

# 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jstukenholtz@hotmail.com), 402-450-1993 or Brooke Chaney, [brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net](mailto:brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net), 402-209-1965)

**Devotions:** *Rosary* 30 mins before most Masses; *1<sup>st</sup> Saturday* 45 mins before Mass (led by Legion of Mary);  
Flame of Love Rosary Cenacle *Thu at 1:30 p.m.*

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas J. Schultes

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jonah A. Brox

**(Summer) Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Bradley Moss

**In Residence:** Rev. Jonathan J. Haschke

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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org); [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org)

***SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025:***

***SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**Weekly Highlight:**

Congrats again to us, 83 years since our current church building was dedicated on July 12, 1942. Congrats also to Saint Benedict parish on the celebration of their patronal feast day last weekend at Masses! (Due to it occurring in Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar, they were able to move his feast day from Fri July 11, to celebrate with greater fanfare and a communal meal in their new Abbey!)

Next Sunday (July 27) is Deacon Moss last assigned day in our parishes (thanks to St. Benedict and Father Daro for being his room and board this summer!) He may stick around a few days after that day, but next weekend is the last time many of you will likely see him – be sure to thank him and wish him good luck in his 4<sup>th</sup> Theology school year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

Thanks for your continued attention and 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.
<b>Monday</b>	Dorothy Heng+	Special Intention	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Myron & Velma Henner+	Dean Reese+	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Robert & Mary Lee Duncan+	Laurence DuBois+	
<b>Thursday</b>	Marcene Klein+	Patty Kilp+	
<b>Friday</b>	Virginia Heng+	Taylor Shirck	
<b>Saturday</b>		Douglas Boes+	6:30 p.m. Albert & Rose Mary Burger+
<b>Sunday</b>		Leonard Kaiser+	10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>July 26-27, 2025:</u></b>			
	<b><u>Sat 6:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sun 10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>USHERS/ GREETERS</b>	Rosemarie Pfeiffer, Carol Schram Maggie Griepenstroh, Juli Lechner	Jackie Smith, Pat Gude Bob & Jody Weddle	Ric Sevening, Steve Stukenholtz Larry Lance, David Schmitz
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dan DeFreece	Barb Stukenholtz	Ryan Ebmeier
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Fred Allen	Sean Chance	Brent Travis
<b>SERVERS</b>	Austin & Gavin Rayhel, Kane O'Donnell	Leo & Elliott Ramold, Oliver Wigington	Luke Chaney, Blake Meyer, Ashton Smith

**PRAY FOR** parish seminarians Colter Fulton & Joseph Whitney; parish missionaries Joe Allen & Libby (Fulton) Callen; Deacon Bradley Moss and Seminarian Jacob Knutson; 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](mailto:prayerchainstm@gmail.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPENING:** We need an adorer for the 4:00-5:00 a.m. hour on Wednesdays. Spending time with our Lord in the quiet of the early morning is a beautiful opportunity for prayer, peace, and grace! Please consider filling this hour. Contact Brooke (402–209–1965) or Janie (402-450-1993) for questions or if you are willing to take on this holy hour. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**REDEEMED – RESTORING YOUR MASCULINE IDENTITY IN CHRIST AUG 1-2** at St. Patrick Church, 3400 E 16<sup>th</sup> St., Fremont. Men – come experience raw and moving testimonies that will ignite your desire to pursue authentic healing and receive the truth of your identity as a beloved son through community, brotherhood, and vulnerable reflection. See [jpiihealingcenter.org](http://jpiihealingcenter.org) or flier in the entrance of church.

**TWO LEGION OF MARY DEVOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:** (1) Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to any home in the area – to promote Devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary. Sign-up sheet also available in Church. (2) Enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (picture or statue) in your home. By the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, we link the tabernacle of church to our own home, inviting Our Lord to be our constant and intimate Companion. Mary calls us to her Son, asking us to make Him King of hearts and homes. This is a very beautiful ceremony, and an opportunity to have your homes blessed. Contact Kathy 209-1341 or any member of the Legion of Mary.

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

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS 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. We need 1000 lbs. of recyclable plastic/bags. Place in the special box in the entrance of the church.

**ANONYMOUS THANK YOUS:** To the individuals who helped scrub/mop the non-carpet non-bathroom church hall recently – this was the second time for the main floor area to be cleaned as such and the first in the meeting room and kitchen!; to the individual who randomly comes into church to straighten up the pews, pamphlet racks, etc.; to those who voluntarily agreed to have the old church flags (that were moved to the church hall) professionally cleaned; to the individual who ironed the Deacon dalmatics purchased to give us matching set for each regularly used priest chasuble set; to the individual who helped produce our new Church Dedication booklets – to be used annually to celebrate on July 12! As one of these volunteers said “it takes a village!” There is always work to be done and your priests value your assistance!

