

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 28, 2025:

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekly Highlight: Thanks to ladies who work our funeral luncheons – we just completed another customary group of three funerals this week. Thanks also to those who prepare salads, side dishes, and desserts so faithfully for these luncheons. Other updates: our 3rd grade Lourdes boys completed their altar server training this week and have begun serving at weekday Mass and are scheduled for weekend Masses this next quarter. We have two older students and one home schooler to train next. Father Brox also completed lector training with two new lectors, who join our weekend rotation soon. Three new acolytes will begin training with Father Brox soon also. Enjoy Applejack weekend 2!

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	Ashton Nanninga+ & Family	Special Intention	
Tuesday	Bob & Mary Lee Duncan+	Alice O'Neill+	
Wednesday	Myron & Velma Henner+	Bill Aultz+	
Thursday	Marcene Klein+	Albert & Rose Mary Burger+	
Friday	Eric Von Tish+	Karen Lowe+	
Saturday		Chris Winkler+ Bryan Palmer+	6:30 p.m. Viola Snyder+
Sunday		Melvin, Rita, Gerald Carlstedt+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Oct. 4-5, 2025:</u>			
	<u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u>
USHERS/	Herman & Myla Weber	Tim & Nancy Baragary	Duane & Shelli Stuhr
GREETERS	Tim & Brenda Baumann	Clare Kincaid, Gail Walford	Colin & Teresa Albers
LECTORS	Kent Schreiner	Bob Wulf	Cindy McGinnis
ACOLYTES	Lynn Heng	Jason Esser, Mark Loseke	Larry Lance
SERVERS	Ryder Reeves, Henry Holmes	James Chance, Noah Hendrickson	Nick & Gage Fedoris, Reed Hamling

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss, Seminarians Jacob Knutson, Thomas Rajewski and Josiah Benal; Sr. Bridget 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: prayerchainstrn@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Aaron Bennett and consolation to his family.

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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY: In 1889 Pope Leo XIII declared October the month of the Rosary. He also requested that a prayer to St. Joseph be prayed after saying the rosary. We will say this prayer at St. Mary after the rosary during October. It is the same prayer card many of us received during the Year of St. Joseph. Additional prayer cards will be available in the back of the church.

LIFE CHAIN - RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCT 5 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.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP GATHERING: ALL INVITED! Starting Tue Oct 7, Feast of the Holy Rosary, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Meeting at the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse (347 N. 62nd Road, Nebraska City). Our goal is to pray together for each other, our family and loved ones, our Church community, our nation, and our world. We will seek Jesus' many graces and blessings through the intercessory help of our Blessed Mother by praying the Flame of Love Rosary and spending time together sharing special prayer needs and intentions. This opportunity will be available **every Tuesday**. Come weekly or whenever you can!

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

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **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, Mary Bennett, Adam & Anne Bennett, Aric & Tara Bennett, Bryan & Kelly Bequette, Ted Bernard, D'Arcy Blobaum, Richard Blobaum. **Oct. 18:** Pam Boes, Caroline Bolin, Richard & Gail Bond, Marcia Boone, Jon & Jacque Borer, Michael & Gynae Borns, Daren & Beth Box, Roger & Ranae Brandt, Jody Honeysuckle, Randy & Megan Brehm. **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. 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, Oct. 20: Beth Box, Oct. 22: Megan Brehm, Oct. 25: Maureen Chance, Oct. 27: Kris Chaney. 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

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 3 winners: Fr. Kilcawley (1-2), Fr. Brox (3-0), Tyler Gude (2-1), Team Lance (3-0), Team Allgood (1-2). Top matchups for Week 4: Fr. Schultes (1-2) vs. Fr. Brox (3-0) – Rectory Battle!; Mitch Gude (1-2) vs. Team Lance (3-0).

CLERGY WHEREABOUTS: Fr. Schultes will be away this weekend to celebrate with some of his prior parishioners, as St. Stephen Church in rural Lawrence celebrates its 150th birthday with Bishop Conley – he will get some bonus time with his family in Hastings also!

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY GATHERING TUE OCT 7 at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary Church Hall. All financial reviewers and officers, please come at 6:15 p.m. for review.

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 – COMMITTEE MEETING WED OCT 1 AT 7:15 P.M. CHURCH HALL: Music Bingo and Catered supper this year! We welcome new committee members – join STM priests, Cindy McGinnis, Charlie & Margaret Rumery, Sean & Maureen Chance, Kay DeFreece, and other silent helpers! Organize, promote, sell tickets, night before set up and night of clean up – fairly simple!

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. 21: Adult Env.: \$4,640.00; **Loose:** \$799.75; **Online:** \$4,055.00; **Bldg. Fund:** \$25.00; **Total: \$9,519.75**

Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget: \$ 14,500.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (12 weeks): \$174,000.00**

Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$139,725.35 YTD Shortfall: -\$34,274.65

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.

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND SEP 27/28: Our campaign volunteer team can help with your pledge cards after each Mass. Goals \$19,200 and hopefully 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! Current: 22 pledges \$4710 – balance needed 105 givers and \$14,449.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL PACKAGES IN CHURCH: near the bulletins. The one-page parish handout and one-page Lourdes handout that were in the pews for the annual "state of the parish" homily last weekend are available in church also. Thanks for your study of these reports!

THANK YOU: Each Aug 27th (our parish birthday), we have an envelope to increase our parish endowment. This year we added \$22,605 from that collection. Our endowment value as of Aug 31 was approximately \$385,000. Thanks for supporting this funding source for our parish!