

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 (on sabbatical)*

Associate Pastor: *Rev. Jonah A. Brox*

In Residence (Chief Administrative Officer of Lourdes School): *Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke*

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekly Highlight: Perhaps like many of you, when I think of May – the month dedicated to our Lady – I often think about the annual Spring busyness that it usually brings. This also means that the end of another school year is about upon us! This past week we had several “end of year” happenings: final CCD classes of the year, second to last OCIA class, and the final all-school Mass for Lourdes. This past Wednesday, we also celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of 2026 – which includes 12 of our parishioners! Continue to pray for them as they approach graduation day in the coming weeks and for all graduates as they prepare for the next stage of their life. Our Lady and St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us! *Thanks for your continued attention & devotion! ~ Father Brox*

#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	Marcene Klein+	Thomas S. Wigington	
Tuesday	Agnes Heng Wheeler+	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
Wednesday	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Edmund Klusaw+	6:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Thursday	Ewald Beilman, Sr.+ (Anniv.)	Alice O'Neill+	
Friday	Mike+ & Rosie Callahan Family	Jack Willson+ (Anniv.)	
Saturday		Bob Schreiner+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Robert Reese+
Sunday		Elver & Opal Koenig+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>May 16-17, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sun 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/ GREETERS	Danny & Robin Heng Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Amanda Geneski	Cindy McGinnis
ACOLYTES	Andy Fedoris	Jon Borer	Mike Kearney
SERVERS	Austin & Gavin Rayhel Kane O'Donnell	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson Christian Pinzino	Gavin & Ender Cumro Charlie Gude

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 Seminarians and 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

BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY! to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and other motherly figures of our lives – especially the Blessed Virgin Mary (our patroness). Carnations for sale by Southeast Nebraska Right to Life after each Mass for a donation of \$2.00 each. Proceeds for prolife education and the annual pro-life scholarship. For more information, call Noreen Harris, 209-1450.

PRAY THE ROSARY - THE MONTH OF MAY is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven. During this month (at church and home), we offer up to Mary an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. The benefits of God's mercy comes down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*). We are encouraged to pray the rosary daily, especially in May. The rosary is recited each day at 7:30 a.m. here in our church – come join other parishioners. Other times: Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass – Seven Sorrows Rosary and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Flame of Love Rosary. Mary, Queen of the Holy Angels – Pray for Us.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY EACH TUESDAY (THRU MAY 19): after 8:00 a.m. Mass – in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall.

ASCENSION THURSDAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES: Wed May 13 6:30 p.m.; Thu May 14 6:20 & 8:00 a.m. St. Benedict Church Thu May 14 at 5:30 p.m.; St. Joseph Church at Paul Wed May 13 6:30 p.m. & Thu May 14 at 8:00 a.m.; and St. Bernard Church Thu May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MON MAY 25 at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. *Resumes Tue May 26 at 6:00 a.m.*

MEMORIAL DAY MASS – MON MAY 25 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary Cemetery – moved to church if inclement weather. All invited – bring a lawn chair. **NO** 6:20 a.m. Mass that day, nor usual morning Adoration in church. Pray for all serving our country, for peace and for all souls in purgatory!

THE ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON IS COMING SOON!! The luncheon is Wed, Jun 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church Visitation Hall. Bountiful selection of salads. Tickets on sale for \$10 at the door or from members. Hosted by Catholic Daughters of Americas, Emmanuel 1122. Enjoy a feast with friends.

TOTUS TUUS 2026 – JUNE 7-12: Grades 9-recent graduates: Jun 7-11 at 6-8 p.m. (includes dinner). Grades 1-8 entering Fall 2025: Jun 8-13 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All at St. Benedict Church – The Abbey and Lourdes Primary. Cost is \$20 per child, max \$50 per family. Registration forms on big table and near bulletins in church! Fliers posted on church bulletin boards and on Flocknote.

