

# 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 most Masses; *1<sup>st</sup> 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](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, OCTOBER 5, 2025:

## *TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**Weekly Highlight:** Thanks to our BAV campaign volunteer helpers! This will be their third and final weekend assisting with pledge cards after Mass. We still have goals to achieve. It is MOST beneficial to your parish office if you grab your card and fill it out with these volunteers (or return in collection basket soon thereafter). Otherwise, your priests and parish staff spend time on the annual mailer to follow up about supporting this campaign – save us time and postage!  
*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>                   | Shirley Sudman+                                       | Special Intention                                |                                                               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                  | Special Intention (JE)                                | Leonard Kaiser+                                  |                                                               |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                | Ewald & Rosa Beilman+                                 | Keith Schreiter+                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>                 | Virginia Heng+                                        | Ralph Causgrove+ (Anniv.)                        |                                                               |
| <b>Friday</b>                   | Sr. Veronica+ & Family                                | Doug Boes+ (Anniv.)                              |                                                               |
| <b>Saturday</b>                 |                                                       | Dovel-Beccard+                                   | 6:30 p.m. Dillon Wichman+                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>                   |                                                       | Cleofes & Ellen Sarmiento                        | 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish                               |
| <b><u>Oct. 11-12, 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/<br/>GREETERS</b>     | Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family<br>Jason & Kim Esser | Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman<br>Nile & Mary Farris | Richard Gibson, Kent & Cindy McGinnis<br>Joy & Teresa Johnson |
| <b>LECTORS</b>                  | Frank Volkmer                                         | Jeanette Eilers                                  | Matt Rutt                                                     |
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>                 | John Hogeland                                         | Mark Eilers                                      | Tom Gude                                                      |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                  | Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey                        | Gage Geneski, Grant Martin, Gage Greedy          | Stryder & Storm Meade, Seth Whitney                           |

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss; Seminarians Jacob Knutson and Derrek Sumner; Sr. Elizabeth 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)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ADORER(S) NEEDED:** Tue 3-4 a.m. at Hospital Chapel. Call/Text Janie or Brooke – contact info in box above.

**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.

**LIFE CHAIN - RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCT 5 1:00 P.M.:** Stand in silent, prayerful witness at annual Life Chain from 1-2 p.m. along Eleventh Street. Signs available in lot south of Arbor Bank at **12:45 p.m.** For info, call Noreen Harris, 402-209-1450 or Pam Gress, 531-249-2367.

**WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP STARTS TUE OCT 7 (FEAST OF HOLY ROSARY):** 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse (347 N. 62nd Road), to pray for each other, our family and loved ones, our Church community, our nation, and our world. We will seek Jesus' many graces and blessings through the intercessory help of our Blessed Mother by praying the “*Flame of Love*” Rosary and spending time together sharing special prayer needs and intentions. This opportunity will be available every Tuesday. Come weekly or whenever you can!

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY OCT 11 FOR SEVEN SISTERS DAY OF RENEWAL— “THE POWER OF PRAYER” OCT 18!** Space limited to 120. Mail your \$15 check payable to: Seven Sisters Apostolate, C/O Pat Lanik, 354 W Chancellor, Lincoln, NE 68521. Contact Diocesan Coordinator, Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396 with questions.

**“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.

### # 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 package forthcoming.

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **Oct. 11:** Tim & Nancy Baragary, Andrew Bauermeister, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Tom Becker, Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Aric & Tara Bennett, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard, D'Arcy Blobaum, Richard Blobaum. **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. **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. 6: Jamie Ebmeier, Oct. 8: Emily Wolken, Oct. 11: Teresa Albers, 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. 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. 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

**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 4 winners: Fr. Brox (4-0) by 2.6 measly points over Fr. Schultes; Team Lance (4-0); Tyler Gude (3-1); Jon Borer (2-2); Team Geneski (2-2). Top matchups for Week 5: Team Lance (4-0) vs. Fr. Brox (4-0).

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE OCT 7** at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary Church Hall. All financial reviewers and officers, please come at 6:15 p.m. for review.

**CLERGY WHEREABOUTS:** Fr. Brox will be away from the parish during the Lourdes Fall Break, from Thu Oct 9 thru Tue Oct 14.

**ANNUAL “ACOLYTE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST MEETING” SAT OCT 11 9:00 A.M.** at Valentino's. RSVP to parish office by Fri Oct 10.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU OCT 16 (EACH 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> 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! Thanks to committee members who met this past week. 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!

**# 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.*

**Sep. 28: Adult Env.:** \$3,975.00; **Loose:** \$854.00; **Online:** \$3,410.00; **IRA:** \$200.00 **Total: \$8,439.00**

Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Retired Priests: \$33.00; So. NE Reg.: \$22.00; Mission Coop: \$20.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget:** \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (13 weeks):** **\$188,500.00**

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026:** **\$148,164.35** **YTD Shortfall:** **-\$40,335.65**

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

**2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS:** Third *and final* weekend for our campaign volunteer team to help with your pledge card. Please pick up your card and return it, to save the parish office additional chasing and postage via snail mail! Goals \$19,200 and 1/3 (127 of the 379) of our households! Current: 51 pledges \$11,550 – need 76 additional givers and \$7,650.

**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 “STATE OF THE PARISH” AND FINANCIAL PACKET** handouts moved to the pamphlet rack across from elevator. Thanks for your study of these reports! Keep these steps in mind: (1) Share your love of Jesus with your coworkers, neighbors, family, etc. – invite them to Mass and our other activities!; (2) Each of us should review our tithing levels at least annually and make adjustments; (3) Every household should be sharing their God-provided gifts back to Him through volunteer activities, parish participation, and/or monetary support – suggested amount is at least \$14 per week per household; (4) Enjoy a night out by attending our annual “Community Night Out” on Fri Nov 21 (see above).