

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 25, 2026: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: Last Saturday, I was part of the CHI Common Spirit St. Mary's Hospital 1st annual "Footprints On Our Hearts" memorial prayer service, to pray with and comfort those families who have lost an infant to miscarriage, etc. The St. Mary Hospital personnel did a great job organizing the event and supporting those present -- pray for all pregnancies and the gift of life! Separately, Fr. Brox began our altar server/dad/grandpa tailgate party last Sunday with Exposition in Visitation Hall and a period of Lectio Divina. Both of these events were beautiful pure priestly moments focused on the love of Jesus for all of us in the events of our earthly lives. *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	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Alice O'Neill+	
Tuesday	Shirley Sudman+	John Giittinger Family	
Wednesday	Grand/Children of Leo & Sonja Heng	Mary Jo Olmer+	
Thursday	Marcene Klein+	Charles Eickhoff+	
Friday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Amy Cullum Family	
Saturday		Thomas Joseph Heng+	6:30 p.m. Albert & Rose Mary Burger+
Sunday		Sr. Ana Maria Solis	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/	Herman & Myla Weber	Tim & Nancy Baragary	Duane & Shelli Stuhr
GREETERS	Tim & Brenda Baumann	Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Jim Wirth	Shelli Stuhr
ACOLYTES	Tim Baumann	Mike Lollmann	Mike Kearney
SERVERS	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	Neil Wirth, Anderson Gottwald	Brett & Barrett Borer, Colben Cusick

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 & Isaac VanSkiver; Sr. Guadalupe, 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: 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!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SUN NOV 1 10:00 A.M. MASS: Students in 2nd grade and older are invited to sing. Questions, contact Kay DeFreece.

ALL SOULS: Envelopes near bulletins (and in monthly packets) to list names of deceased loved ones to remember at Mass during November – drop in collection basket or to parish office. "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE" near bulletins to write the names of deceased to be remembered.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL "MEMORIAL MASS" MON NOV 2 (ALL SOULS' DAY) at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome, especially those connected to deceased members of our council. All encouraged to go for supper at Valentino's afterwards to support the annual "Night Out"!

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

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL OPENINGS: Taking volunteers who would consider joining the council for a three-year term. Meetings are every four months – 2nd Tue of Feb, Jun, and Oct. Many thanks to Loretta Kubik, Emma Rettig, and Kent Schreiner who completed their three-year term! Next meeting Tue Feb 9, 2027 (Mardi Gras). See Fr. Schultes, if the Lord may be calling you to this apostolate! The parish/finance council is an advisory council to the priests and representatives of the entire parish to be informed about parish happenings (including finances).

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): 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. **Nov. 14:** Richard & Lynn Gibson, Chris Giittinger, Dan & Richarda Giittinger, Pam Hansen, Jesse & Ellen Reeves, Mike & Lana Gilson, Melissa Greedy, Mike & Janelle Gress. **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 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; Nov 18: Megan Brehm; Nov 21: Maureen Chance. 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 28 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED OCT 28 7:00 P.M. in Visitation church hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU OCT 29 6:30 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. For more info call 402-873-3047.

CONFIRMATION SAT OCT 31: at 2:00 p.m. Practice will take place during regular Lourdes and CCD class time – no separate practice outside of that for our parish. All seats for students and sponsors will be assigned and reserved up front! Sponsor instructions will be in their pews. 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 (in RED cassocks), acolytes, and lectors assisting with the Mass should arrive and be vested by 1:30 p.m. and await further instruction from Fr. Schultes, Fr. Brox and/or emcee Father Chris Eckrich. Debbie Bruggeman will take the group photo and the photo of chrism/moment of Confirmation – families will be able to take individual photos with their own cameras/phones with Bishop Conley in our Visitation (church) Hall after Mass.

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!

JOIN US - CHILDREN’S ADVENT CHOIR! Rehearsals are **Wed Nov 11, 18, and Dec 2** at 4 p.m. in St. Mary Church choir loft. The Advent recital is Sun Dec 6 at 6 p.m. at St. Mary. Students will also sing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Dec 6. The choir is open to grades 3-8.

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 after each Mass this weekend.

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Week 6 winners: *Tyler Gude, Fr. Schultes, Fr. Brox, Dan DeFreece, & Jon Borer.* Division Leaders: Jon Borer & Tyler Gude at 5-1 in “Young Guns”; Fr. Schultes at 4-2 in “Aged Goodness”. Top matchup Week 7: Jon Borer vs. Fr. Schultes

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 18: Adult Env.: \$4,206.00; Loose: \$429.00; Online: \$3,665.00; Total: \$8,300.00
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Mission Sunday: \$1,470.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; Amount needed for budget to date (16 weeks): \$234,400.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$183,472.70; Short: \$-50,927.30

LDCCW OCTOBER DIAPER DRIVE (SIZE 6 MOST NEEDED): One of the non-truths in the abortion debate is that pro-life advocates care about the child in the womb and do nothing for pregnant women or for children. The Diaper Drive supports women that chose life rather than abortion. Diapers benefit ‘Walking with Mom’s in Need’ and K of C Food Pantry. Place diapers in box in church entry or place cash/checks in envelope marked “Diapers” and place in collection basket. Checks can be mailed to LDCCW, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404.

TAMALES FOR SALE: Pork or chicken. \$36/dozen or \$3 each. Call 402-713-0750 by **Oct 31**. Pick up from 4-6 p.m. on Nov 7 in St. Benedict Abbey. See flier in entrance to use QR code.

LOURDES MATCHING FUNDS: *Together for Lourdes* has raised \$853,759, reaching 85% of our \$1 million goal! Thank you to the parishioners, families, alumni, and friends helping our students grow in faith and learning. Through Dec 31, 2026, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$1 million. Please prayerfully consider giving to help us receive the full match and strengthen Catholic education at Lourdes. Learn more and give at LourdesCentralCatholic.org or contact Brooke Chaney at the school, 402-873-6154.

2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS: Goals: \$19,130 and 126 (1/3) of our households! Current: 77 pledges \$17,020. Donation cards via parish office, or <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/vocation/bishops-appeal-for-vocations>, or QR code (help parish office by responding by Nov 1):

