

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 most Masses; *1st Saturday* 45 mins before Mass (led by Legion of Mary);
Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle *Thu at 1:30 p.m.*

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, OCTOBER 12, 2025: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: Parent-teacher conferences at Lourdes were this past week – our public school had them a few weeks ago. That relatively early time in the school year for parents to meet up with their kids’ teachers, to see what is going well for their child and what has room for improvement. We should do also in our spiritual life. For several years, when us priests submitted our annual form to Bishop Conley about “keep me in this assignment” or “please move me”, I would do my own personal report card, reviewing practices such as: frequency of exercise, frequency of daily holy hours, frequency of spiritual direction with my director, frequency of visiting my own immediate family, frequency of being with brother priests to share the ups and downs of priestly ministry, etc. We should each have a “Self-Divine Teacher” conference at least annually (if not daily/weekly) to examine the basics: Am I going to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? Am I going to Confession? Am I fasting and abstaining in Lent? Am I supporting my parish – with my labor, my prayer, and my personal resources? Am I spending time in prayer in some manner every day? Am I showing/expressing my thankfulness to God for everything in my life? Am I praying for those souls who have left this world? Am I doing some spiritual reading – Scripture, etc.? Am I leading my spouse and child(ren) to Jesus? Is God truly the priority of my life? May you each score well on that conference! *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	Ewald Beilman, Jr.+ (Anniv.)	Donald Gardner+	
Tuesday	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Mary Mills	
Wednesday	Healing Whole Person 2026 Conference	Jim & Pat Neu Family	
Thursday	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Schlichtemeier Family	
Friday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Jacki Oelke+	
Saturday		Rosetta Wirth+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Eugene & Dorothy Stark
Sunday		Robert Beccard+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Oct. 18-19, 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	Danny & Robin Heng Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen
LECTORS	Beth Box	Amanda Geneski	Shelli Stuhr
ACOLYTES	Daren Box	Sean Chance	Duane Stuhr
SERVERS	Austin & Gavin Rayhel, Kane O'Donnell	Leo & Elliott Ramold, Oliver Wigington	Harper & Hudson Weldon, Jaxson Reese

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Peter Foley; Sr. Therese 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

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY: Pope Leo XIII requested a prayer to St. Joseph after the rosary. We will say this prayer after the rosary during October – it is the prayer card from the “Year of St. Joseph.” Additional prayer cards in back of church.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP EACH TUESDAY EVENING: 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse (347 N. 62nd Road), to pray for our families and loved ones, our Church community, our nation, and our world – we seek Jesus' grace and blessing through the help of our Blessed Mother by praying the “Flame of Love” Rosary. This opportunity will be available every Tuesday. Come weekly or whenever you can!

"IN THE UPPER ROOM" – HOLY HOUR FOR OUR PRIESTS THU OCT 16 at John XXIII Chapel from 7-8 p.m. on Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Sponsored by Magnificat of Lincoln and Seven Sisters Apostolate.

WEDDING SAT OCT 18: Pray for Alexis Hoover and Riley Wehling who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony in our church!

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “MEMORIAL MASS” SUN NOV 2 (ALL SOULS’ DAY) as part of our regular 8:00 a.m. Sun Mass.

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

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING TUE OCT 14 at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall. Agenda and financial packages were distributed.

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **Oct. 18:** Pam Boes, Caroline Bolin, Richard & Gail Bond, Marcia Boone, Jon & Jacque Borer, Michael & Gynae Borns, Daren & Beth Box, Roger & Ranae Brandt, Jody Honeysuckle, Randy & Megan Brehm. **Oct. 25:** Dustin & Wendi Buggi, Sam and Emily Cahow, Luke Calfee, Cynthia Camden-Woolman, Ken & Paula Carlstedt, Mary Causgrove, Sean & Maureen Chance, Grant Chance, Joe & Brooke Chaney, Richard Sevensing. **Nov. 1:** Kris Chaney, Robert Collet, Logan & Jessica Crunk, Sharon Crunk, Jillian Owen, Jeffrey & Meredith Cumro, Justin & Molly Cunningham, Carson & Trisha Cusick, Craig & Joni Davis, Denise Davis. **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: Oct. 13: Brenda Baumann, Oct. 15: Kelly Bequette, Oct. 18: Jacque Borer, Oct. 20: Beth Box, Oct. 22: Megan Brehm, Oct. 25: Maureen Chance, Oct. 27: Kris Chaney, Oct. 29: Kay DeFreece, Nov. 1: Jeanette Eilers, Nov. 3: Carol Elworth, Nov. 5: Mary Farris, Nov. 8: Judy Francois, Nov. 10: Lana Gilson. 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BENCH: Save your bags from produce, stores, ice, zipper bags, bread, and dry cleaning, cereal box liners, case overwrap, newspaper sleeves, paper towels/toilet paper wrap, bubble wrap, and plastic mailers. Place in the box in the entrance of the church. *The future location and usage of the bench is yet to be finalized, but likely to benefit one of our Catholic connected locations!*

