.00; Loose: \$384.00; Online: \$5,690.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; **Total: \$9,379.00**  
Franciscan Sisters: \$75.00; Combined Collection: \$25.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (3 weeks): \$ 43,500.00**

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$30,823.25 YTD Shortfall: -\$12,676.75**

**WEEKLY TITHE BUDGET:** After much work amongst the priests and Deacon (thanks Fr. Brox and Deacon Moss!), we have set our weekly needed amount for the (new) current fiscal year at \$14,500 (see above). This is less than a 1% increase from last year (\$14,400/week last year), but would also result in our highest tithing ever (\$10,000 higher than our record high in fiscal 2021-2022). After a \$30,000 decline in our Lourdes contribution this past year, we are increasing by \$8,500 (1.5% increase) to \$568,800. Our largest projected expenses after Lourdes: \$103,000 for clergy benefits (salary, health insurance, retirement/401k, cell phone, etc.) and \$75,000 for net diocesan administration, Southern Nebraska Register, Saint John Vianney (retirement expense for retired clergy). Other expenses (e.g., property insurance) continue to increase. A surprise non-parishioner estate gift covered our 2024-2025 tithing and operational income shortfall. Just last week, we received another non-parishioner estate gift to jump start this fiscal year. We hope to finalize church hall purchases by Dec 31, to move residual to operations and endowment. Annual “state of the parish” homily in late September.

**KC ANNUAL CORN ON THE COB:** There will be some corn available after Masses this weekend and likely LOTS more next weekend!

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS’ ANNUAL ENVELOPE/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 2024-25, contributions totaled \$5,236 – 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 next weekend (Aug 1/2).*** Thank you.

**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.

**“FIVE TO THRIVE” LOCAL INITIATIVE:** In conjunction with our local Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund, several local non-profits (St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Benedict Catholic Church, and Lourdes Central Catholic Schools) are working together to promote educational workshops for the large amount of wealth-transfer to happen in the next ten years throughout Nebraska and especially in Otoe County. Watch for info regarding these **Tue Aug 19** and **Thu Aug 21** workshops. We know how important Nebraska City and its organizations are to so many of our citizens and hope they will consider remembering our organizations in their wealth-transfer decision making. <https://www.nebcommfound.org/news/the-transfer-of-wealth/>

**PARISH ENDOWMENT:** In your August envelopes is an annual invite to celebrate ***our Aug 27 birthday*** (155 in 2025!) by contributing to our Parish Endowment – we have received nearly \$24,000 in earnings since endowment began in fall of 2020. Donations through that envelope, Online Giving, using an envelope marked “endowment,” or contacting the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska directly. Thank you.