

# 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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025:***

***FEAST OF EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS***

***(TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)***

**Weekly Highlight:** Thanks to Father Brox for assisting with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Lourdes altar server training. We usually start this about the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school each fall, as our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade attend 8am Mass together each day and we need the rotation of servers, readers, petitioners, gift bearers, choir leaders amongst all three grades. We are amid our 3<sup>rd</sup> session of training with each set of four boys. They will likely have 4 (and maybe 5) practice sessions each before they start serving with one of the older boys at 8am weekday Mass. Thanks to Mrs. Martinosky each year for allowing us to keep the boys after Mass and miss part of their first set of classes! These boys will start serving weekend Mass at their respective parishes later this fall also.  
*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>	Leslie Wolfe+	Jacki Oelke+	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Eugene Schreiner+ (Anniv.)	Robert Reese+ (Anniv.)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Viola Snyder+	Ted & Frances VonTish+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Sr. Sheila Anne Smith+	Bill Aultz+	
<b>Friday</b>	Virginia Heng+	Children of Danny & Robin Heng+	
<b>Saturday</b>		Bruce Welniak, Darin Vogel+	6:30 p.m. Dillon Wichman+
<b>Sunday</b>		Kathy Haiar Gilbert+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Sep. 20-21, 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/</b>	Danny & Robin Heng	Mary Mills, Linda Lollmann	Fred & Sheryl Allen
<b>GREETERS</b>	Steve & Stephanie Hackett	Ed & Barb Stukenholtz	
<b>LECTORS</b>	Beth Box	Gail Walford	Ryan Ebmeier
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Daren Box	Dan DeFreece	Jason Esser
<b>SERVERS</b>	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris Wade Andrew	Gage Geneski, Grant Martin Gage Greedy	Luke Chaney, Blake Meyer Ashton Smith

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and Seminarian Jacob Knutson; Sr. Mary Elizabeth of the Trinity 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 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, please contact the parish office.** St. Mary Church Prayer Chain: [prayerchainstm@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ADORER(S) NEEDED** on Tuesdays from 3-4 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. Call/Text Janie Ebmeier, jstukenholtz@hotmail.com, 402-450-1993 or Brooke Chaney, brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net, 402-209-1965.

**MAGNIFI KID SUBSCRIPTION OFFER:** In calendar 2025, the parish paid for 10 subscriptions each month – these generally disappeared off our big narthex table quickly. For 2026, we share this offer to those who may want their own subscription, as the parish will not be ordering any subscriptions this year; however, we do share a discount for you to order your own. Orders are being accepted for 2026. Each month features 16 pages for each Sunday: readings and prayers for Mass, a glossary of key words, daily prayers, games, crafts, and even a weekly comic! Each major feast day has a special issue: Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Ascension, Assumption, All Saints Day, etc. If you would like to place an order, please place a check or cash for \$18.00 along with your name in the collection basket no later than **Sun Sep 21**.

**MAGNIFICAT OF LINCOLN SPONSORING “A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT” BY THE LIVING PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM!** Join us at this "life changing Retreat for a closer walk with Our Lord through His Holy Spirit - the Lord and Giver of Life" **Sep 26-28** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. For more Information about Living Praise go to <https://livingpraiseworship.com> Register for the Retreat on-line at <https://goodcounselretreat.org> For more information, contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass):** **Sep. 20:** Amber Spidell, Adam Walters, Derek Walters, Herman & Myla Weber, Robert & Jody Weddle, John & Ronda Wigington, Erin Weldon, Skip & Monica Welsh, Duane & Hope Weninger, Dan & Stefanie Wenz,

John & Mary Wenzl, Joshua & Carolyn Whitney, Everet & Lisa Whitten, Halli Powers. **Sep. 27:** Emily Wiebeck, Skyler Woita, Nathan & Mary Wigington, Tom & Kathy Wigington, Alan & Megan Wirth, James & Cheryl Wirth, Emily Wolken, Robert & Patrice Wulf, Jamie Wurtele, Gayle Wurtele, Randy & Connie Wurtele, Todd & Jill Yost, Anna Young, Jon & Amber Zaturm. **Oct. 4:** Carl Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Molly Albus, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Katherine Andrade, Michelle Andrew, Melanie Aultz, William & Kathy Aultz, Roberta Aultz, Mark & Heather Bakula. **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:** Sep. 15: Cheryl Wirth, Sep. 17: Margaret Rumery, Sep. 20: Audra Rutt, Sep. 22: Jackie Smith, Sep. 24: Shelli Stuhr, Sep. 27: Shawn Stukenholtz, Sep. 29: Hope Weninger, Oct. 1: Julie Volkmer, Oct. 4: Kathy Wigington, Oct. 6: Jamie Ebmeier, Oct. 8: Emily Wolken, Oct. 11: Teresa Albers. 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.

**# 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

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

**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. **No class on Wed Sep 17 because of parent-teacher conferences at Nebraska City Public School. Resumes Wed Sep 24.**

**PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL:** Week 1 winners: Jon Borer, Fr. Brox, Wes Geneski, Team Lance, Tim Kreifels. Week 2 schedule: Fr. Schultes vs. Team Allgood; Fr. Kilcawley vs. Fr. Brox; Mitch Gude vs. Wes Geneski; Jon Borer vs. Team Lance; Tim Kreifels vs. Tyler Gude.

**CLERGY STUDY DAY TUE SEP 16:** 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. Jonah Brox is our Deanery coverage priest that day.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU SEP 18 (EACH 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M.** at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED SEP 24 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

**SWEET PICKINS APPLEJACK CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR SAT/SUN SEP 27/28** at Lourdes School main campus. Approximately 50 vendor booths with unique finds and many of your favorites to choose from. There will be food trucks out front. The junior class parents will have a concession stand and bake sale to benefit the Lourdes After Prom.

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

**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!

**“SAINT MARY’S NIGHT OUT” FRI NOV 21:** Music Bingo and Catered supper this year! Save the Date!

**# 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. 7:** Adult Env.: \$3,750.00; Loose: \$300.75; Online: \$4,615.00; Grain: \$1,000.00; **Total: \$9,665.75** Parish Endowment: \$100.00

**Weekly amount needed** for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed** for budget to date (10 weeks): **\$145,000.00**

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$120,401.85 YTD Shortfall: -\$24,598.15**

**ADULT CHOIR - DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** High school students and older are invited to share your gifts and sing with the adult choir at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Weekly practice is Sundays at 9:40 a.m. before the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We do not require anyone who wants to sing to be there all the time but would love to have you when you are available. We want you to sing when it fits in your schedule. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Dan Giittinger 402-873-4635. Thanks, and praying that you will join us.

**CSA 2025 UPDATE:** 46 open pledges for \$17,349.00 – payments before Sep 30 will be in our mid-October rebate. Thanks to 103 pledges that have been fulfilled! <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>. Contact parish office with questions.

**TAMALES FOR SALE:** St. Benedict Parish is selling red and green pork tamales. Tamales are \$25 for a dozen. Tamales will be available for **pick up after Mass at St. Benedict on Oct 4 and Oct 5.** To purchase tamales, fill out the envelope in the back of church and place in the offertory basket. If you would like to learn how to make tamales or help make tamales, please sign-up in the back of church **at St. Benedict.**

**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)** is a tax-wise method of making charitable contributions. You must be at least 70½ to make these distributions and they can only come from an IRA. They can count as part of your required minimum distribution when donated to St. Mary Church and may never go into income. This is an equivalent of a deduction and can be used even if you do not itemize your deductions. For more information, call the parish office or visit with your financial advisor.