

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 27, 2026:

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: I am off to take in some of the final regular season Major League Baseball games before the playoffs – a time of respite and pilgrimage before many parish activities of October and November (we already have 6 tickets sold to Fun Pianos Community Night!). *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	Shirley Sudman+	Special Intention	
Tuesday	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Adam & Kimberly Vtech	
Wednesday	Mike+ & Rosie Callahan Family	Mary Jo Olmer+	
Thursday	Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	Raymond & June Yost+	
Friday	Renee Box+	David Heng, Sr.+	
Saturday		Marv Giittinger+	6:30 p.m. Bill Aultz, Sr.+
Sunday		Kylie Hein	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Oct. 3-4, 2026</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/ GREETERS	Herman & Myla Weber Tim & Brenda Baumann	Tim & Nancy Baragary Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Duane & Shelli Stuhr Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Dan Kostka	Daryl Braunsroth	Ryan Ebmeier
ACOLYTES	Matt Nienaber	Sean Chance, Mark Loseke	Dan DeFreece
SERVERS	Liam Barcenas, Joshua Harris, Kelby Fulton	Grant Martin, Gage Greedy	Eli Cunningham, Landon DuVal

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 & Daniel Stara; Sr. Maria Luce, 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

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY designated by the Catholic church. On Oct 7 the church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary is recited each day at 7:30 a.m. here in our church – come join other parishioners

1ST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Fri Oct 2 begins at 7:25 a.m. and Sat Oct 3 begins at 7:15 a.m. led by our Legion of Mary, leading up to 8:00 a.m. Mass (with Exposition Adoration from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.).

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). All welcome.

WEDDING IN CHURCH SAT OCT 3: We have an afternoon wedding, with Friday late afternoon rehearsal (Oct 2) in our church.

LIFE CHAIN - RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCT 4 1:00 P.M.: Respect Life Sunday kicks off month-long celebration of human life. Respect Life Month proclaims the immeasurable value of every person from conception to natural death. Stand in silent, prayerful witness to human life at the annual Life Chain in Nebraska City from 1-2 p.m. along Eleventh Street. Pick up signs at the parking lot south of Arbor Bank at **12:45 p.m.** Refreshments served afterwards. For information, please call Noreen Harris, 402-209-1450 or Pam Gress, 531-249-2367.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **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. **Oct. 17:** Marcus Cisneros, Robert Collet, Logan & Jessica Crunk, Sharon Crunk, Jillian Owen,

Jeffrey & Meredith Cumro, Justin & Molly Cunningham, Carson & Trisha Cusick, Craig & Joni Davis, Denise Davis. **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 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; Oct 19: Shawn Stukenholtz; Oct 21: Shelli Stuhr; Oct 24: Julie Volkmer. 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

CCD WED SEP 30 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey.

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

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU OCT 1 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.

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.

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING TUE OCT 13 7:00 P.M. in Visitation Hall. Agendas et al. forthcoming to the council members.

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>

“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.

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.

PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Week two winners: *Fr. Schultes, Tyler Gude, Team Lance, Jon Borer, and Jameson DeFreece*). Week three top matchup: 2-0 Fr. Schultes vs. 1-1 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 20: Adult Env.: \$4,725.00; Loose: \$577.00; Online: \$4,940.00; Ascension: \$50.00; **Total: \$10,292.00** Franciscan Sisters: \$25.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (12 weeks): \$175,800.00**

Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: \$146,369.82; Short: \$-29,430.18

OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE: Benefiting those we serve at the K of C Food Pantry each Saturday – asking for 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. Checks may also be mailed to LDCCW, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404.

2026 BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS BEGINS THIS 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.

THANK YOU: Each Aug 27th (our parish birthday), we have an envelope to increase our parish endowment. This year we added \$26,450 from that collection. Our endowment value as of Aug 31 was \$517,653. Thanks for supporting this funding source for our parish!

MON SEP 14 LIGHTNING DAMAGE UPDATE: As stated on our Facebook page, our Flocknote bulletin email, and in prior bulletins, it seems too coincidental that a big boom was heard by us priests amongst the storm that evening (and it was more than the Chiefs thumping the Broncos) and then several anomalies to our technology and electrical supply in church. Several items have already been returned to presumed normal operations, with some still in the works. So far, we had one security camera replaced and know that our recorder had 4 ports go bad; the bell chime system is being reviewed by the manufacturer; the 4ish year-old mixer on the main sound system is being replaced; we will likely have the lightning rods and grounding on the church inspected; and repetitive water leaks over west confessional. More developing.