

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 30, 2025: 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekly Highlight: Many of you provided feedback about enjoyment of this year's (4th annual) "Community Night Out," especially enjoying the easier environment to converse with others all evening long. Thanks to attendees, donors, supporters, and especially the organizing committee: Brenda Baumann, Maureen & Sean Chance, Kay & Dan DeFreece, Amanda Geneski, Jennifer & Adam Howard, Cindy & Kent McGinnis, Ellen & Mark Patton, Margaret & Charlie Rumery, Fr. Brox and myself. *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	Ted & Frances Von Tish+	Doug Gibson+	
Tuesday	Marty Gardner+ (Anniv.)	Tom Lollmann+ (Anniv.)	
Wednesday	Healing Whole Person 2026 Conf.	Kristina Yost Schildberg+	
Thursday	Morton Family+	Aaron Bennett+	
Friday	Dillon Wichman+	Fr. Haschke & Fr. Schwenka	
Saturday		Lois Brown+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Leo & Sonja Heng+
Sunday		Alice O'Neill+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Dec. 6-7, 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	Herman & Myla Weber Tim & Brenda Baumann	Tim & Nancy Baragary Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Beth Box	Amanda Geneski	Cindy McGinnis
ACOLYTES	Daren Box	Sean Chance, Mark Loseke	Andy Fedoris
SERVERS	Andrew & Jackson Walters, Lucas Spidell	Leo & Elliott Ramold, Neil Wirth	Luke Chaney, Blake Meyer, Ashton Smith

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

ADORATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL: *Resumes Mon Dec 1* at 6:00 a.m.

TEC RETREAT AT LOURDES DEC 6-8: for High School Sophomores up to college Freshmen and Sophomores, designed to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Begins Sat morning and concludes Mon afternoon – Fr. Brox is assisting this year!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION/PARISH FEAST DAY SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM MON DEC 8: Mass times: 6:20 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (candlelight only/parish feast day Mass). *Due to Advent Recital, no Sun night vigil Mass – St. Benedict plans to have a Mass that evening at 5:00 p.m.*

FEAST DAY ADORATION MON DEC 8 IN CHURCH until 5:30 p.m. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9AB28A6F58-60779366-immaculate#/>

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 – for approximately two hours each meeting. 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, two people have expressed interest to Fr. Schultes.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **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, Deroy Harshman, Kylie Hein, Cristin Hendrickson, Daniel & Robin Heng,

Elizabeth Heng, David & Debbie Heng, Shawn & Brittny Hermann, John & Linda Hogeland. **Dec. 20:** Lynn & Sharon Heng, Rachel Coyan, Elise Buck, Lauren Bennett, Marco & Samantha Fabietti, Drew Holtmeyer, Adam & Jennifer Howard, Taylor & Sarah Johnson, Bryan Kreifels, Tim Kreifels. **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: 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, Dec. 22: Teresa Albers, Dec. 27: Brenda Baumann, Dec. 29: Kelly Bequette. 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

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL: Week 12 winners: Tim Kreifels (4-8); Tyler Gude (9-3); Fr. Brox (10-2); Fr. Kilcawley (3-9); Fr. Schultes (5-7). Top matchup this final week of the regular season: Fr. Brox versus Fr. Schultes; Mitch Gude versus Tyler Gude.

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.

CCD RESUMES WED DEC 3: Grades 1-8 Wed 5:30-6:45p.m. (St. Benedict/Lourdes Primary); Grades 9-12 Sun 7-8p.m. (St. Benedict Abbey).

ADVENT RECITAL ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE WED DEC 3 from 6-7 p.m. at St. Mary Church. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

ADVENT RECITAL CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE THU DEC 4 from 3:40-4:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

ADVENT THURSDAY MOVIE SERIES in our church hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. *Thu Dec 4: Citizen Kane; Thu Dec 11: Cool Hand Luke; Thu Dec 18: Field of Dreams.*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU DEC 4 & 18 (EACH 1ST & 3RD THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT ANGEL TREE GIFT WRAPPING SUN DEC 7 at 8:45 a.m. in our church hall – volunteers needed! Return your gifts as soon as possible and before Sun Dec 7!

44TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT RECITAL SUN DEC 7 in our church at 6:00 p.m. - featuring local churches and community music groups. Free will offering to benefit the Nebraska City Food Pantry. Refreshments to follow in the church hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE DEC 9: No regular meeting Tue Dec 2 – instead annual Advent/Christmas outing Tue Dec 9 at 5:30 p.m.: Dinner at Tommy Angel Restaurant, 812 Central Avenue. As in the past, Cardo will be played for those interested in bringing an approximately \$10.00 gift to exchange. RSVP to Shawn Stukenholtz by Fri Dec 5: 402-209-0863 or fournifarm6559@gmail.com

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. 23: Adult Env.: \$4,995.00; **Loose:** \$233.50; **Online:** \$4,660.00; **IRA:** \$200.00; **Bldg. Fund:** \$25.00; **Total: \$10,113.50**
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Cloistered Sisters: \$180.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (21 weeks): \$304,500.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$237,759.76 YTD Shortfall: -\$66,740.24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS SALES NOV 29/30 after Masses and at the Community Advent Recital **on Sun Dec 7.** Christmas cards and other wood seasonal crafts available. Thanks for supporting our Knights who do much to support our parishes and community!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ADVENT FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Knights of Columbus Food Bank held each Saturday from 9-9:30 a.m. Contributions of nonperishable will be accepted in special boxes in the entry of the church. Canned meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, and stews are the most needed items. The Food Bank has seen an increase in recipients and this will help those in need during the Christmas season.

KNIGHTS BOOSTER CLUB annual cinnamon roll sales! Pre-orders only – \$20/pan. Available for pick-up the *evening of Fri Dec 19!* To place a pre-order, envelopes and information are in the entrance of the church. Deadline to return envelopes to the offertory is Dec 14. Or, online orders are available through Lourdes socials media and web site. <https://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org>

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 CSA(DDP): 41 open pledges for \$10,111.50 – next rebate for payments received before Dec 31. <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: Goals: 127 households for \$19,200; Current: 109 for \$24,766 (16 open pledges) – hoping for 18 additional givers and all pledges fulfilled. <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/vocation/bishops-appeal-for-vocations>. *Ends Jan 31, 2026.*