

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, NOVEMBER 16, 2025:

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: Linda Willson knee surgery was successful and she has begun rehab. As a result, we had our first days of volunteers in our office on Wed and Fri. We will also have volunteers on Mon mornings. Fr. Schultes gets to use his accounting skills a bit more to take care of cashflow and bill paying responsibilities in greater detail the next month! Meanwhile, various projects progressing – e.g., bid process on replacing old windows on the north end of the church, in boiler room, and potentially rectory basement; some painting and flooring updates in rectory; miscarriage/stillborn burial and prayer area in cemetery; artwork framing and posting in our remodeled church hall. Several dedicated volunteers assisting with these projects. Some of our newly trained altar servers, lectors, and acolytes are starting to show up on our quarterly weekend scheduling. Always operational projects, liturgical projects, cashflow, and maintenance projects to take care of. As I keep saying, what are you helping with – everyone should be helping out!?

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.
Monday	Anton & Maria Stratker+	Pat Ramold+	
Tuesday	Leo & Margaret Sis+	Donald Gardner+	
Wednesday	Shirley Sudman+	Jacki Oelke+	
Thursday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Karen Lowe+	
Friday	Legion of Mary	Ed Mills+	
Saturday		Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	6:30 p.m. Leo & Sonja Heng+
Sunday		Arvon Marcotte+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Nov. 22-23, 2025:</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude	Steve Stukenholtz
GREETERS	Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Bob & Jody Weddle	Larry Lance, David Schmitz
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Bob Wulf	Ryan Ebmeier
ACOLYTES	Matt Nienaber	Kevin Rettig, Mike Lollmann	Bryan Bequette, Taylor Johnson
SERVERS	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson	Hudson Rutt, Landon Wurtele, Nick Kearney

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Jonathan Reeb; Sr. Mary Vianney Benz, 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

NOVEMBER (MONTH OF ALL SOULS) HAPPENINGS: (1) *Saint Gertrude Prayer* for Souls in Purgatory after praying the daily pre-Mass Rosary. (2) Pray the *Flame of Love Hail Mary*: “If at any moment, while invoking my Flame of Love, you pray 3 *Flame of Love Hail Marys*, a soul is released from Purgatory. During Nov., 10 souls will be released from Purgatory for each Hail Mary – that is 530 souls released from Purgatory for every Flame of Love rosary recited during the month! “*Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, spread the effect of grace of your Flame of Love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*” More info: <https://flameoflove.us/>. (3) *Envelopes near bulletins to list names of deceased loved ones* you want remembered at Mass – drop in collection basket or to parish office – envelopes stay on altar throughout Nov. (4) “*BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE*” near bulletins to write names of deceased (5) *Scroll of names* – in front of Saint Joseph.

ADORATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. MARY’S HOSPITAL: *Concludes Wed Nov 26* at Noon. *Resumes Mon Dec 1* at 6:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING NOV 27 AND FRI NOV 28 MASS SCHEDULE: 8:00 a.m. ONLY (no 6:20 a.m. nor morning Adoration).

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

NEW PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS: Taking volunteers to join the council for a three-year term. We meet every 2nd Tue of the 4th month – Feb 10, Jun 9, Oct 13, 2026. The council is a consultative body to the resident priests and a representative group *of and to* the entire parish, with members involved in a variety of activities of our parish. See Fr. Schultes, if the Lord may be calling you to join!

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): Nov. 22: David Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois, Steven & Adrian Francois, Eric Francois, Misy Fulton, Susan Gardner, David & Pat Garris, Rynn Gawart. **Nov. 29:** Wesley & Amanda Geneski, Zoe Geneski, Hayden Cline, Meagan Gerdes, Richard & Lynn Gibson, Tammie Gigstad, Chris Giittinger, Dan & Richarda Giittinger, Pam Hansen, Jesse & Ellen Reeves. **Dec. 6:** Mike & Lana Gilson, Mike & Janelle Gress, Maggie Griepenstroh, Steven & Stephanie Hackett, Mitchell & Chelsea Hagedorn, Mary Lynn Hall, Thomas & Lindsey Hall, Roger & Rachel Hamling, John & Paige Harpham. **If unable to clean when assigned, families/individuals are responsible for finding a replacement or contacting and paying \$15 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. (Entire current quarterly schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote bulletin email, and on Facebook page.)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Nov. 17: Noreen Harris, Nov. 19: Sharon Heng, Nov. 22: Jenny Kearney, Nov. 24: Tammy Levins, Nov. 26: Jackie Loseke, Nov. 29: Margaret Rumery, Dec. 1: Audra Rutt, Dec. 3: Shelli Stuhr, Dec. 6: Jackie Smith, Dec. 8: Shawn Stukenholtz, Dec. 10: Julie Volkmer, Dec. 13: Hope Weninger. 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 the 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.

