

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.; 1st Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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. Benjamin J. Rynearson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026:

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: Thanks to our Annual Vocations Appeal volunteer team for assisting with the pledge cards the past three weekends – cards now available through our parish office (or a contribution can easily be made through the campaign's website or the QR code on the reverse bottom side of this bulletin). Fr. Schultes aims for 1/3 of our households to support this campaign because of the *perpetual vital* need for more priests, plus we have two native sons from our own parish actively discerning the priesthood. Our diocese has ordained at least one new priest EVERY YEAR SINCE 1979! That is AMAZING! That's 47 straight years of new priests! The flipside of that is the guys ordained in the 70s and early 80s are now 40-50 years into their priesthood and reaching retirement age. We have many many eligible priest retirements in the next few years. Please continue your prayers and financial support of potential priestly and religious vocations! *Continue to pray for us priests and know of our continued prayers for each of 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.
Monday	Jerome Wirth+	Robert Beccard+	
Tuesday	Ed & Ann Bade+	Rosetta Wirth+ (Anniv.)	
Wednesday	Arnie Beckman+	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
Thursday	Leo & Sonja Heng+	Curt Wurtele+	
Friday	Carol Elworth	St. Mary Acolytes	
Saturday		Larry Smith+ (Anniv.)	6:30 p.m. Tom Schreiner+
Sunday		Robert & Kay Jacobson+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Oct. 24-25, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/ GREETERS	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram Maggie Gripenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Larry Lance, David Schmitz Steve Stukenholtz
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Barb Stukenholtz	Matt Rutt
ACOLYTES	John Hogeland	Jason Esser	Brent Travis
SERVERS	Ryder & Hunter Reeves Henry Holmes	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson Christian Pinzino	Hudson Rutt, Landon Wurtele Nick Kearney

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Seminarians Jacob Knutson & Patrick Gutierrez; Sr. Mary Francis, and an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, & Jesus-centered marriages! **From our prayer chain**, continue praying for: Sr. Cynthia Young, native son Father John Cooper, Lindsey Van Stelton, Lacie Bruns-Morris, 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 PRE-MASS ROSARY: Due to feast days of Angels in October and our Oct 31 Confirmation, the following morning modifications are taking place. Following the Rosary, the Guardian Angel prayer will be prayed: *Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.* And for those being confirmed: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.* The rosary is recited each day at 7:30 a.m. in church – join us!

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **Oct. 24:** Kevin & Jennifer Dechant, Dan & Kay DeFreece, Jameson & Taylor DeFreece, Briana Dubas, John & Debra Dubas, Sarah Graham, Gary Denniston, Sally DuBois, Donald & Kasey DuVal. **Oct. 31:** Ryan & Janie Ebmeier, Mark & Jeanette Eilers, Jim & Carol Elworth, Jason & Kim Esser, David & Lori Everett, Miguel Farfan, Nile & Mary Farris, Andy & Joan Fedoris. **Nov. 7:** David Frana, Marlene Frana, Mark & Judy Francois, Steven & Adrian Francois, Misy Fulton, Susan Gardner, David & Pat Garris, Wesley & Amanda Geneski, Zoe Geneski, Hayden Cline. **If unable to clean when assigned, families/individuals are responsible for finding a replacement or contacting and paying \$20 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. (*Schedule on bulletin board, in weekly Flocknote email, on Facebook page.*)

DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Oct 19: Shawn Stukenholtz; Oct 21: Shelli Stuhr; Oct 24: Julie Volkmer; Oct 26: Kathy Wigington; Oct 28; Hope Weninger; Oct 31: Cheryl Wirth; Nov 2: Donna Murphy; Nov 4: Emily Wolken; Nov 7: Teresa Albers; Nov 9: Brenda Baumann; Nov 11: Kelly Bequette; Nov 14: Jacque Borer; Nov 16: Beth Box. 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 Visitation (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: Loretta Kubik, Emma Rettig, Kent Schreiner (thru 2026); Beth Box, Lynn Heng, Jenny Kearney (thru 2027); John Langley, Lu Marcotte, Hope Weninger (thru 2028); Matt Nienaber, 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):** Shawn Stukenholtz

CCD WED OCT 21 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey.

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU OCT 22 6:30 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Study/discussion of Catholicism/to become Catholic, and to continue lifelong relationship with Jesus and His Church. Doctrine, Bible studies, prayer and Adoration. For more info call 402-873-3047.

