

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 17, 2026: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekly Highlight: The big news this week is that after several inspections over the last few weeks to repair the main A/C unit in the church, we received word that it needs to be replaced. It was installed in 1988! What a gift to have it give us some great mileage with little to no trouble! That being said, we are currently looking into bids for what the replacement cost and timeline of a new unit. We also have been blessed with beautiful weather during this time. We have a different A/C unit for the sanctuary that we can run to help push out some cool air into the main church for the time being. Continue to pray for good weather in the coming weeks as we begin this project. We will keep you posted as far as the progress. *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	Barb Stukenholtz	Special intention	
Tuesday	Barb Jensen	Tom Schreiner+	
Wednesday	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Franciscan Sisters	
Thursday	Jerome Wirth+	Louis Young+	
Friday	Brian Hiemer+	Renee Box+	
Saturday		Kathleen Beilman+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Newly Ordained Lincoln Priests
Sunday		Carl Calfee+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
May 23-24, 2026			
	Sun 6:30 p.m.	Sun 8:00 a.m.	Sun 10:00 a.m.
USHERS/ GREETERS	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Barb Stukenholtz	Joshua Whitney
ACOLYTES	Daren Box	Skyler Woita	Dan DeFreece
SERVERS	Andrew & Jackson Walters, Lucas Spidell	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Caden & Keaton Travis, River Giittinger

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

PRAY FOR the happy repose of the soul of Arnie Beckman and Kent McGinnis and consolation to their families.

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.

WALK ACROSS NEBRASKA KICK OFF MON MAY 18: Join Fr. Morin and six seminarians (includes Colter Fulton) as they begin their pilgrimage walking across Nebraska. Mass at St. Benedict Church at 5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck.

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

CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to put up flags on **Fri May 22** at 5:30 p.m. with take down on **Mon May 25** at 5:30 p.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!

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

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.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **May 23:** Chris Giittinger, Dan & Richarda Giittinger, 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. **June 6:** John & Paige Harpham, Jay & Jessica Harris, Bill & Noreen Harris, Deroy Harshman, Kylie Hein, Cristin Hendrickson, Daniel & Robin Heng, Elizabeth Heng, David & Debbie Heng. **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 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; Jun 10: Beth Box; Jun 13: Megan Brehm; Jun 15: Maureen Chance. 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 from the Legion of Mary to all those that helped celebrate their 50th Anniversary on May 3. A special thank you to Nile Farris and Valentinos for providing the breakfast pizzas and caramel rolls. God bless you.

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.

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

ORDINATION SAT MAY 23 11:00 A.M.: All invited! Two will be ordained to the priesthood – Deacons Bradley Moss and Peter Foley at our Diocesan Cathedral in Lincoln!

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY DATES: Father Haschke 17 years, May 23; Father Brox 2 years, May 25; Father Schultes 14 years, May 26; Native sons: Father Wirth 6 years, May 23; Father Mills 13 years, May 25; Father Cooper 46 years, May 31; Father Mike Volkmer, C.P.P.S. 58 years, June 1! Praise Jesus – keep praying for our priests and more vocations to the priesthood from our parish!

RELIGIOUS SISTERS VOWS ANNIVERSARY DATES: Sister Ana Maria, 70 years last Feb 19; Sister Cynthia, 30 years last Apr 14; Sister Kathleen, 38 years last Apr 16; Sister Betsy Moyer, 55 years, May 29; Sister Mary Cecilia Mills, C.K., 28 years, Aug 1. Pray for more religious vocations!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED MAY 27 in St. Mary Visitation Hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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 10: Adult Env.: \$2,320.00; Loose: \$275.18; Online: \$5,255.00; Ascension: \$70.00; Total: \$7,920.18
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Cemetery: \$500.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (45 weeks):** \$652,500.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$641,987.83 **YTD Shortfall:** \$-10,512.17

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: 87 pledge cards for \$40,715.00. Goals are \$55,000 total pledged/paid and 50% of our households participating (190 donors). Pledge cards now available through parish office. <https://www.givecentral.org/LincolnDiocese-CSA>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 GRADUATES