

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, JUNE 28, 2026:

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: It's great to be home! The decibel level in the rectory has increased for a few reasons lately 😊! Much appreciation to Fr. Brox, Fr. Haschke, Fr. Rynearson, Linda Willson, and our crew of regular volunteers for maintenance, funerals, cleaning, upkeep, etc. these past two months. I returned to Nebraska City late Friday Jun 19, after about two months in the spring sabbatical session administered by the Mercy Sisters: <https://www.almamercy.org>. Myself, along with three other priests, one religious brother, and three religious Sisters from across the US were part of this session. If Our Lord wills it, more on the happenings of that program in the coming weeks. *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	Diane Rainbolt	
Tuesday	Fr. Rynearson	Doug & Sally Wigington+	
Wednesday	For Our Nation & Military	Donald Gardner+	
Thursday	Dovel & Beccard Families+	Robert Beccard+	
Friday	Renee Box+	Jerry Giittinger Family	
Saturday		Veronica Schnell+	6:30 p.m. Viola Snyder+
Sunday		Nick & Martina Wulf	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>July 4-5, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sun 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/	Herman & Myla Weber	Tim & Nancy Baragary	Duane & Shelli Stuhr
GREETERS	Tim & Brenda Baumann	Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Jeanette Eilers	Kay DeFreece
ACOLYTES	Matt Nienaber	Mark Eilers	Dan DeFreece
SERVERS	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris, Kelby Fulton	Oliver Wigington, Landyn Vogt	Stryder & Storm Meade, Seth Whitney

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Seminarians and Jacob Knutson 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

ADORER NEEDED AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL CHAPEL on **Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 a.m.** Spending an hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful opportunity for prayer! If you are able to commit to this weekly hour or would like more information, please contact Brooke Chaney 402-209-1965 or Janie Ebmeier 402-450-1993.

“ONE HOLY HOUR/ONE PRIEST/EACH WEEK/ONE HEART OF PRAYER” Seven Sisters Apostolate is a way of praying for priests in the offering of a Holy Hour each day of the week. There are seven women that each commit to a different day of the week and offer one Holy Hour on that day for a priest and thus offer a seamless week of Holy Hours for them. This gift of prayer is for a year's time. The three Seven Sisters groups at St. Mary Church pray for Fr. Schultes, Fr. Brox, and Fr. Rynearson daily. We are currently in need of someone to commit to praying a holy hour for Fr. Rynearson, weekly, on Saturdays. It is recommended that you offer your holy hour in front of our Lord, either during Adoration or in church, but it may also be done in your home if necessary. If you are interested in being a substitute, please let us know. Visit www.sevensistersapostolate.org to read more about the history of the program and download a booklet. ***Prayerfully consider this wonderful way to support our priests!*** For more information contact Kathy Wigington, 209-1341 or the Parish office.

NEBRASKA CITY CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP: IRON SHARPENS IRON THU JUL 2 9-10 P.M. at 1724 Morgan Dr., Nebraska City in the Garage. Join us for men's fellowship, prayer, Scripture discussion, authentic Catholic brotherhood, encouragement and accountability. Bring your own craft beer/pipe/cigar, Rosary, Bible, lawn chair. Come for fellowship. Leave strengthened in faith. All Catholic men are welcome. For more information, contact Josh Medeiros, 209-4530.

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.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: One of the goals of the Legion of Mary is the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in every home. The Enthronement is an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, either a picture or a statue, placed in your home and 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. 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 our hearts and of our homes. This is a very beautiful ceremony and an opportunity to have your home blessed. To have the Sacred Heart of Jesus Enthroned in your home or for more information regarding the Enthronement contact Kathy, 209-1341 or the parish office.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass: July 4: Amy Lucas, Randy & Gail Walford, Jane Lutz, Kelly & Sue Madden, Mark & Jennifer Madison, Paul & Angie Madison, Jennifer Marolf, Lu Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Rita Mathews. **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. **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.)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Jun 29: Mary Farris; Jul 1: Judy Francois; 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. 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

AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE: Our maintenance team met multiple times this week to review the design plan options from our engineering firm. The estimated prices from that firm – without official bids received – are in the \$170,000 to \$260,000 range. We informed the engineering firm to pursue a five-unit five-ton option, versus a single “rooftop” unit design like we currently have. Technologies and equipment change over nearly 40 years, so the visibility and accessibility of the equipment will be less evident in our bell tower, but more evident in the choir loft, especially at the east end behind the organ. The engineering/design firm is now finalizing more details from that selection to then open the bidding process – most likely from larger HVAC companies in Lincoln and Omaha. Father Schultes has connections to one company in Lincoln that coincidentally was founded by members of the Kreifels family tree! We appreciate your continued understanding and have been pleased with the moderate summer time temperatures and the work of our separate sanctuary and narthex air conditioning units! We are preparing a funding application with the Wirth Foundation – thank you to multiple donations to date!

LOURDES ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF OUTING & BANQUET MON JUN 29 4-person scramble (men, women or mixed) at Field Club Omaha, 3615 Woolworth St. 12:00 p.m. check in; 1:00 p.m. gun start. Banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Prizes and raffle to follow. \$150/per golfer \$80/per clergy member or Lourdes staff member (includes golf, box lunch & banquet); \$35/per person – banquet only. Register by contacting Pete Bataillon, 402-201-5144, petebataillon@yahoo.com or Kaye, 402-578-7138, kayebataillon@gmail.com

GOD BLESS THE USA 250 JUL 4: We pray for the United States of America that God will bless our nation with peace, and that our leaders will always seek justice and freedom for every citizen, especially unborn children, the poor, and the elderly. We pray also for the safety of all who are serving our Country in the military to protect our freedom and are away from their families. Keep them safe.

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.

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 21: Adult Env.: \$4,550.00; **Loose:** \$285.75; **Online:** \$5,285.00; **IRA:** \$200.00; **Easter:** \$50.00; **Total:** **\$10,370.75**
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Easter: \$50.00; Peter's Pence: \$500.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (51 weeks):** **\$739,500.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: **\$710,627.08** **YTD Shortfall:** **\$-28,872.92**

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: This weekend we will take up the worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of the Pope Leo XVI. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XVI to a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html *Envelopes are in your monthly envelopes, extras by the bulletins or you may use Online Giving.*

CSA 2026: 106 pledge cards for \$50,500.00. 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. *FINAL 2025 campaign rebate for \$565 was received recently – brings total rebates to \$50,058, with all 149 pledges paid in full – woohoo!*