

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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: Annual “state of the parish” homily weekend – as always, what are you involved with to support the parish and those sitting next to you, across from you, and furthest from you at Mass? Be courageous, introduce yourself to someone new at Mass! Consider sitting somewhere different to not only encounter different people, but to see Jesus in action in your life from a different perspective. When did you invite someone to Mass with you last? Are you officially registered at your parish – wherever that may be? *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	Renee Box+	Alice O'Neill+ (Anniv.)	
Tuesday	Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother	Marilyn Boes+	
Wednesday	Betty Davis+	Eugene Schreiner+ (Anniv.)	
Thursday	Nora Heng+	Robert Reese+ (Anniv.)	
Friday	Marcene Klein+	Arnie Beckman+	
Saturday		Julie Kreifels	6:30 p.m. Children of Danny & Robin Heng
Sunday		Ed & Ann Bade+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<i>Sep. 19-20, 2026</i>			
	<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	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	Fred & Sheryl Allen Wes & Amanda Geneski
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Jim Wirth	Jon Borer
ACOLYTES	Ted Bernard	Kevin Rettig	Tom Gude
SERVERS	Austin & Gavin Rayhel Kane O'Donnell	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson Christian Pinzino	Clayton & Joel Bantz Carter Bennett

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Seminarian Jacob Knutson, Sr. Bridget of the Holy Face, 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ADORER NEEDED to temporarily cover a weekly Holy Hour at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel on Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. If you are able to commit to this weekly hour or would like more information, please contact Brooke Chaney 402-209-1965 or Janie Ebmeier 402-450-1993. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

SEPTEMBER ROSARY BEFORE MASS INFORMATION (THANK YOU LEGION OF MARY!): **Sep 14** Exaltation of the Holy Cross; **Sep 15** Our Lady of Sorrows. To honor our Blessed Mother, between the decades of the Rosary, we will sing the refrain “Ave Maria.” To honor the Holy Cross of Jesus and the Sorrows of Mary, we will pray the Stations of the Cross prayers after the Rosary “We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee because by Thy Holy Cross Thou Hast redeemed the world” and “at the Cross Her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping close to Jesus to the last.”

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Legion of Mary is offering to bring the statue to any home in the area. We work to promote Devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary. Please call or text Kathy Wigington, 209-1341 or contact any member of the Legion of Mary.

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

RADIATOR COVERS GOING MIA: Many of our radiator top covers (aka Kleenex shelves) are showing much wear. A kind parishioner is painting them in pairs/singles as time allows, so if you notice them missing, they will return!

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **Sep. 19:** Carl Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Molly Albus, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Katherine Andrade, Michelle Andrew, Melanie Aultz, William & Kathy Aultz, Roberta Aultz, Logan Bakula, Mark & Heather Bakula. **Sep.**

26: 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. 3:** Pam Boes, Caroline Bolin, Richard & Gail Bond, Marcia Boone, Jon & Jacque Borer, Michael & Gynae Borns, Daren & Beth Box, Roger & Ranae Brandt, Randy & Megan Brehm. **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: Sep 14: Carol Elworth; Sep 16: Mary Farris; Sep 19: Judy Francois; Sep 21: Lana Gilson; Sep 23: Kathy Grundman; Sep 26: Pat Gude; Sep 28: Noreen Harris; Sep 30: Sharon Heng; Oct 3: Jennifer Howard; Oct 5: Jenny Kearney; Oct 7: Tammy Levins; Oct 10: Jackie Loseke. 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

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS – CLERGY STUDY DAY TUE SEP 15: Majority of diocese clergy will be at seminary in Seward. In case of emergency and need for a priest, contact Lourdes School (402-873-6154) and they will find a priest. Fr. Sean Timmerman (Pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Plattsmouth) is our Deanery coverage priest that day.

NO CCD WED SEP 16 due to parent-teacher conferences at NCPS. Class resumes Wed Sep 23 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey – Mass that evening at 6:00 p.m. as part of class. Registration forms in the entrance of the church.

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU SEP 17 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.

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Schultes will be providing weekend coverage in Doniphan and Kenesaw the weekend of **Sep 19/20** – allows him to visit his family in Hastings also. He will then be on vacation **Sep 21-28**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED SEP 30 7:00 P.M. in Visitation church hall. Rosary at 6:40 p.m.

KC ALTAR SERVER-DAD-GRANDPA TAILGATE PARTY SUN OCT 18 4:00 P.M.: Save the date! 2nd half of Chargers-Chiefs game, followed by supper and 1st half of beloved Cowboys versus Packers! RSVP 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 is scheduled for **Sat Oct 31, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. 1st Confession **Sat Feb 13, 2027** at 10:30 a.m. in our church; 1st Communion **Sun Apr 11, 2027** at Noon.

“COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT” SPONSORED BY SAINT MARY’S FRI NOV 20: Fun Pianos dueling pianos show RETURNS to help us celebrate our 5th 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! Save the date!

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Week one matchups: *Team Lance vs. Fr. Schultes; Tyler Gude vs. Dan DeFreece; Team Allgood vs. Fr. Kilcawley; Jon Borer vs. Jameson DeFreece; Mitch Gude vs. Fr. Brox.* Best of luck – the whole parish is watching 😊!

FLOCKNOTES – OUR COMMUNICATION TOOL: If you are not receiving the bulletin/ongoing info through Flocknotes, and would like to stay up to date, register at <http://stmarycatholicchurch21.flocknote.com/> or call parish office. PLEASE SIGN UP – WE WANT TO STAY CONNECTED WITH YOU!

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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 6: Adult Env.: \$5,070.00; Loose: \$287.85; Online: \$7,545.00; IRA: \$30,500.00; Bldg. Fund: \$25.00; Total: \$43,427.85
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Mission Coop: \$307.00; Parish Endowment: \$600.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; Amount needed for budget to date (10 weeks): \$146,500.00
Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$128,130.07; Short: \$-18,369.93

CSA 2026 UPDATE: 44 open pledges for \$21,089.72 – payments **before Sep 30** will be in our mid-October rebate. Thanks to 89 pledges that have been fulfilled! <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>. Contact parish office with questions.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL PACKAGES IN CHURCH: along with the one-page strengths/highlights and stat recap sheet from the annual “state of the parish” homily near the bulletins. Thanks for your study of these reports! See Fr. Schultes (or parish/finance council) with questions!