

# 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 (on sabbatical)

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jonah A. Brox

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026:

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Weekly Highlight:** As we begin this new month of May, we remember in a special way both Mary and St. Joseph. May 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of this month dedicated to our Lady, while also celebrating the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. Both were honored in different parish events this past week. We first honored our Lady by hosting about 25 people on Friday evening for the Lourdes Event Parish Progressive Dinner in our Visitation Hall and on Saturday morning, we honored St. Joseph by partaking in manual work with our yearly spring cemetery clean up day. Thanks to all who helped make both of these events happen. 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.
<b>Monday</b>	Joan Huber+	Murl+ & Murilla	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nora Heng+	Willard & Loyola Hiemer+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chick Connell+ (Anniv.)	Donald Gardner+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Melvin & Lila Kreifels	Keith Schreiter+	
<b>Friday</b>	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	Mary Ellen Gibbons+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Cliff Kreifels+	6:30 p.m. Sr. Veronica+ & Family
<b>Sunday</b>		Mark & Rosetta Wirth+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b>May 9-10, 2026</b>			
	<u>Sun 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family Jason & Kim Esser	Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman Nile & Mary Farris	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Joy & Teresa Johnson
<b>LECTORS</b>	Beth Box	Jeanette Eilers	Matt Rutt
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Tim Baumann	Sean Chance	Nate Wingtonton
<b>SERVERS</b>	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	Oliver Wingtonton, Landyn Vogt Quinn Harpham	Eli Cunningham, Landon DuVal Kelby Fulton

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

**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. Mary, Queen of the Holy Angels – Pray for Us.

**CONFIRMATION SAINT REPORTS DUE MAY 1** to the parish office from all students that will be confirmed on October 31. Questions? Contact the parish office.

**LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS – "ANYTHING GOES" SUN MAY 3 2:00 P.M.:** The Broadway musical will be in the Wirth Theatre. Tickets available at <https://tix.com> or call 402-873-6154 or scan the QR code on the flier in the entrance of the church.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 3:** The Legion of Mary (the Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium) at St. Mary invites all parishioners to join them following each Sunday Mass in St. Mary Visitation Hall for breakfast and a slide show presentation about our Legion of Mary. A special invitation is sent to the auxiliary members in appreciation for their faithful daily prayers. The Legion of Mary was established in Ireland in 1921 and took root in the Lincoln Diocese in 1957. This lay apostolic group assists pastors in performing spiritual works in their parishes. In 2018, the Legion of Mary had 121 active members in seventeen praesidia across the Diocese and 1,288 auxiliary members. Legion members visit shut-ins, new-comers, lapsed Catholics, and Catholics in health care institutions, colleges, and correctional centers; they give rides to Mass; assist with OCIA and CCD; lead bible studies; maintain literature racks in church; and promote the Rosary, Sacred Heart enthronement, Perpetual Adoration, First Fridays and First Saturdays and the Miraculous Medal. They seek union with Mary and imitate her

humility and faithfulness in serving Christ. This is a beautiful apostolate and open to both men and women of all ages. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium at St. Mary was started in 1976 by devout ladies of our parish. In 2026 we will be celebrating our 50th year of serving our Catholic community. Join us May 3 and get to know us!

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

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS GATHERING TUE MAY 5 6:30 P.M.** in St Mary Church Visitation Hall. Visitors always welcome.

**MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS NEXT WEEKEND MAY 9-10** from 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.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> Confession **Sat Feb 13, 2027** at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9:** Miguel Farfan, Nile & Mary Farris, Andrew & Madeline Fedoris, Andy & Joan Fedoris, Wilber & Marlene Fey, David Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois, Steven & Adrian Francois, Eric Francois. **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 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. **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 4: Jackie Loseke; May 6: Margaret Rumery; May 9: Audra Rutt; 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. 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

**THANK YOU TO OUR CCD TEACHERS/COORDINATOR:** Dotti Easter, Barb Stukenholtz, Barb Jensen, Maggie Griepenstroh, Andrea Heng, Blaire Hemphill, Jenny Schlichtemeier, Emily Cahow, Ben Foust, John Langley, Micah Braunsroth, Steven Francois, Fr. Brox, Fr. Schultes, Fr. Daro, Sister Kathleen, and Sister Cynthia for all their gifts of time and talent in sharing their faith with our students this school year.

**OCIA THU MAY 7 & 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.

**Apr. 26: Adult Env.: \$3,195.00; Loose: \$389.50; Online: \$2,923.00; IRA: \$200.00; Total: \$6,707.50**  
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Rice Bowl: \$11.94; Cemetery: \$33.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (43 weeks): \$623,500.00**  
**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$616,581.15 YTD Shortfall: \$-6,918.85**

**CSA 2026 WEEK 1: 31** pledge cards for \$18,185.00 – \$2,850.00 already paid! Pledge cards available after each Mass the next two weekends. 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.

**"NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING" WED MAY 6** sponsored by all three Nebraska Diocese. Donations are being accepted beginning April 20 thru May 13 to our parish at the link below. (If you are a regular tither via envelopes or our online giving, those methods are preferred, due to fee structures of these various donation options.) Thanks for considering!  
<https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/st-mary-catholic-church-42d33125-90e4-41ae-8cda-f932bd9adbb3>