

# 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. Jonathan J. Haschke

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026:

# LAETARE (FOURTH) SUNDAY OF LENT

**Weekly Highlight:** The 13 north non-stained-glass windows in church have all been installed! They are a great match and are barely noticeable from their original predecessor windows! The 9 rectory basement windows are installed and look great also -- some additional caulking to be completed. Thanks again to two anonymous parishioner donors and the Wirth Foundation that paid for this entire project!

*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.
<b>Monday</b>	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Robert Reese+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Myron & Velma Henner+	Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Marcene Klein+	Mary Jo Olmer+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Albert & Rose Mary Burger+	Marvin Giittinger+	
<b>Friday</b>	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Jose Solis+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Karen Lowe+	<b>4:00 p.m. Lourdes Family</b> <b>NO 6:30 P.M. MASS</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		Jacki Oelke+	<b>10:00 a.m. People of the Parish</b>
<b>Mar. 21-22, 2026</b>			
	<b>Sat 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sun 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sun 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Lourdes Event	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
<b>LECTORS</b>	Lourdes Event	Barb Stukenholtz	Joshua Whitney
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Lourdes Event	Andy Fedoris	Jon Borer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Lourdes Event	Leo & Elliott Ramold	Sam, Jack, William Ebmeier

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

**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."

**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](mailto:jstukenholtz@hotmail.com)) or Brooke Chaney (402-209-1965, [brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net](mailto:brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net)).

**ST. BENEDICT SPONSORED MONTHLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MON MAR 16:** Bible Study 9-10 a.m. in The Abbey; Adoration in St. Benedict Church 10-11 a.m.; Mass with school at 11:00 a.m. Join for any portion of the morning. (Next month Mon Apr 20.)

**WEEKLY MONDAY LENTEN STUDY (MAR 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:** 9:00-10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall. BYOB & your study book.

**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.** “Stars, Stripes & the Lourdes Knights” – register for auction, donate, or become a sponsor: <https://onecau.se/lourdesevent>.

**EXPOSITION/ADORATION IN CHURCH SUN MAR 22 (1<sup>ST</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS OF LENT):** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – bring your family!

**HOLY WEEK SIGN-UP SHEETS** for acolytes, lector/readers, servers, and ushers/greeters available on big table in church entrance. (Ushers/Greeters is Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil only -- Palm Sunday weekend and Easter Sunday itself are regular schedule).

**“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)

**CEMETERY BOARD MEETING THU MAR 19** at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory (due to OCIA in Visitation (church) Hall). Meeting packets distributed to you – please review ahead of meeting! St. Joseph, patron of a happy/holy death, pray for us and those who rest in our cemetery!

**CEMETERY NOTES – PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS BY APRIL 1:** As spring approaches, mowing of our cemetery will begin and **all** items need to be removed from the cemetery – flowers, decorations, shepherd hooks, solar lights, etc., unless in secured permanent containers. See regulations posted at the entry of the cemetery – also on our website, Facebook page, and main bulletin board in church. Families are responsible for the upkeep of all monuments. Some monuments have permanent vases that have become worn and do not stand in their holders. Please make necessary repairs to prevent damage throughout the mowing season. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **Mar. 21:** Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd & Jill Yost, Anna Young, Jon & Amber Zatur, Carl Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Molly Albus, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Katherine Andrade. **Mar. 28:** Michelle Andrew, Melanie Aultz, William & Kathy Aultz, Roberta Aultz, Mark & Heather Bakula, Tim & Nancy Baragary, Andrew Bauermeister, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Tom Becker, Mary Bennett. **Apr. 4:** Adam & Anne Bennett, Aric & Tara Bennett, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard, D’Arcy Blobaum, Richard Blobaum, Pam Boes, Caroline Bolin, Richard & Gail Bond, Marcia Boone, Jon & Jacque Borer. **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 16: Brenda Baumann; Mar 18: Kelly Bequette; Mar 23: Beth Box; Mar 25: Megan Brehm; Mar 28: Maureen Chance; Mar 30: Kris Chaney, Apr 1: Kay DeFreece; Apr 4: Janie Ebmeier; Apr 6: Jeanette Eilers; Apr 8: Carol Elworth, Apr 11: Mary Farris, Apr 13: Judy Francois; Apr 15: Lana Gilson; Apr 18: Jacque Borer, Apr 20: 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 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](http://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

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

**OCIA THU MAR 19** in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall for spring semester from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**SAINT BENEDICT SPONSORED LENT FRIDAY MEALS MAR 20 AND 27:** Sit down or carry out at St. Benedict Abbey 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED MAR 25 7:00 P.M.** in our St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT SAT MAR 28 1:00 P.M.** on practice field behind Lourdes School. There are four age groups 3 and under, 4 and 5, 6 and 7 and 8 and up. RAIN DATE WILL BE April 4.

**1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION SUN APR 19:** Separate Noon Mass in our church. Pictures and practices Sat morning Apr 18.

**1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER CARDS IN PEWS:** Thanks primarily to Patrice Wulf and Noreen Harris who help bring about this annual custom for praying specifically for those young souls preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion (on April 19 this year). Take a card; Pray for that child; Sacrifice for that child; Write them a note to encourage and congratulate them; Be creative!

## # 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.

**Mar. 8: Adult Env.:** \$3,525.00; **Loose:** \$602.50; **Online:** \$4,760.00; **IRA:** \$2,000.00; **Total:** \$10,887.50 **Franciscan Sisters:** \$25.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget:** \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (36 weeks):** \$522,000.00

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026:** \$545,919.17

**2025 CSA(DDP):** 9 open pledges for \$1,442.50 – payments **before Mar 31** rebated in Apr 2026. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>

**EASTER FLOWERS & LILIES:** Special envelopes near bulletins for your convenience. Contributions may be dropped in the collection basket. Please indicate with your contribution if you wish to make a memorial or dedication to someone; kindly do this by **Sun Mar 29**. Thank you.