

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. Jonathan J. Haschke

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Weekly Highlight: One of my favorite events is 1st Confession. Our four Neb City parishes come together for the celebration. Thanks to the collaboration of our Lourdes and CCD teachers, the five local priests, and the families involved, it is more than simply going to confession for the first time. We attempt to make it memorable for the students (and families), and to put those students at ease for their continued Confession attendance for the remainder of their life! Congrats to 30ish young souls who started that custom last Saturday in our church! Thanks to our Catholic Daughters for contributing towards the gifts to the students! *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	Shirley Sudman+	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
Tuesday	Rosa Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Doug Wigington+ (Anniv.)	
Wednesday	Healing Whole Person 2026 Conf.	Donald Gardner+	
Thursday	Nedra Eiserman+	Dennis & Brian Heng+	
Friday	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Caroline Sarraillon+	
Saturday		Marv Giittinger+	6:30 p.m. Keith Schreiter+ (Anniv.)
Sunday		Bob & Patrice Wulf	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Mar 7-8, 2026</u>			
	Sat 6:30 p.m.	Sun 8:00 a.m.	Sun 10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family Jason & Kim Esser	Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman Nile & Mary Farris	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Joy & Teresa Johnson
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Jennifer Howard	Matt Rutt
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng	Adam Howard	Brent Travis, Taylor Johnson
SERVERS	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson	Brett Borer, Asher Rakestraw, Owen McAndrews

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Nicholas Hanus, and an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, & Jesus-centered marriages! From our prayer chain, continue praying for: native son Father John Cooper, Ryan Scharp, Phil Timothy, Renee Stehlik 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

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the souls of Buz Solis (brother of Sr. Ana Maria), David G. Woods, and Leora (Stukenholtz) Kuwitzky (funeral here Sat Mar 28) and consolation to their families.

ADORER NEEDS FOR HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tue 2-3 a.m. (temporary or permanent); Thu 4-5 p.m. (temporary). Contact Janie Ebmeier (402-450-1993, jstukenholtz@hotmail.com) or Brooke Chaney (402-209-1965, brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net).

PRAYER TO ST. MONICA: *During March*, ladies of the parish (rotates among Deaneries' Altar Societies) are urged to attend daily Mass and pray this St. Monica Prayer daily: *Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son, not with threats, but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Dear St Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime, yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine; your prayers were answered. Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea.*

5 WEEK LENTEN STUDY (MONDAYS MAR 2, 9, 16, 23): "THE CROSS" examines the practice of crucifixion and spiritual/theological significance of Christ's Cross. 1:30-3:00 p.m. OR 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse, 347 N. 62nd Rd, Neb City.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY EACH TUESDAY OF LENT: after 8:00 a.m. Mass – in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT: at 5:30 p.m. in our church. Confession available starting at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING LENT STUDY GROUP SHARING: Each **Sat of Lent**, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall. Bring your own beverage and your study book – available with Lent materials on big table in church narthex.

SAT NIGHT MAR 21 MASS moved up to 4:00 p.m. for Lourdes Event – **no 6:30 p.m.** Mass. Confession offered before Mass **from 3-4 p.m.**

“HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON” RETREAT APR 16-18 (NAM CHURCH LINCOLN): In person or livestream options:

<https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/healing-the-whole-person-weekend-2026-lincoln-ne/>. “Day of Equipping” Fri Apr 17: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/day-of-equipping-2026-lincoln-ne/>

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **Mar. 7:** Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, John & Ronda Wigington, Erin Weldon, William & Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz, John & Mary Wenzl, Joshua & Carolyn Whitney, Evert & Lisa Whitten. **Mar. 14:** Halli Powers, Emily Wiebeck, Skyler Woita, Nathan & Mary Wigington, Tom & Kathy Wigington, Alan & Megan Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth, Emily Wolken, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie Wurtele. **Mar. 21:** Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd & Jill Yost, Anna Young, Jon & Amber Zatum, Carl Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Molly Albus, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Katherine Andrade. **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: Mar 2: Shawn Stukenholtz, Mar 4: Hope Weninger; Mar 7: Kathy Wigington; Mar 9: Cheryl Wirth; Mar 11: Emily Wolken; Mar 14: Teresa Albers; Mar 16: Brenda Baumann; Mar 18: Kelly Bequette; Mar 21: Jacque Borer; Mar 28: Maureen Chance; Mar 30: Kris Chaney. 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

WEEKLY CCD SCHEDULE: High School 1st Sun only 6:30 p.m. at St. Benedict; 1st-8th Grade each Wed 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE MAR 3: in St Mary Visitation (church) Hall at 6:30 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

ST. MARY/ST. BENEDICT/LOURDES CONFIRMATION MEETING WED MAR 4 6:30 P.M. in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall – 4th & 5th graders and older to be confirmed in fall 2026 must attend with their parents! (CCD had similar meeting in January.) *Confirmation date TBD.*

OCIA THU MAR 5: in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall for spring semester from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

KC LENTEN FISH “FRI-DAYS” MAR 6, 13: Sit down or carry out at St. Benedict Church beginning at 4:30 p.m.

EXPOSITION/ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH SUN MAR 8 (1ST, 3RD, 5TH SUNDAYS OF LENT): 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – bring your family!

32ND ANNUAL LOURDES EVENT SAT MAR 21: You are Invited to “Stars, Stripes & the Lourdes Knights” to support our Catholic school. Schedule: 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary; 5:00 p.m. Social Hour, Silent Auction at Lourdes; 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Program, Grand Auction. Tickets \$100 per person (dinner and open bar) **by March 11.** Register for auction, donate, or become a sponsor: <https://onecau.se/lourdesevent>.

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.*

Feb. 22: Adult Env.: \$3,110.00; **Loose:** \$309.39; **Online:** \$4,090.00; **IRA:** \$380.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$977.00; **Total: \$8,866.39**
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Altar Society: \$60.00; So. NE Reg.: \$194.00; Sri Lanka: \$1,633.59

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (34 weeks): \$493,000.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$521,901.80

SRI LANKA COLLECTION last weekend to provide financial assistance in making repairs to Church property and to provide material assistance to those who are still struggling to rebuild. Make checks payable to the parish and label your envelope “Disaster Relief for Colombo.” (please do so **by March 1**). <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/op-ed/bishop-s-column/19453-keeping-hope-alive-in-sri-lanka>

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE THU MAR 12–SAT MAR 14: NO MATTRESSES, TVS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR CAR SEATS: All proceeds go to purchase items used in church – candles, altar bread, missals, music issues, etc. **Thu & Fri Mar 12-13:** 9-5 p.m.; **Sat Mar 14:** 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 Mar 9** so items can be prepared. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Mary Mills, 873-6247 or Carline Moles, 873-3023. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SAT MAR 14 AT 12:00 P.M.** to box all remaining items and clean the hall. Thank you.

COMBINED COLLECTION MAR 14-15: Each Lent a national collection is taken up at direction of US Bishops – to help the Church universal (Catholic Relief Services) and domestic (Catholic Univ of America; Retirement Fund for Religious). See March tithe envelopes or Online Giving.

2025 CSA(DDP): 14 open pledges for \$2,817.50 – payments before Mar 31 rebated in Apr 2026. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>

KC ANNUAL “ONE ROSE ONE LIFE” RECAP: \$636.00 donated through St. Mary Church; \$1,476.00 in total – highest amount since 2022!

THANK YOU to the Wirth Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$18,863.00 towards our window replacement project (13 in church; 9 in rectory) – presumed last original non-stained-glass windows from 1942 construction! The church work could begin as early as this Fri Mar 6.