

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 2, 2025: *ALL SOULS' DAY*

Weekly Highlight: This is our 4th annual – of what we are now calling “Community Night Out” – organized by St. Mary Catholic Church (thanks to a great committee who helps brainstorm, sell tickets, set up, host, and clean up). The main objective is to come together as a parish, Catholic community, and community at large for friendship and socializing with each other – with many fruits coming from those connections. If the \$75/person price is what is keeping you from joining the fun, *please please let Father Schultes know* – some people buy tickets, knowing they cannot attend because of calendar conflicts, or health/physical limitations – so their generosity can benefit others! The caterer, venue, and entertainer do have a cost – in prior years, anonymous donors have generously made donations to offset these costs, as the \$75/person ticket price does not fully cover all those expenses. Come join in the fun! *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	Marlene Beilman+ (Anniv.)	Aaron Bennett+	
Tuesday	Josephine Stratker+	Alice O'Neill+	
Wednesday	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Legion of Mary Members, Liv. & Dec'd	
Thursday	Shirley Sudman+	Taylor Gray+ (Anniv.)	
Friday	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Leonard Kaiser+	
Saturday		Richie Kincaid+	6:30 p.m. Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+
Sunday		Special Intention (MC)	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Nov. 8-9, 2025:</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/ GREETERS	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family Jason & Kim Esser	Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman Nile & Mary Farris	Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis Joy & Teresa Johnson
LECTORS	Dan Kostka	Barb Stukenholtz	John Dubas
ACOLYTES	Andy Fedoris	Jon Borer	Mike Kearney
SERVERS	Calvin & Julian Weninger, Lyndon Brehm	Leo & Elliott Ramold, Neil Wirth	Gavin & Ender Cumro, Charlie Gude

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Cody Hein; Kendall Kopf, 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

SIGN OF PEACE SUSPENSION for winter cold and flu season *again* – *at discretion/memory of celebrant priest.* Stay healthy friends!

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS – LOCAL HAPPENINGS: (1) The *Saint Gertrude Prayer* will be prayed for the Souls in Purgatory after praying the Rosary. (2) All encouraged to 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 November, 10 souls will be released from Purgatory for each Hail Mary – that’s 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 – these envelopes reside on the altar throughout November. (4) “*BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE*” near bulletins to write names of deceased to be remembered. (5) The *scroll of names* – in front of Saint Joseph (patron saint of a happy death). (6) *Cemetery Visits Nov 1-8:* To obtain the plenary indulgence for souls in purgatory *each day*, one must visit a cemetery; pray for the Pope’s intentions; receive Holy Communion; and go to Confession (and have no attachment to sin, even venial). Communion must be received each day to gain the indulgence, but we only need to go to Confession once during the period. A good prayer to recite while at the cemetery is the *Eternal Rest*, though any formal or informal prayer for the dead will suffice. We pray for the intentions of the Pope by reciting *One Our Father* and *One Hail Mary* each day we perform the work of the indulgence. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=3888>.

LOURDES ALL SCHOOL MASS FOR ALL SOULS MON NOV 3 8:00 A.M. as part of our regular parish Mass. All are welcome to attend.

1ST FRI DEVOTIONS NOV 7 7:25 A.M.: For more info, contact a Legion of Mary member or President Tom Wigington 402-209-5564.

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

NEW PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS: Taking volunteers to join the council for a three-year term. Thanks AGAIN to Derooy Harshman, Adam Howard, and Mary Wurtele (moved during her term) who completed their term! We meet every 2nd Tue of the 4th month – in 2026: Feb 10, Jun 9, Oct 13. 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 apostolates/volunteer 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. 8: Kevin & Jennifer Dechant, Dan & Kay DeFreece, Briana Barnes, John & Debra Dubas, Sarah Graham, Gary Denniston, Sally DuBois, Donald & Kasey DuVal, Kristen Easley, Mark Easter, Marcia Fox. **Nov. 15:** Ryan & Janie Ebmeier, Mark & Jeanette Eilers, Jim & Carol Elworth, Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Miguel Farfan, Nile & Mary Farris, Andy & Joan Fedoris, Wilber & Marlene Fey. **Nov. 22:** David Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois, Steven & Adrian Francois, Eric Francois, Misy Fulton, Susan Gardner, David & Pat Garriss, Rynn Gawart. **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. 3: Carol Elworth, Nov. 5: Mary Farris, Nov. 8: Judy Francois, Nov. 10: Lana Gilson, Nov. 12: Kathy Grundman, Nov. 15: Pat Gude, Nov. 17: Noreen Harris, Nov. 19: Sharon Heng, Nov. 22: Jenny Kearney, Nov. 24: Tammy Levins, Nov. 26: Jackie Loseke, Nov. 29: Margaret Rumery. 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.

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: Derooy 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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED the afternoon of Nov 5 & 6 and all-day Nov 7 – see normal hours in box above! If you need to reach a priest, please call Lourdes School, 402-873-6154. You may also leave a message for Fr. Brox and Fr. Haschke at 402-873-3024.

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL: Week 8 winners: The Wild Borers (5-3); Tyler Gude (6-2); Mitch Gude (4-4); Fr. Brox (6-2); Fr. Kilcawley (2-6). Top matchups this week: 6-2 “No Chance Lance” vs. 6-2 Fr. Brox & battle of the bottom: Fr. Schultes (2-6) vs. Fr. Kilcawley (2-6).

CLERGY WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Schultes will be on retreat at the John Paul II Healing Center Nov 2-10 – the same organization hosting the “Healing the Whole Person” Diocesan Retreat at North American Martyrs in April 2026. <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/healing-the-whole-person-weekend-2026-lincoln-ne/>. Registration opens on Jan 12, 2026.

SEEK CONFERENCE – LOURDES FUNDRAISER – AT EL PORTAL MON NOV 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – a portion of the sales proceeds will go towards students planning to attend the FOCUS SEEK conference in early January 2026 – Fr. Brox also plans to attend!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE NOV 4 6:30 P.M. in the church hall. All parish women are welcome to attend.

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SUN NOV 9 10:00 A.M. MASS: Students in 2nd grade and older are invited to sing. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

TURKEY BINGO SUN NOV 9 12-3 P.M. at NEW St. Joseph Parish Hall (Paul). Lunch begins at 12:00 p.m. with bingo from 1-3 p.m.

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 12, Nov 19, and Dec 3* from 6-7 p.m. at St. Mary Church. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

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 13, Nov 20, and Dec 4* from 3:40-4:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MOTHER-DAUGHTER-GRANDMOTHER FALL GATHERING SAT NOV 15 9-11 A.M. in St. Mary Church Hall. They are sponsoring a “Rosary Decade Workshop” led by Mikayla Meyer. Light refreshments will be served. To register or for more details, contact Julie Volkmer, julievolkmer55@gmail.com or 402-488-0273.

“COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT” SPONSORED BY SAINT MARY'S FRI NOV 21: Music Bingo and buffet supper! Ticket sales underway – 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!

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.

Oct. 26: Adult Env.: \$4,016.00; Loose: \$194.25; Online: \$2,760.00; IRA: \$200.00; All Saints: \$275.00; All Souls: \$60.00; **Total: \$7,505.25**
Mission Sunday: \$122.00; Retired Priests: \$33.00; So. NE Reg.: \$22.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (17 weeks):** \$246,500.00

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$197,735.31 **YTD Shortfall:** -\$48,764.69