2026 CONFIRMATION & 2027 SACRAMENT DATES: Confirmation is scheduled for **Sat Oct 31, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. 1st Confession **Sat Feb 13, 2027** at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1st Communion **Sun Apr 11, 2027** at Noon.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **May 16:** Misy Fulton, Susan Gardner, David & Pat Garris, Rynn Gawart, Wesley & Amanda Geneski, Zoe Geneski, Hayden Cline, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad. **May 23:** Chris Gittinger, Dan & Richarda Gittinger, Pam Hansen, Jesse & Ellen Reeves, Mike & Lana Gilson, Melissa Greedy, Mike & Janelle Gress, Maggie Griepenstroh, Joseph & Courtney Grubbs, Bill & Kathy Grundman. **May 30:** Patty Gude, Tom & Cindy Gude, Tyler & Taylor Gude, Maureen Gygi, Steven & Stephanie Hackett, Mitchell & Chelsea Hagedorn, Mary Lynn Hall, Thomas & Lindsey Hall, Roger & Rachel Hamling. **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: May 11: Jackie Smith; May 13: Shelli Stuhr; May 16: Julie Volkmer; May 18: Shawn Stukenholtz; May 20: Hope Weninger; May 23: Kathy Wigington; May 27: Cheryl Wirth; May 29: Emily Wolken; Jun 1: Teresa Albers; Jun 3: Brenda Baumann; Jun 6: Kelly Bequette; Jun 8: Jacque Borer. 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

THANK YOU THANK YOU! Much appreciation for those who joined in our annual cemetery clean-up day – led by our Cemetery Board and their families! – and to those that cleaned the garage last Saturday! Thanks to Valentino's for providing our group lunch. Our cemetery (and parish campus) is dependent upon volunteers who give of their time for the benefit of those living and deceased! In this Memorial Day month, pray for the repose of the souls of those whose earthly remains are in our parish cemetery!

ST. BENEDICT SPONSORED MONTHLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MON MAY 18: 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.

OCIA THU MAY 21 in St. Mary Visitation (church) Hall from 6:45-8:00 p.m.

JOB OPENING: Lourdes Central Catholic School is seeking a mission-driven **Advancement Associate** to join our team. This full-time position supports the school's advancement efforts through **marketing and communications, event coordination, fundraising, and stewardship.** The ideal candidate is highly organized, detail-oriented, collaborative, and an excellent communicator who is passionate about Catholic education. View the job description and learn more at <https://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org/careers.html>

FAREWELL PARTY – SAT MAY 30 6:00 P.M. ST. BENEDICT ABBEY: You are invited to attend as we give thanks for the faithful service of Fr. Haschke & Fr. Daro and offer them our prayers and support as they begin their new assignments. Shredded beef and pork sandwiches and music will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring your own chair, drinks and side dish to share.

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.*

May 3: Adult Env.: \$4,495.00; Loose: \$351.50; Online: \$5,590.00; IRA: \$6,050.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; Ascension: \$975.00; Total: \$17,486.50 Parish Endowment: \$50.00; Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Cemetery: \$15.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (44 weeks): \$638,000.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$634,067.65 YTD Shortfall: \$-3,932.35

ANNUAL CEMETERY ENVELOPE IN YOUR MAY ENVELOPES: Funds received are used for the upkeep of our cemetery. Donations can be made via that annual envelope (in May envelopes – timed near Memorial Day) or via Online Giving.

CSA 2026 WEEK 2: 65 pledge cards for \$37,065.00 – \$6,720.00 already paid! Pledge cards available after each Mass this weekend. Thanks to our volunteers for assisting with those cards! Our goals this year are \$47,000 in rebates (so we need \$55,000 total pledged/paid – the first \$8,000 stays with diocese) and at least 50% of our households participating, so 190 donors! Our rebates have remained steady, but we fall short of 50% participation. Use <https://www.givecentral.org/LincolnDiocese-CSA> this year for online giving as it changed from last year.