

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 20, 2026:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: The thunderstorm Monday night into Tuesday had some big crashes and lightning strikes – it led to several breakers in church being tripped in the breaker boxes. Our sound system and bell chime system likely were affected. We also have evidence of water leak in ceiling of the west confessional. Our maintenance team is evaluating and in contact with applicable vendors for further evaluation and potential insurance claim. *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	Grand/Children of Leo & Sonja Heng	Reinhold Schnell+	
Tuesday	Maria Esperanza Perez+	Karen Lowe+	
Wednesday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Ray & Marie Schreiter+	
Thursday	Leonard & Clara Heng+	Brian Hiemer+	
Friday	Marcene Klein+	Maxine Willson+ (Anniv.)	
Saturday		Bruce Welniak, Bryan Palmer+	6:30 p.m. Albert & Rose Mary Burger+
Sunday		Keith Schreiter+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<i>Sep. 26-27, 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	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Larry Lance, David Schmitz Steve Stukenholtz
LECTORS	Frank Volkmer	Bob Wulf	John Dubas
ACOLYTES	Tim Baumann	Mike Gilson	Brent Travis
SERVERS	Andrew & Jackson Walters, Lucas Spidell	Neil Wirth, Quinn Harpham	Harper & Hudson Weldon, Jaxson Reese

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 & Thomas Rajewski; Postulant Gretchen Kleinschmit, 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: prayerchainsm@gmail.com

PRAY FOR the happy repose of the soul of Charles Eickhoff and consolation to his family.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ADORER NEEDED to temporarily cover a weekly Holy Hour at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel Wed 3:00-4:00 p.m. For more info, contact Brooke Chaney 402-209-1965 or Janie Ebmeier 402-450-1993. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

SMALL GROUP GET TOGETHER ON PRAYER SAT OCT 3 9-10 A.M. in Visitation Hall. We are studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church – the section on prayer (Para 2578 to 2584).

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)

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **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. **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. **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 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 ; Oct 12: Margaret Rumery; Oct 14: Audra Rutt; Oct 17: Jackie Smith. 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: 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**.

CCD WED SEP 23 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey – Mass at 6:00 p.m. as part of class.

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU SEP 24 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.

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

COME AND SEE WEEKEND OCT 3-4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary for young men in their junior year of high school or older. See flier in the entrance of the church and scan the QR code.

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 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 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 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! 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 next month.

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Week one winners: *Fr. Schultes, Tyler Gude, Team Allgood, Jon Borer, and Fr. Brox (by 0.60).* Week two top matchup: 1-0 Jon Borer vs. 1-0 Team Allgood.

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 13: Adult Env.: \$3,676.00; **Loose:** \$511.75; **Online:** \$3,710.00; **IRA:** \$50.00; **Total: \$7,947.75**
Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00; Parish Endowment: \$50.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (11 weeks): \$161,150.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$136,077.82; Short: \$-25,072.18

CSA 2026 UPDATE: 44 open pledges for \$20,989.72 – 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.

2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND SEP 26/27: Our campaign volunteer team can help with your pledge cards after each Mass. Goals \$19,130 and hopefully at least 1/3 (126 of the 378) of our households will support these men who one day could be the future pastor or associate pastor at our parish! Current: 5 pledges \$850 – balance needed 121 givers and \$18,280.

FOLLOW-UPS TO LAST WEEKEND’S ANNUAL STATE OF THE PARISH HOMILY:

ANNUAL FINANCIAL PACKAGES IN CHURCH: and the one-page strengths/highlights/stat 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!

MAIN CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE: The existing unit continues to be working – and quite well it seems (again, thanks mostly to our maintenance team and some expert volunteers in the parish), so the decision has been made to stick with the existing system. In fact, we likely have been underutilizing the unit for quite some time, but some cleaning, new freon, and other fixes should have us running well for a while. We are considering some additional units in between the altar and the first few pews, to add more redundancy and to fill the gap between the sacristy unit and the big main unit that supplies air from the choir loft.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION: We have an opportunity to acquire one of the properties adjacent to us to the East. Survey work and other due diligence continue to likely fulfill that opportunity.