

# 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 9, 2025:

### *THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA*

**Weekly Highlight:** Writing this before departing for retreat week. I was on our shorter diocesan provided retreat in Waverly back at the end of May, knowing this longer retreat was on my radar. However, these JP2 Healing Retreats for priests are very popular, so I was online on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> (“coincidentally” the feast day of St. John Vianney – patron saint of all priests) immediately as the sign-up opened. I was elated to make the retreat and look forward to time with new priest friends from across the country (in winter 2021 when I was first there, I met several Milwaukee priests), and most especially to have time with Our Savior to contemplate many happenings in my life and my priesthood. I will pray for you from afar.  
*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>	Healing Whole Person 2026 Conference	William Ebmeier	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Marv & Murilla Giittinger	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	Schlichtemeier Family	
<b>Thursday</b>	Virginia Ullsperger+	Leo & Sonja Heng+	
<b>Friday</b>	Marcene Klein+	Robert & Mary Lee Duncan+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Kristina Yost Schildberg+	6:30 p.m. Albert & Rose Mary Burger+
<b>Sunday</b>		Keith Schreiter+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Nov. 15-16, 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>	Danny & Robin Heng Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen
<b>LECTORS</b>	Beth Box	Jim Wirth	Kay DeFreece
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Daren Box	Jason Esser	Dan DeFreece
<b>SERVERS</b>	Ryder & Hunter Reeves Henry Holmes	Oliver Qigington, Landyn Vogt Quinn Harpham	Caden & Keaton Travis River Giittinger

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Landon Novosad; Sr. Mary Kolby Tichy, 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)

**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 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 – 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).

**LOURDES ALL SCHOOL MASS FOR VETERANS DAY TUE NOV 11 8:00 A.M.** as part of our regular parish Mass. All are welcome to attend. Following Mass, all Veterans are invited for coffee and donuts in the church hall.

### # 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 Deroy Harshman, Adam Howard, and Mary Wurtele (moved during her term) who completed their term! We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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. **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. 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, Dec. 1: Audra Rutt, Dec. 3: Shelli Stuhr, Dec. 6: Jackie Smith, Dec. 8: Shawn Stukenholtz. 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. 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:** 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

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL HAVE LIMITED HOURS** beginning Wed Nov 12 due to our secretary, Linda Willson, being on medical leave for approximately 4-6 weeks. She & Fr. Schultes will check emails and phone messages and respond as soon as possible. Volunteers will be available following daily Mass to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to answer the phone and the door at the rectory. You may also leave a message for Fr. Schultes, Fr. Brox and Fr. Haschke at 402-873-3024.

**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 9 winners: The Wild Borers (6-3); Mitch Gude (5-4); Fr. Brox (7-2); Fr. Schultes (3-6) Team Allgood (4-5).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:julievolkmer55@gmail.com) or 402-488-0273.

**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.

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

**“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! 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 15*. 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.

**THANK YOU** to all those that donated to the October diaper drive. We collected 1610 diapers, 504 wipes and \$210 cash to purchase diapers that will be given to the Knights of Columbus food pantry. Thank you to Jackie Loseke for chairing this project.

# 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.:** \$4,645.00; **Loose:** \$650.75; **Online:** \$5,235.00; All Saints: \$1,710.00; All Souls: \$1,080.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; **Total: \$7,505.25**      Parish Endowment: \$75.00; Cloistered Sisters: \$60.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget:** \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (18 weeks): \$261,000.00**

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$211,081.06      YTD Shortfall: -\$49,918.94**