

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.

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; *1st 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; 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 21, 2025:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: If you follow our parish Facebook page (or our Knights of Columbus Council 3152 Facebook page – “NebCity Knights”), you should have noticed pictures of the amazing work our Knights did to upgrade and repair the Pro Life billboards – west of town (on the north side of Highway 2 west of the weigh station) and south of town on the “S” curve on Highway 75 near St. Bernard Church (Julian). The south sign was a joint effort with the Auburn Knights Council. Discussion and design of new signage was ongoing for months, and came to fruition and safe completion the past two Saturdays. Thank a Knight for defending and promoting the sanctity of human life and the human family, as God designed it. Especially thank those Knights who provided man power to help with the sign work each of those past two Saturdays! May you all enjoy the numerous activities of Applejack weekend! *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	Those who have left the church	Morton Family+	
Tuesday	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	Howard Weigle+	
Wednesday	Liam Clowers+ & Family	Leonard Kaiser+	
Thursday	Dorothy Durr Sullivan+	Leo & Sonja Heng+	
Friday	Virginia Ullsperger+	Maxine Willson+ (Anniv.)	
Saturday		Keith Schreiter+	6:30 p.m. Parents of Duane & Julia Russell+
Sunday		Pat Ramold+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Sep. 27-28, 2025:</u>			
	<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	Ric Sevening, Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
LECTORS	Sharon Crunk	Jim Wirth	Kelly Madden
ACOLYTES	Fred Allen	Mark Eilers	Bryan Bequette
SERVERS	Calvin & Julian Weninger, Lyndon Brehm	Leo & Elliott Ramold, Oliver Wigington	Sam, Jack, William Ebmeier

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and Seminarian Jacob Knutson; Sr. Gemma of St. Mary Magdalene 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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

PRAY FOR the happy repose of the soul of Jack Elliot Schlichtemeier, Charles Fassbender, & Shirley Sudman and consolation to their families.

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. 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. **Oct. 11:** Tim & Nancy Baragary, Andrew Bauermeister, Tim & Brenda Baumann, Tom Becker, Aaron & Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Aric & Tara Bennett, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard, D’Arcy Blobaum, Richard Blobaum. **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. 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, Oct. 13: Brenda Baumann, Oct. 15: Kelly Bequette, Oct. 18: Jacque Borer. 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.

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING TUE OCT 14 at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall. Agenda and financial package forthcoming.

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. 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: 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

MCCONNELL/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU to all who supported the breakfast at St. Benedict Abbey a couple weekends ago. Your generous donations and the great work of our Knights and the Ryan and Heidi McConnell family resulted in approximately \$1200 for the McConnells to put towards medical and rehabilitation expense for their daughter Maeleigh – it was great to see the McConnell sisters assisting their parents with the beverages and bussing of tables during the breakfast event also!

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.

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL: Week 2 winners: Fr. Schultes, Fr. Brox, Tyler Gude, Team Lance, Mitch Gude. Week 3 schedule: Fr. Schultes vs. Team Lance; Fr. Kilcawley vs. Tim Kreifels; Mitch Gude vs. Team Allgood; Jon Borer vs. Fr. Brox; Wes Geneski vs. Tyler Gude.

CLERGY WHEREABOUTS: Father Haschke is at the annual convention of the Knights and Ladies/Dames of the Holy Sepulchre Fri Sep 19 thru Mon Sep 22 – he is the chaplain of our Diocesan group. <https://www.oessh.va/content/ordinequestresantosepolcro/en.html>

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

“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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU OCT 2 (EACH 1ST & 3RD THU) 6:45-8:00 P.M. at St. Benedict Abbey. Fr. Brox main priest.

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.

Sept. 14: Adult Env.: \$3,730.00; **Loose:** \$403.75; **Online:** \$4,100.00; **IRA:** \$1,540.00; **Assumption:** \$30.00; **Total: \$9,803.75**

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (11 weeks): \$159,400.00**

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$130,205.60 YTD Shortfall: -\$29,294.40

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS BEGINS THIS WEEKEND SEP 20/21: Our campaign volunteer team can help with your pledge cards after each Mass (starting this weekend and continuing for our customary three total consecutive weekends). Our assigned portion of the overall diocesan goal is \$19,200.00 this year. Father Schultes also encourages participation goals by our parish, so we hope at least 1/3 (127 of the 379) of our households will support these men who one day could be the future pastor or associate pastor at our parish! 9 households have already paid \$1,500.00 (much of this was payments for 2024 that were received after the 2024 campaign closed!)

CSA 2025 UPDATE: 46 open pledges for \$17,309.00 – 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.

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD) 2025: Save money on your taxes by donating your annual RMD directly to St. Mary Church. Direct-from-your-IRA donations are called qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). They are tax-free and no deductions are allowed for them, so QCDs do not directly affect your tax bill – they count as withdrawals for purposes of meeting the RMD rules that apply to your traditional IRAs.