

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

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

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025: SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**Weekly Highlight:** As a bit of follow up to my homilies last weekend, that included reference to “Be Healed” ministry and related retreats (like the one I was recently on with priests), check out this article (and others forthcoming) from our diocesan newspaper: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/news/diocesan-news/19198-healing-the-whole-person>. Linda Willson is back at home and knee rehab is underway – she is doing some work from home and our M-W-F morning volunteers are a help, but please be patient with return calls and lack of personnel at times not at the rectory for the next month – thank you! *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.
<b>Monday</b>	In Thanksgiving for Parish Acolytes	In Thanksgiving for Parish Lectors	
<b>Tuesday</b>	In Thanksgiving for Parish EMHCs	In Thanksgiving for Parish Altar Servers	
<b>Wednesday</b>	In Thanksgiving for Parish Musicians	In Thanksgiving for All Parish Volunteers	
<b>Thursday</b>	NO MASS	Hunter Baker+	
<b>Friday</b>	NO MASS	Noah Stukenholtz	
<b>Saturday</b>		Brendan Frey+	6:30 p.m. Bill Aultz+
<b>Sunday</b>		Ray, Helen, Janet Frana+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Nov. 29-30, 2025:</u></b>			
	<b><u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Carline Moles, Betty Slagle Judy Francois, Jane Lutz	Charles Moyer, Jim Elworth Randy & Gail Walford	Fred & Sheryl Allen Brad & Cathy Kassube
<b>LECTORS</b>	Frank Volkmer	Jeanette Eilers	Kelly Madden
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Lynn Heng	Mark Eilers, Skyler Woita	Brent Travis
<b>SERVERS</b>	Austin & Gavin Rayhel Kane O'Donnell	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Brent Borer, Asher Rakestraw Owen McAndrews

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Joshua Jeffrey; Sr. Mary Chiara Middendorf, 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)

**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). See above.

### # 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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! So far, one person has expressed interest to Fr. Schultes.

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): 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. **Dec. 13:** Jay & Jessica Harris, Bill & Noreen Harris, Dero Harshman, Kylie Hein, Cristin Hendrickson, Daniel & Robin Heng, Elizabeth Heng, David & Debbie Heng, Shawn & Brittny Hermann, John & Linda Hogeland. **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. 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, Dec. 15: Kathy Wigington, Dec. 17: Cheryl Wirth, Dec. 20: Emily Wolken. 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. 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:** Dero 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:** No CCD Wed Nov 26 – blessed Thanksgiving. Regular class resumes Wed Dec 3.

**PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL:** Week 11 winners: Team Allgood (5-6); Tyler Gude (8-3); Fr. Brox (9-2); No Chance Lance (8-3); Fr. Schultes (4-7). Top matchup this week: Fr. Brox versus The Wild Borers

**THANK YOUS:** to all who supported the annual “Valentino’s Night Out” last month and to Nile Farris and Valentino’s for their \$300 donation to the parish; also to our Catholic Daughters’ Court and Mikayla Meyer for the outstanding daughter-moms-grandmothers event last Saturday!

**FATHER HASCHKE HOLY LAND TRIP PRESENTATION SUN NOV 30:** Come to the church hall after 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to see some pictures from Father Haschke’s recent trip to the Holy Land. All are welcome. It will be informal.

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

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

**# 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. 16:** Adult Env.: \$4,540.00; Loose: \$316.45; Online: \$3,175.00; All Souls: \$100.00; Sol. Of Mary: \$20.00; **Total: \$8,151.45**  
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget:** \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (20 weeks): \$290,000.00**  
**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$227,646.26 YTD Shortfall: -\$62,353.74**

**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. Thanks for supporting our Knights who do much to support our parish, our people and apostolates!

**THANKSGIVING ANNUAL COLLECTION** supports our diocesan cloistered Sisters – Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters) in Lincoln and Carmelite Sisters in Agnew. See your November envelope packet, online giving, or more envelopes near our bulletins in church.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT ANGEL TREE:** Majority of the ornaments have already been taken from the tree. Awesome! Be sure to return your gifts as soon as possible, for the group wrapping on **Sun Dec 7 at 8:45 a.m. in church hall** – volunteers wanted to help wrap!.

**SIGNIFICANT YEAR END GIFTS PREFERENCE:** If you plan to make a significant year end gift and use our Online Giving program, please consider writing a check instead. We can save on our processing fees and receive your entire gift – thank you for your consideration of such.

**2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS:** Goals \$19,200 and 1/3 (127 of the 380) of our households! Current: 108 pledges \$24,666 (\$20,645 paid; 16 open pledges) – hoping for 19 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 \$10,111.50. 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.*