

# 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 Mass; *Flame of Love Rosary* Cenacle Thu at 1:30 p.m.

*1<sup>st</sup> Friday devotions* at 7:25 a.m.; *1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org); [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto: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 5, 2026:

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Weekly Highlight:** All three of our resident priests will be part of a diocesan youth event/pilgrimage this week – see details on reverse side of this bulletin. Pray for our local youth and chaperones attending those events! *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                  | Susan & Matthew Heng+                                 | Tom Schreiner+                                      |                                                        |
| Tuesday                 | Virginia Heng+                                        | Keith Schreiter+                                    |                                                        |
| Wednesday               | Shirley Sudman+                                       | Anna Klusaw+                                        |                                                        |
| Thursday                | Robert Burns+                                         | Sr. Ana Maria Solis                                 |                                                        |
| Friday                  | Bob & Mary Lee Duncant                                | Fr. Schultes                                        |                                                        |
| Saturday                |                                                       | Marv Giittinger+                                    | 6:30 p.m. Albert & Rose Mary Burger+                   |
| Sunday                  |                                                       | Kent+ & Cindy McGinnis Family                       | 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish                        |
| <u>July 11-12, 2026</u> |                                                       |                                                     |                                                        |
|                         | <u>Sun 6:30 p.m.</u>                                  | <u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>                                | <u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>                                  |
| USHERS/<br>GREETERS     | Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family<br>Jason & Kim Esser | Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman<br>Nile & Mary Farris    | Richard Gibson, Cindy McGinnis<br>Joy & Teresa Johnson |
| LECTORS                 | Frank Volkmer                                         | Amanda Geneski                                      | Matt Rutt                                              |
| ACOLYTES                | Ted Bernard                                           | Sean Chance                                         | Taylor Johnson                                         |
| SERVERS                 | Wade Andrew, Lyndon Brehm                             | James Chance, Noah Hendrickson<br>Christian Pinzino | Clayton & Joel Bantz, Carter Bennett                   |

**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. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen, Sr. Mary Angelica, Superior 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](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**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.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass: July 11:** Derek & Taylor McGinnis, Cindy McGinnis, Kylan McGinnis, Jason & Molly McNeely, Shawn & Randi Meade, Joshua & Katrina Medeiros, Brett & Emily Meyer, Tom & Cindy Mick, Charles Moyer, Robert Moyer, Marcia Elshire. **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. **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 had a selfless volunteer from the parish be our weekly grocery store shopper for many many years. Each Monday they see the listing the priests have provided on the rectory fridge and they monitor the basics – milk, bread, eggs, salsa & chips (Fr. Brox), bananas, etc. We utilize SCRIP/Raise Right gift cards from Lourdes (to support Lourdes) to Wal-Mart and Fareway to pay for that shopping. Our volunteer will be rehabbing from surgery and is likely retiring from this duty – anyone want to help with this task?

**DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS:** Jul 6: Lana Gilson; Jul 8: Kathy Grundman; Jul 11: Pat Gude; 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. 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. 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: 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

WE WELCOMED OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN COLTER FULTON to our parish/community this week – thru July 26. As is custom with our summer seminarians/Deacons, our rectory is full, so Colter resides at St. Benedict (thank you Father Winter), while working primarily on projects/liturgies at St. Mary. It is great to have one of our native son seminarians around the parish for part of the summer!

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Brox plans to be on the first diocesan canoe trip Jul 5-7. Fr. Rynearson plans to be on the second diocesan canoe trip Jul 7-9. Fr. Schultes plans to be on the Lourdes/Sacred Heart bus pilgrimage to Steubenville Youth Conference Jul 10-12.

MAIN CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE: It is working again! Through the efforts of our maintenance guys and other locals, a leak was found and repaired, with new refrigerant added to the system late this week – we now see if all holds together and we remain cool. We did submit our Wirth Foundation application this week, to hopefully assist with the replacement of the system. We are awaiting final schematic details from the design engineering firm, to then put the project out for bid – estimated prices from that engineering firm are \$170,000 to \$260,000. We appreciate your continued understanding and patience and are fortunate to have sanctuary and narthex air conditioning units!

CARMEL OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH JUL 8-15: Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Sisters invite you to an evening pilgrimage to their Chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, and to participate in their annual Solemn Preached Novena, this year conducted by Rev. Father Joseph Mary Brown, C.S.J., from Jul 8–15. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each evening is at 7:00 p.m., except Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. On July 16, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Solemn Pontifical Mass at 5:30 p.m. offered by His Excellency Bishop Robert Finn.

LOURDES KNIGHTS BOOSTER CLUB CORNHOLE CLASSIC SAT JULY 18 at Lourdes parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Pro Division \$40/team; Amateur Division \$20/team. All ages and skill levels welcome; prizes for top teams; cash concessions available; music. Register by Jul 12.

# 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.

June 28: Adult Env.: \$4,080.00; Loose: \$417.05; Online: \$2,183.00; IRA: \$20,100.00; Total: \$26,780.05  
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Peter’s Pence: \$745.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (52 weeks): \$754,000.00  
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$737,407.13 (2<sup>nd</sup> highest ever!) YTD Shortfall: \$-16,592.87

FISCAL YEAR END: We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> highest tithing year behind 2021/2022 (nearly \$746K) and about \$300 more than 2020/2021. We have a “recent” trend of four consecutive years with an increase and then a drop-off in year five – that has happened three cycles in a row, starting in 2014/2015. We could end that cycle with an increase again this year in 2026/2027! Thanks to the increased tithing and multiple estate gifts these past two fiscal years, we will have a net operating profit for consecutive years. We continue to support Lourdes at the 80% of tithing suggested limit, while also continuing to update our facility (Visitation Hall, rectory flooring/painting, church/rectory windows) – generous grants from The Wirth Foundation are a tremendous help also! #funwithnumbers. Thanks for remembering your parish with your charitable giving!

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION: We received \$1,255.00 in donations. Thank you for your generosity in support of the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV.

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: 106 pledge cards for \$51,127.68. Goals are \$55,000 total pledged/paid and 50% of our households participating (190 donors). Pledge cards now available through parish office. <https://www.givecentral.org/LincolnDiocese-CSA> If you have not returned your card, please do so by dropping in the collection or at the parish office.

CEMETERY UPDATE: Our annual May collection resulted in \$4,173.00 (comparable to prior years). We completed another annual round of monument repairs recently (some from the Catholic Mutual Insurance report of a few years ago): reset/leveled/cleaned: Easley, Roddy, Heafey, Tebo, Calegar, Stoeckel. We are awaiting the granite top for the Rachel’s Weeping statue in our newly developing child area north of the crucifixion scene. Thanks for supporting and caring for our cemetery – see listing of cemetery board members in parish bio box 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.

THANK YOU to all those that donated to the 10/11 Can Care-a-Van to benefit the Nebraska City Food Pantry. Our parish contributed items and cash that equaled 1120 lbs. Total contributions the Food Pantry received was 22,649 lbs. Thank you for your generosity for those in need. Thank you to Jackie Loseke for chairing this service for our community.