

# 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](mailto:jstukenholtz@hotmail.com), 402-450-1993 or Brooke Chaney, [brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net](mailto: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 8, 2026: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Weekly Highlight:** My childhood recollection is that our entire family went to Stations of the Cross most Fridays of Lent at St Cecilia Church in Hastings. It was not my favorite activity (full disclosure), but it seems we were there often. Last Friday (influenced by great weather), we had one of the largest crowds for Stations in recent memory. Husbands and wives; individuals; and more students and their parents/grandparents than usual -- we ordered more Stations booklets this week because we ran out of that version last Friday! (Thanks to all who attended – sorry if you did not have a booklet.) We encourage more of you – especially our families to come for the 20–30-minute devotional. Confession available before or after. The final Knights Fish Fry is Fri Mar 13 (go before Stations or after, or both)! Saint Benedict parishioners lead the charge with Lenten meals on Fri Mar 20 and Mar 27. *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>	Ginger Roddy+	Dorothy Moore+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Shirley Sudman+	Alice O'Neill+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	Laurence DuBois+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Richie Kincaid+	Dovel-Beccard+	
<b>Friday</b>	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Buz Solis+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Leta Harshman+ (Anniv)	6:30 p.m. Viola Snyder+
<b>Sunday</b>		Leonard & Clara Heng+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b>Mar. 14-15, 2026</b>			
	Sat 6:30 p.m.	Sun 8:00 a.m.	Sun 10:00 a.m.
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Danny & Robin Heng Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan Kostka	Gail Walford	Shelli Stuhr
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Daren Box	Sean Chance	Duane Stuhr
<b>SERVERS</b>	Austin & Gavin Rayhel, Kane O'Donnell	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Luke Chaney, Blake Meyer, Ashton Smith

**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 Max Summa, 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)).

**EXPOSITION/ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH SUN MAR 8 (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!

**WEEKLY MONDAY LENTEN STUDY (MAR 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. Bring your study book – available 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.**

**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)

**THANK YOU** to all our lectors/readers for proclaiming and studying His Holy Word in our Liturgies and for gathering last Saturday for our annual appreciation breakfast meeting! Thanks to Nile Farris and staff for the great food and service!

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): 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 Zarn, 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. **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 9: Cheryl Wirth; Mar 11: Emily Wolken; Mar 14: Teresa Albers; Mar 16: Brenda Baumann; Mar 18: Kelly Bequette; 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. 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.

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

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

**32<sup>ND</sup> 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>.

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

## # 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. 1: Adult Env.:** \$6,752.00; **Loose:** \$257.87; **Online:** \$5,830.00; **IRA:** \$200.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$65.00; **Bldg. Fund:** \$25.00; **Total:** \$13,129.87 **Franciscan Sisters:** \$25.00; **So. NE Reg.:** \$167.00; **Sri Lanka:** \$699.00; **Rice Bowl:** \$25.00

**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

**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/>

**SEMI-ANNUAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED** for six months ended Dec 31, 2025: \$7,569.14 parish and \$946.22 cemetery. **Cumulative distributions:** Cemetery (*est. Mar 2020*) \$5,732.17; Parish (*est. Sep 2020*) \$38,270.15. Thanks for supporting these endowments.

**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.