

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 6, 2026:

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT: Fr. Rynearson and myself were amongst 70 plus priests at the funeral Mass of Dean Schwenka on Monday – Dean is the father of two Lincoln priests (Fr. Andrew and Fr. Christian Schwenka). Priest parent funerals have many great attributes to them – often emotional for the priest, especially if the priest chooses to give the homily about his mom or dad and their relationship with Jesus and others. Other brother priests who have experienced a parent(s) funeral understandably think back on their own experiences. At the end of parent funerals and priest funerals, the Bishop leads all the clergy in the chanting of *Salve Regina*. On Monday, the Minden church was overflowing, causing us priests to be scattered throughout the church. The chanting of the *Salve Regina* was most beautiful as we surrounded those in the pews in our shared affection for our brother priests and family who were mourning the loss of their dad. *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	Joe Roll+	Jeff Yost+	
Tuesday	Sr. Veronica+ & Family	Sr. Ana Maria Solis	
Wednesday	Kathy Duffy+	Willard & Loyola Hiemer+	
Thursday	Betty Davis+	Dan Giittinger Family	
Friday	Poor Souls+	Leo & Sonja Heng+	
Saturday		Kent McGinnis+	6:30 p.m. Virginia Heng+
Sunday		Jacki Oelke+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Sep. 12-13, 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	Bryan & Shawn Stukenholtz Family Jason & Kim Esser	Jeff Reese, Kathy Grundman Nile & Mary Farris	Richard Gibson, Cindy McGinnis Joy & Teresa Johnson
LECTORS	Gail Walford	Barb Stukenholtz	Shelli Stuhr
ACOLYTES	Danny Heng	Sean Chance	Duane Stuhr
SERVERS	Sev Stukenholtz, Hunter Lackey	Oliver Wigington, Landyn Vogt	Stryder & Storm Meade, Seth Whitney

PRAY FOR parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; parish permanent diaconate candidate Dan DeFreece (and wife Kay); Seminarian Jacob Knutson, Sr. Philomena of Our Lady of Sorrows, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ADORER NEEDED for Mondays from 8-9 a.m. at St. Mary’s Hospital Chapel. If you are able to commit to this weekly hour or would like more information, please contact Brooke Chaney 402-209-1965 or Janie Ebmeier 402-450-1993

NO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MON SEP 7 (LABOR DAY) at St. Mary’s Hospital Chapel. ***Resumes Tue Sep 8*** at 6:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER ROSARY BEFORE MASS INFORMATION (THANK YOU LEGION OF MARY!): ***Sep 8*** Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; ***Sep 12*** Holy Name of Mary; ***Sep 14*** Exaltation of the Holy Cross; ***Sep 15*** Our Lady of Sorrows. To honor our Blessed Mother, between the decades of the Rosary, we will sing the refrain “Ave Maria.” To honor the Holy Cross of Jesus and the Sorrows of Mary, we will pray the Stations of the Cross prayers after the Rosary “We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee because by Thy Holy Cross Thou Hast redeemed the world” and “at the Cross Her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping close to Jesus to the last.”

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)

RADIATOR COVERS GOING MIA: Many of our radiator top covers (aka Kleenex shelves) are showing much wear. A kind parishioner is painting them in pairs/singles as time allows, so if you notice them missing, they will return!

CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): **Sep. 12:** Rachel Coyan, Lynn & Sharon Heng, Elise Buck, Lauren Bennett, Marco & Samantha Fabietti, Shawn & Brittny Hermann, John & Linda Hogeland, Drew Holtmeyer, Adam & Jennifer Howard, Taylor & Sarah Johnson. **Sep. 19:** Carl Abbott, Colin & Teresa Albers, Molly Albus, Fred & Sheryl Allen, Katherine Andrade, Michelle Andrew, Melanie Aultz, William & Kathy Aultz, Roberta Aultz, Logan Bakula, Mark & Heather Bakula. **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. **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 9: Janie Ebmeier; Sep 12: Jeanette Eilers; Sep 14: Carol Elworth; Sep 16: Mary Farris; Sep 19: Judy Francois; 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. 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

SIXTH ANNUAL PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Draft is set for **Sun Sep 6 at 6:30 p.m. central time** – join in Visitation (Church) Hall, or draft remotely thru the ESPN website. Some snacks may be provided in our Hall, but bring your own beverage and snack as desired.

CCD WED SEP 9 for grades 1-8 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in St. Benedict Abbey. Registration forms in the entrance of the church.

OCIA ADULT FAITH FORMATION THU SEP 10 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.

PRIEST WHEREABOUTS – CLERGY STUDY DAY TUE SEP 15: 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. Sean Timmerman (Pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Plattsmouth) is our Deanery coverage priest that day.

KC ALTAR SERVER-DAD-GRANDPA TAILGATE PARTY SUN OCT 18: Save the date! 2nd half of Chargers-Chiefs game, followed by supper and 1st half of beloved Cowboys versus Packers! Further details developing. Stay tuned.

"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 show 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! Save the date!

CONGRATS TO NEWLY INSTALLED CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFICERS: Regent Shawn Stukenholtz, Vice Regent Erika Simpson, Secretary Gail Walford, Financial Secretary Mary Mills and Treasurer Patrice Wulf. Thanks to Julie Volkmer for her service as Regent!

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

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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.*

Aug. 30: Adult Env.: \$4,561.00; Loose: \$543.95; Online: \$3,145.00; Assumption: \$55.00; Total: **\$8,304.95**
Franciscan Sisters: \$75.00; Mission Coop: \$655.00; Retired Priests: \$33.00; Parish Endowment: \$550.00

Weekly amount needed for our 2026-2027 budget: \$ 14,650.00; **Amount needed for budget to date (9 weeks):** **\$131,850.00**
Total Contributions July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027: **\$84,702.22; Short: -\$47,147.78**

YOU ARE INVITED!! OUR ADULT CHOIR invites you to share your gift of song at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The choir practices around 9:45 a.m. for each Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. They have special Wednesday evening practices for holidays and special events during the year. If you like to sing, join us. You do not have to attend every Sunday, only when available. High school students interested in community service hours are invited and welcome to come and would be greatly appreciated. Cantors also needed. Questions, contact Dan Giittinger, 873-4635.

CSA 2026 UPDATE: 44 open pledges for \$21,218.61 – 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.