

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 22, 2026: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Weekly Highlight: Thanks (again) to all that helped make our parish rummage sale a great success. Thank you to all those that donated items, purchased items, help prepare items for sale, helped in anyway with the sale, boxed up items on Saturday and helped with clean-up. Thank you to Mary Mills and Carline Moles for chairing this project. Your many gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated. Proceeds are used to help the Altar Society purchase all the liturgical supplies for the altar, missalette and music issues and much more. This sale profited one of their highest amounts ever -- approximately \$2,400. *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. |
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| Monday | Leo & Sonja Heng+ | Special Intention | |
| Tuesday | Special Intention | Sr. Ana Maria Solis | |
| Wednesday | Mike+ & Rosie Callahan Family | Legion of Mary | |
| Thursday | Shirley Sudman+ | Nedra Eiserman+ | |
| Friday | Leslie & Nellie Wolfe+ | Cliff Kreifels+ | |
| Saturday | | Charles Wirth+ | 6:30 p.m. Bill Aultz+ |
| Sunday | | Edmund Klusaw+ | 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish |
| Mar. 28-29, 2026 | | | |
| | Sun 6:30 p.m. | Sun 8:00 a.m. | Sun 10:00 a.m. |
| USHERS/ | Carline Moles, Betty Slagle | Charles Moyer, Jim Elworth | Fred & Sheryl Allen |
| GREETERS | Judy Francois, Jane Lutz | Randy & Gail Walford | Brad & Cathy Kassube |
| LECTORS | See Sign-up Sheets | See Sign-up Sheets | See Sign-up Sheets |
| ACOLYTES | See Sign-up Sheets | See Sign-up Sheets | See Sign-up Sheets |
| SERVERS | See Sign-up Sheets | See Sign-up Sheets | See Sign-up Sheets |

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

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."

PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of Jackie (Lutz) McAlexander and John Horan and consolation to their families.

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

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).

WEEKLY MONDAY LENTEN STUDY (MAR 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.

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*).

HOLY TRIDUUM/EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Holy Wed. Apr 1 CCD Led Stations @ St. Benedict – 6:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday, Apr 2 - 7:00 p.m.
(Adoration until Midnight in Visitation (church) Hall
Good Friday Stations & Divine Mercy Chaplet, Apr 3 - 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy, Apr 3 - 7:00 p.m. (*no incense*)
Easter Vigil, Saturday, Apr 4 - 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, Apr 5 - 8:00 a.m. (*no incense*) & 10:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Sunday, Mar 29 – 1:30-2:30 p.m. (multiple priests)
Tuesday, Mar. 31– 7-8 p.m.
Holy Thursday, Apr 2 – Immediately after Holy Thursday Liturgy
Good Friday, Apr 3 - Immediately after 3 p.m. Stations/Chaplet & 7 p.m. Liturgy
Holy Saturday, Apr 4 – 4-5 p.m.
20 minutes before Sunday 8 & 10 a.m. Mass or by appointment

MULTIPLE PRIEST CONFESSORS SUN MAR 29: As custom, the five area priests will be in our church NEXT Sunday 1:30-2:30 p.m. Then they go to Plattsmouth to join more priests to do the same at 3:30 p.m. – so you could choose to go to Confession at Holy Spirit Plattsmouth, if the time in our church does not work. Road trip for mercy...and perhaps a reward of ice cream or a dessert on your road trip home!

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS/CHRISM MASS MON MAR 30: Majority of area priests will be at Cathedral until late Mon Mar 30. If there is an emergency need for a priest, contact Lourdes or our parish office and they will find a priest. Father Schultes is the stay behind priest for the Deanery most of that day. All are invited to the Chrism Mass at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral – note the earlier time from previous custom!

HOSPITAL CHAPEL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ENDS at Noon on **Wed Apr 1**, for Holy Week. Resumes **Tue Apr 7** at 6:00 a.m.

HOLY THU APR 2 “IN THE GARDEN” (VISITATION HALL) ADORATION: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9AB28A6F58-62964593-inthe#

1st FRI AND 1ST SAT DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL: These fall on Good Friday (Apr 3) and Holy Saturday (Apr 4) when no Mass allowed. Both days, the usual devotional prayers will take place in our church at 8:00 a.m. Communion can be received at Good Friday services and then any Easter Mass. See the Holy Week schedule for several opportunities to go to Confession – none Sat morning since no Mass.

“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. 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. **Apr. 11:** Michael & Gynae Borns, Daren & Beth Box, Roger & Ranae Brandt, Jody Honeysuckle, Randy & Megan Brehm, Dustin & Wendi Buggi, Sam and Emily Cahow, Leigh Calfee, Luke Calfee, Cynthia Camden-Woolman. **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 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. 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.

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.

SAINT BENEDICT SPONSORED LENT FRIDAY MEAL MAR 27: *Sit down or carry out* at St. Benedict Abbey 4:30-6:30 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.

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. 15: Adult Env.: \$2,675.00; Loose: \$270.01; Online: \$4,145.00; IRA: \$10,050.00; Total: \$17,140.01
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Combined Collection: \$1,115.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (37 weeks): \$536,500.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$563,059.18

2025 CSA(DDP): 5 open pledges for \$1,065.00 – payments *before Mar 31* rebated in Apr 2026. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>

EASTER FLOWERS/LILIES: Envelopes near bulletins – indicate if you wish to make a memorial or dedication to someone; Due **Sun Mar 29.**