PARISH OFFICE LIMITED HOURS beginning Wed Nov 12 due to our secretary, Linda Willson, being on medical leave for 4-6 weeks. Emails and phone messages will be monitored and responded to as soon as possible. Volunteers will be available to answer phone and door visits following daily Mass to 11:30 a.m. on Mon, Wed, and Fri. You may also leave a message for the priests at 402-873-3024.

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: Deroy Harshman, Adam Howard (thru 2025); Loretta Kubik, Emma Rettig, Kent Schreiner (thru 2026); Beth Box, Lynn Heng, Jenny Kearney (thru 2027); Jason Esser, 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: Grades 9-12 Sun 7-8 p.m. at St. Benedict Abbey; Grades 1-8 Wed 5:30-6:45 p.m. at St. Benedict/Lourdes Primary.

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL: Week 10 winners: The Wild Borers (7-3); Tyler Gude (7-3); Fr. Brox (8-2); No Chance Lance (7-3); Mitch Gude (6-4) – the divide between the good and the bad widens. Our top scoring team is No Chance Lance – Fr. Brox is second; Fr. Schultes is fifth, but also has the fifth most points scored against his team. Top matchup this week: No Chance Lance versus The Wild Borers

CLERGY STUDY DAY TUE NOV 18: Majority of diocese clergy will be at seminary in Seward. In case of emergency and need for a priest, contact Lourdes School (402-873-6154) and they will find a priest. *Fr. Jonathan Haschke is our Deanery coverage priest that day.*

ADVENT RECITAL ADULT CHOIR: High school students and adults from St. Mary and St. Benedict are invited. Advent recital is Sun, Dec 7 at St. Mary Church. Practices: **Wed Nov 19, and Dec 3** from 6-7 p.m. at St. Mary Church. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED NOV 19 7:00 P.M. in the church hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

ADVENT RECITAL CHILDREN’S CHOIR: Students in 2nd grade and older are invited to sing at annual Advent recital Sun Dec 7 at St. Mary Church. Practices: **Thu Nov 20, and Dec 4** from 3:40-4:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU NOV 20 (EACH 1ST & 3RD THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

“COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT” SPONSORED BY SAINT MARY’S FRI NOV 21: Music Bingo and buffet supper! Ticket sales CLOSE ON SUNDAY – after Mass and through parish office. 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour; 6:30 p.m. Supper; 7:30 p.m. Entertainment. \$75/person – adults only! Father Schultes Venmo (with monies then being paid out to the parish) is “@Thomas-Schultes-1”.

MAGNIFICAT’S FALL PRAYER MEAL IS SAT NOV 22 9:30-12:00 P.M. at the Hillcrest Country Club with Guest speaker, Father Jim Morin! Registration is \$33 and due by Nov 16. Register at: <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/november-prayer-meal-featuring-fr-morin> For questions, contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt, 402.525.6396.

THANKSGIVING MASS & POTLUCK THU NOV 27: Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Benedict Church followed by a potluck at the Abbey. Sign-up by Nov 15. Bring a side to share. Questions? Call 402-873-3047.

4: WE SHARE GOD’S GIFTS TO US! (Prov 3:9)

“STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE” – MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Thanks for your generous support of our parish and its apostolates.

Nov. 9: Adult Env.: \$3,286.00; Loose: \$552.75; Online: \$4,575.00; Total: **\$8,413.75** Cemetery Endowment: \$5,000.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; Amount needed for budget to date (19 weeks): **\$275,500.00**

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$219,494.81 YTD Shortfall: -\$56,005.19

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS SALES NOV 22/23 AND NOV 29/30 after Masses and at the Community Advent Recital on Sun Dec 7. Christmas cards and other wood seasonal crafts available. The products will not be left unattended outside of these times, regrettably due to suspicion of theft in prior years. If you are interested and not attending Mass here the next two weekends, contact a member of the Knights of Columbus or the parish office. Thanks for supporting our Knights who do much to support our parish, our people and apostolates!

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: Goals \$19,200 and 1/3 (127 of the 379) of our households! Current: 102 pledges \$23,746 (\$18,975 paid; 18 open pledges) – hoping for 25 additional givers and all pledges fulfilled. <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/vocation/bishops-appeal-for-vocations>. This annual campaign ends Jan 31, 2026.

2025 CSA (DDP) UPDATE: 41 open pledges totaling \$10,151.50. The next quarterly rebate is for payments received before Dec 31 and will be paid to us in mid-Jan 2026. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/> This annual campaign ends Apr 30, 2026.