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: 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 5 winners: Battle of Unbeatens victory to “No Chance Lance” (5-0)! – along with Fr. Schultes (2-3); Team (Mitch) Gude (2-3); The Wild Borers (3-2); Team Allgood (2-3). **Watch party @ Little Ted’s this Sun Oct 12 at Noon!**

THANK YOUS: (1) To all who organized and participated in our annual local “Life Chain” last Sunday; (2) Dirt and Grass seeding work around our campus by our volunteer maintenance guys – summer rains and shade from our trees are great, but they do impede grass growth; (3) To our team of volunteers for the annual Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations – who worked the pledge card table the past three weekends!

ANNUAL LEPTO BINGO NIGHT SUN OCT 12: 5-7 p.m. Lourdes Old Gym. \$5 Entry/\$30 Family max. \$7 Walking Taco meal.

CLERGY WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Brox will be away from the parish during the Lourdes Fall Break thru Tue Oct 14.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU OCT 16 (EACH 1ST & 3RD THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

ANNUAL “VALENTINO’S NIGHT OUT” MON OCT 20 benefits St. Mary and St. Benedict. Dine in, pick up, or delivery sales from 3:00 p.m. to close. Thanks for supporting a local business and our two city parishes – last year each parish received \$300 from this event!

“COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT” SPONSORED BY SAINT MARY’S FRI NOV 21: Music Bingo and catered supper! We still welcome new committee members – get involved to meet new people! Organize, promote, sell tickets, night before set up and night of clean up – quite simple! **Next committee meeting Mon Oct 13 at 6:30 p.m. in church hall.**

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. 5: Adult Env.: \$4,160.00; **Loose:** \$402.51; **Online:** \$6,625.00; **IRA:** \$6,000.00; **Bldg. Fund:** \$25.00; **Total:** **\$17,212.51**
Retired Priests: \$2,650.00; So. NE Reg.: \$1,000.00; Parish Endowment: \$75.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (14 weeks):** **\$203,000.00**

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: **\$165,376.86** **YTD Shortfall:** **-\$37,623.14**

OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE: Benefiting those we serve at the K of C Food Pantry each Sat morning. Size 6 diapers most needed. Place diapers in collection box in church entrance. Cash donations should be placed in the envelopes provided on the side of the box and put in the collection basket. Organized by the Lincoln Diocese Council of Catholic Women and locally by volunteers in our parish. Weekly challenge: If you have had a baby in the last 12 months, please consider a donation to the 2025 diaper drive. Thank you for your generosity.

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: Goals \$19,200 and 1/3 (127 of the 379) of our households! Current: 68 pledges \$15,675 – need 59 additional givers and \$3,525. Please return your pledge card, contact the parish office for such, or utilize the online giving options found on this page: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/vocation/bishops-appeal-for-vocations>

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “TOOTSIE ROLL SUNDAY” WEEKEND OCT 18/19: Free will donations are collected every year on Tootsie Roll Sunday by our Knights of Columbus to help people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your continued support.

ANNUAL “WORLD MISSION SUNDAY” SUN OCT 19: Annually, the next to last Sunday of October, we have a special envelope (in your monthly tithing packets) to support missionary work throughout the globe, especially those unable to support the costs of a priest representative to speak to us about their specific mission. Utilize that envelope, online giving, or your own envelope labeled “Word Mission Sunday” and add to the regular collection. Thanks for supporting this annual weekend, encouraged by our Pope!