**EMHC, ACOLYTES, LECTORS RECRUITMENT:** Let’s get a pulse on who may be interested in any of these ministries and then we will determine training: (1) EMHC is male and female adults (including husband and wife as a team) to spend 60-90 minutes on rotating Fridays taking Holy Communion to the homebound between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We have one interested individual so far; (2) Acolytes are adult males who assist the Clergy at Mass – primarily responsible for setting up altar, distributing Holy Communion, and helping clear the altar – we are in greatest need at Sat evening Mass, but also to help with weekday 8:00 a.m. Mass occasionally. We have one interested individual so far and this training is the most involved of these three ministries. Dads with sons who are (or soon will be) altar servers are the most ideal candidates, to be assisting at the altar with their sons!; (3) Lector/Reader are adult male or female who proclaim Scripture and Petitions at Holy Mass. Like acolytes, we are in greatest need for Sat evening Mass. I think we have had one or two individuals express some level of interest in this ministry. Please contact one of our priests or the parish office for questions, comments, further inquiry on any of these ministries!

**CHURCH CLEANERS (immediately after Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass): July 26:** Bryan Kreifels, Tim Kreifels, Grant & Shana Lackey, Larry & Debbie Lance, Doug Wichman, Richard Wichman, John & Brielle Langley, Janelle Lechner, Juli Lechner, Ronald & Katherine Lechner. **Aug. 2:** Tim & Tamara Levins, Jeff Lollmann, Linda Lollmann, Mike & Natasha Lollmann, Don & Jackie Loseke, Mark Loseke, Amy Lucas, Dan & Jean Lucas, Randy & Gail Walford, Jane Lutz. **Aug. 9:** Kelly & Sue Madden, Mark & Jennifer Madison, Paul & Angie Madison, Emily Magel, Jennifer Marolf, Lu Marcotte, Clint & Lori Martin, Jerry & Suzi Martin, Rita Mathews. **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.

**DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS:** July 21: Emily Wolken, July 23: Teresa Albers, July 26: Brenda Baumann, July 28: Kelly Bequette, July 30: Jacque Borer, Aug 2: Beth Box, Aug 4: Maureen Chance, Aug 6: Kris Chaney, Aug 9: Kay DeFreece, Aug 11: Janie Ebmeier, Aug 13: Jeanette Eilers, Aug 16: Carol Elworth, Aug 18: Mary Farris. 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.

**# 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:** Matthew Nienaber; **Catholic Daughters of Americas Regent:** Julie Volkmer

**LOURDES ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SAT JUL 26** at Arbor Lanes, starting at 9 a.m. \$30/player – 6 players/team. Cash prizes.

**CLERGY WHEREABOUTS:** Deacon Moss last assigned day is Sun Jul 27. Fr. Brox on annual priest retreat Sun Jul 27 through Thu Jul 31.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY GATHERING WED JUL 30 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. Rosary at 6:40 p.m.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THU AUG 7:** We are changing our traditional OCIA approach to having topical faith formation (for anyone who is interested in furthering their knowledge of church teaching – including those who are interested in joining the church) to gathering twice a month – on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month. Fr. Brox will be the priest coordinator, but several team members involved. Stay tuned for further information soon.

**CCD BEGINS WED AUG 20:** More details soon, including usage of “The Abbey” to gather as a group to start & end class each week.

**FIFTH ANNUAL PARISH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE:** Who is interested? Chat with Fr. Schultes or Fr. Brox. Draft date TBD.

**# 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.*

**July 13:** Adult Env.: \$3,862.00; Loose: \$582.25; Online: \$2,150.00; Total: **\$6,594.25**  
Franciscan Sisters: \$50.00; Peter’s Pence: \$70.00

**Weekly amount needed for our 2025-2026 budget:** \$ TBD (budget not yet final); **Amount needed for budget to date (2 weeks):** \$ TBD

**Total Contributions July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026: \$21,444.25 YTD Shortfall: \$ TBD**

**PARISH RUMMAGE SALE THU AUG 7–SAT AUG 9: NO TVS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR CAR SEATS:** All proceeds go to purchase items used in church – candles, altar bread, missals, music issues, etc. **Thu & Fri Aug 7-8:** 9-5 p.m.; **Sat Aug 9:** 9-Noon in the church hall. Sort your donations and **fold or hang clothing**. Donations can be brought to the church hall, but please **by Mon Aug 4** so items can be prepared. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help prepare or work at the sale, please call Anna Mae Kaiser, 873-6454 or Mary Mills, 873-6247. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SAT AUG 9 AT 12:00 P.M.** to box all remaining items and clean the hall. Thank you.

**“FIVE TO THRIVE” LOCAL INITIATIVE:** In conjunction with our local Nebraska City Community Foundation Fund and the larger state organization – the Nebraska Community Foundation, several local non-profits (including St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Benedict Catholic Church, and Lourdes Central Catholic Schools) are working together to promote educational workshops for the projected large amount of wealth-transfer to happen in the next ten years throughout our great State, but especially in Otoe County. Watch for information regarding these workshops on **Tue Aug 19** and **Thu Aug 21**. We know how important Nebraska City and its organizations are to so many of our citizens and hope they will consider remembering our organizations in their wealth-transfer decision making. <https://www.nebcommfound.org/news/the-transfer-of-wealth/>