

# 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.; 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

*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 before Mass should 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. Benjamin J. Rynearson

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026:***

***TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT:** An insurance adjuster was here to inspect our presumed lightning strike electrical surge from a couple weeks ago. We have already had repairs and inspections to our sound system, camera system, and fire alarm panel. Our bell chime system and organ functionality are still awaiting professional diagnosis. Thanks to our maintenance team and other volunteers for assisting us in the identification of damages incurred and for their proper and timely fixes! *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                         | Jacki Oelke+                                          | Kristina Schildberg+                             |                                                        |
| Tuesday                        | Dennis Smith+                                         | Kent McGinnis+                                   |                                                        |
| Wednesday                      | Kathy Duffy+                                          | Special Intention                                |                                                        |
| Thursday                       | Ewald & Rosa Beilman+                                 | Keith Schreiter+                                 |                                                        |
| Friday                         | Susan & Matthew Heng+                                 | Willard & Loyola Hiemer+                         |                                                        |
| Saturday                       |                                                       | Doug Boes+ (Anniv.)                              | 6:30 p.m. Robert Reese+                                |
| Sunday                         |                                                       | Dovel-Beccard+                                   | 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish                        |
| <b><i>Oct. 10-11, 2026</i></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>                           |
| USHERS/<br>GREETERS            | Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family<br>Jason & Kim Esser | Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman<br>Nile & Mary Farris | Richard Gibson, Cindy McGinnis<br>Joy & Teresa Johnson |
| LECTORS                        | Gail Walford                                          | Jeanette Eilers                                  | Kelly Madden                                           |
| ACOLYTES                       | Ted Bernard                                           | Mark Eilers                                      | Taylor Johnson                                         |
| SERVERS                        | Oliver Wigington, Lyndon Brehm                        | Leo & Elliott Ramold                             | Gavin & Ender Cumro, Charlie Gude                      |

**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 & Derrek Sumner; Sr. Mary Kolbe Tichy, 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, 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](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:** Oct 2 was the Memorial of the Guardian Angels; Oct 7 the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary; and October 31 is Confirmation. 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!

**LIFE CHAIN - RESPECT LIFE SUN OCT 4 1:00 P.M.:** Stand in silent, prayerful witness to human life at the annual Life Chain in Nebraska City from 1-2 p.m. along Eleventh Street. Pick up signs at the parking lot south of Arbor Bank at **12:45 p.m.** Refreshments served afterwards. For information, please call Noreen Harris, 402-209-1450 or Pam Gress, 531-249-2367.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **Oct. 10:** Dustin & Wendi Buggi, Sam and Emily Cahow, Luke Calfee, Leigh Calfee, Cynthia Camden-Woolman, Ken & Paula Carlstedt, Sean & Maureen Chance, Grant Chance, Joe & Brooke Chaney, Kris Chaney. **Oct. 17:** Marcus Cisneros, Robert Collet, Logan & Jessica Crunk, Sharon Crunk, Jillian Owen, Jeffrey & Meredith Cumro, Justin & Molly Cunningham, Carson & Trisha Cusick, Craig & Joni Davis, Denise Davis. **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. **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 5: Jenny Kearney; Oct 7: Tammy Levins; Oct 10: Jackie Loseke; Oct 12: Margaret Rumery; Oct 14: Audra Rutt; Oct 17: Jackie Smith; Oct 19: Shawn Stukenholtz; Oct 21: Shelli Stuhr; Oct 24: Julie Volkmer; Oct 26: Kathy Wigington; Oct 28: Hope Weninger; Oct 31: Cheryl Wirth. 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. 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:** 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

**CDA MONTHLY GATHERING TUE OCT 6 6:30 P.M.** in Visitation Hall. CDA has members from SIX area churches and any women is welcome to attend. For more information, please call Shawn Stukenholtz, 402-209-0863.

**CCD WED OCT 7** for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey.

**OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU OCT 8 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.

**PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING TUE OCT 13 7:00 P.M.** in Visitation Hall. Agendas et al. forthcoming to the council members.

**MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL SAT OCT 17** 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Sacred Heart Parish Lincoln with Speaker Sarina Stokes sharing her Magnificat! Bring a friend! The Morning Star Chapter of Magnificat is celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year! Contact Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further info. Register by **Mon Oct 12** <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/sarina-stokes-october-17>

**SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA RIGHT TO LIFE CHAPTER INVITATION SAT OCT 17:** 9-11 a.m. (Sign in at 8:45 a.m.) Church of the Holy Spirit’s St. John the Baptist School gym (520 S 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Plattsmouth) – a local affiliate of the Nebraska Right to Life. Three pillars of RTL are Education, Legislation, and Political Action. Justice For All Pro-Life speaker, Mary Biegler, presents how to respond to common pro-choice arguments while being a good ambassador of Christ. Contact Shari Barrios (402-616-7509) with questions.

**KC ALTAR SERVER-DAD-GRANDPA TAILGATE PARTY SUN OCT 18 4:00 P.M.:** 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Chargers-Chiefs game, followed by supper and 1<sup>st</sup> half of beloved Cowboys versus Packers! *RSVP to parish office by Thu Oct 15.*

**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** 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>

**2026 CONFIRMATION & 2027 SACRAMENT DATES:** Confirmation **Sat Oct 31, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Confession **Sat Feb 13, 2027** at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1<sup>st</sup> Communion **Sun Apr 11, 2027** at Noon.

**“COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT” SPONSORED BY SAINT MARY’S FRI NOV 20:** Fun Pianos dueling pianos RETURNS to help us celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> annual event. As is custom, happy hour (5:30 p.m.), buffet supper (6:30 p.m.), and approximately 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 three winners: *Team Allgood, Tyler Gude, Team Lance, Jon Borer, and Dan DeFreece.* Week three top matchup: 3-0 Jon Borer vs. 3-0 Tyler Gude – also rectory battle between 1-2 Fr. Brox and 2-1 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.*

**Sep 27:** Adult Env.: \$3,441.00; Loose: \$580.36; Online: \$2,870.00; IRA: \$200.00; **Total: \$7,091.36**  
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Retired Priests: \$33.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget:** \$ 14,650.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (13 weeks): \$190,450.00**  
**Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$153,461.18; Short: \$-36,988.82**

**OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE:** Benefiting those we serve at the K of C Food Pantry each Saturday – cash donations (or size 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.

**2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND OCT 3-4:** Our volunteer team can help with your pledge cards after each Mass. Goals \$19,130 and 1/3 (126 of the 378) of our households to support these men who one day could be the future pastor or associate at our parish! Current: 29 pledges \$6,970 – need 97 more givers and \$12,160. QR code to make contributions:



**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. Together, we share in the important work of forming young people in faith, knowledge, and service. Please prayerfully consider how you might join this effort. All gifts matter and together we can make twice the impact. Learn more or make a gift online at [www.LourdesCentralCatholic.org](http://www.LourdesCentralCatholic.org) or contact Brooke Chaney at the school, 402-873-6154.