ANNUAL “ACOLYTE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST MEETING” SAT OCT 24 9:00 A.M. at Valentino’s. *RSVP to parish office by Fri Oct 23.*

“CONFIRMED FOR MISSION” RETREAT SAT OCT 24 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. hosted by our parish! Our Nebraska City Confirmation Masses are the next Saturday (Oct 31), so we hope the majority of our confirmand and their parents and sponsors will attend this diocesan sponsored retreat day. Register at: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/catechist-resources/confirmation-retreat>

CONFIRMATION SAT OCT 31: at 2:00 p.m. Practice will take place during regular Lourdes and CCD class time in October – no separate practice outside of that for our parish. All seats for students and Sponsors will be assigned and reserved up front! Instructions to Sponsors will be in their pews that day – quite simple. Their presence is the most important! Students and teachers should be in St. Mary Visitation Church Hall by 1:15 p.m. to meet with Bishop Conley. Sponsors should be in their assigned seats up front in church by 1:30 p.m. All altar servers, acolytes, and lectors assisting with the Mass should arrive and be vested by 1:30 p.m. and await further instruction from Father Schultes and/or emcee Father Chris Eckrich.

ANNUAL “VALENTINO’S NIGHT OUT” MON NOV 2 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!

5TH ANNUAL “COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT” SPONSORED BY SAINT MARY’S FRI NOV 20: Fun Pianos dueling pianos RETURNS as entertainment. Happy hour (5:30 p.m.), buffet supper (6:30 p.m.), and two hours of entertainment (7:30 p.m.) – a fun night out, to meet and greet other parishioners in our community, hosted at Veterans Memorial Building! Tickets now on sale thru parish office: \$55 for single or \$75 for pair. See Fr. Schultes QR Venmo code on big table in church also. In person ticket sales later this month.

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Week five winners: Tyler Gude, Fr. Schultes, Fr. Kilcawley, Team Allgood, and Mitch Gude. Division Leaders: Jon Borer and Tyler Gude at 4-1 in “Young Guns”; Team Allgood and Fr. Schultes at 3-2 in “Aged Goodness”.

4: WE SHARE GOD’S GIFTS TO US! (Proverbs 3:9)

“STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE” – MY RETURN TO THE LORD

Thanks for your generous support of our parish and its apostolates.

Oct 11: Adult Env.: \$3,147.00; Loose: \$274.25; Online: \$4,185.00; IRA: \$658.06; **Total: \$8,264.31**
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; So. NE Reg.: \$2,000.00; Retired Priests: \$2,000.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (15 weeks): \$219,750.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$175,172.70; Short: \$-44,577.30

ANNUAL “WORLD MISSION SUNDAY” SUN OCT 18: Utilize the envelope in your monthly packet, online giving, your own envelope labeled “Word Mission Sunday” or extra envelopes near our bulletins and add to regular collection. Thanks for supporting this appeal!

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “TOOTSIE ROLL SUNDAY” NEXT WEEKEND OCT 24/25: 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.

OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE: Benefiting those we serve at the K of C Food Pantry each Saturday – cash donations (or size 5 or 6). Place diapers in box in church entrance or place cash/checks in envelope marked “Diapers” and place in collection basket. This is organized by the Lincoln Diocese Council of Catholic Women. Checks may also be mailed to LDCCW, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404.

LOURDES MATCHING FUNDS: Lourdes School has an amazing opportunity to receive \$1 Million Dollars in Matching Funds! Thru Dec 31, an anonymous donor will match every gift to Lourdes, up to \$1 million. Learn more or make a gift online at www.LourdesCentralCatholic.org or contact Brooke Chaney at the school, 402-873-6154.

CSA (DDP) 2026 QUARTERLY REBATE received for \$11,352.60. Thanks to 92 households who have fulfilled their pledge. The next quarterly rebate is for payments received before Dec 31 and will be paid to us in mid-Jan 2027. We have 43 open pledges totaling \$16,960.83. This annual campaign ends Apr 30, 2027. <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>.

2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: Goals: \$19,130 and 1/3 (126 of the 378) of our households! Current: 67 pledges \$15,470. Donation cards now through parish office, or use this web link <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/vocation/bishops-appeal-for-vocations>, or this QR code (help the parish office in their follow up mailer by responding by Nov 1):

