

St. Joseph Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Sept 7	Mon			
Sept 8	Tues	7:30 am	All Souls	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept 9	Wed	7:30 am	+John DeWitt, Jr.	Peter Claver, Priest
Sept 10	Thur	7:30 am		
Sept 11	Fri	7:30 am	+Mary Lou Brockman	
Sept 12	Sat			24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 13	Sun	9:00 am	+Fr. Richard Piontowski, Jr.	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,130.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

A special intention	Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Meeza	Juan Slazar
Dan Adler (Sem)	George Hoffmeister	Alyssa O.	Tony Stec
Andrea Ainsworth	Jim Jackson	Brad Oschner	Shannon Tebo
Bill Alexander	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Ryan Urbanosky family
Wayne Alley	Bill Kerber	Fr. Allan Phan	Angel Valdivia
Greg Almond	Kim Kneuvan	Sharon Reasland	Landon Van Boening
Pete Bartels	Shirley Koenig	Dennis Reddick	Garry Veik
Shawna Back	Erica Lauinger	Nancy Sapp	The Verde family
Brayan Chacón	Rita Mach	Randy Schulte	Teresa Volesky
Randy Chloupek	Cecilia Martel	Jody Schulte	Diane Walz & family
Kelem Fabrice	Shirley McCabe	Anne Slater	Edith Weber

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-224-0732) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

Parish News & Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pope Leo Prayer Intention for September: For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.
- ◆ Fr Hoelsing visiting family this weekend: I am visiting family back home in northeast Nebraska this weekend. We welcome Fr. Matthew Schilmoeller from St. Cecilia's will celebrate the Masses here. Please pray for my safe travels.
- ◆ Religious Sister of the week: This week we are asked to pray Sr. Philomena of Our Lady of Sorrows, a junior professed novice in the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Agnew, Nebraska. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.
- ◆ Bishop Bruskewitz' 91st Birthday: Bishop Bruskewitz' 91st birthday takes place this Sunday, September 6. Please pray for him. He's always praying for us.



◆ September 11 Anniversary: Monday is the 25th anniversary of the events of 9-11. Please pray for the victims of that day and for their families. We pray for our country, too. We thank God for his protection and ask him to keep us safe from those who would want to harm us.

◆ PCCW (Altar Society) meeting: An Altar Society meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20, after the 9:00 am Mass. We will be planning for the soup supper and discussing plans for the year. We'll have the coffee on. Bring breakfast/brunch items if you can.

◆ Harvard Senior Community Meal: The Harvard Senior Community Meal will take place on Thursday, September 10, from 11:30 pm to 2:00 pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church basement. The cost is \$6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402) 224-0732 by 7:00pm Sunday, September 6 (today).

◆ Food Pantry next Saturday: It's St. Joseph's turn next Saturday, September 12, to help with distribution of food to those we need assistance from 9:00am to 10:30am. (as we always run the distribution on the second Saturday of the month). Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders and build boxes as well as other tasks. If you can volunteer, please contact Elaine Almond or Shelly Chloupek.

◆ Job openings at CSS in Hastings: Catholic Social Services (CSS) has several part-time and full-time job openings in Hastings. Open positions include Full-Time Sustainability Associate and Part-Time Thrift Store Associate. Join the CSS team and inspire hope and love in every encounter! See details and apply online: csshope.org/careers.

◆ Be Transformed study at St. Michael's: A seven-week study on Dr. Bob Schuch's book *Be Transformed* will begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Michael Catholic Church's Theisen Hall in Hastings (715 Creighton Avenue). Everyone is welcome. Each session will include a short presentation on the healing power of the Sacraments, some discussion, and then time to encounter our Divine Physician, Jesus, in prayer with Scripture and Eucharistic adoration. There will be a total of seven sessions ending November 3. See the flyer or contact Saint Michael's for more information: 402-463-1023. This study is fitting follow up for the Unbound Retreat taking place at Saint Michael's,

◆ Unbound: Heart of the Father Retreat: Are you sometimes overwhelmed, hurt, and discouraged with burdens of life? Do you want the freedom that comes with experiencing God's love and mercy?

This weekend retreat led by Father Bill Holoubek will teach 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional/spiritual bondage and unlock the doors to freedom.

It takes place from September 18-20 at St. Cecilia's in Hastings. To register, contact Mary Koch (402-984-6624), Marg Noecker (402-984-4120), or Saint Cecilia's Parish Office (402-463-1336). Please call or text by Monday, September 14, to reserve your spot.

Unbound is a ministry approved by and used in the Diocese of Lincoln. Come and experience the Freedom that Christ won for you on the cross and offers to you through your Baptism!

Reconciling with another

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Matthew 18:15

It takes much humility and a pure heart to confront another person with their sin in such a way that they listen and repent. Normally, confronting another with their sin is done more out of anger than it is out of love. We ought not confront another with their sin out of our woundedness and a desire to inflict guilt as retribution. We ought not confront another to humiliate them or harm them. We should only bring up another's sin because we love them and have already forgiven them and now want them free of their sin for their own good. When this happens and when this is our sole motivation, another might more easily receive correction.

This teaching, however, should not only be looked at from the point of view of us confronting others with their sins. It must also be looked at from the perspective of others confronting us with our sins. We sin every day. We sin against those whom we love every day. Therefore, try to think about someone close to you bringing your sin to your attention. How do you react when this happens? Perhaps if they did so with the most pure motivation and compassion, you would listen. But what if they did so because they were angry? Though this is not the ideal way for someone to confront you, it doesn't give you the right to reject what they say. Therefore, it is a good spiritual practice to listen to anyone's concern they bring to you regarding your sin, no matter how they bring it. If, after listening and evaluating their concern with humility you see they are right, even to some degree, then the loving response is to express sorrow, apologize and commit yourself to change. If, however, after humbly evaluating their concern you do not believe that you have sinned, then it is time for you to gently and compassionately try to confront that person with their rash and false judgment.

This passage gives three successive levels of confronting a person. First, it must be done one-on-one. Second, it is done with two or three others. Third, it is done in the presence of the Church. Try, at first, to set aside the second and third approach and only look at the first one. The goal of this one-on-one confrontation is reconciliation. It is good to put much energy into reflecting upon how well you do with this sort of situation because if you can do it well, there will be no need for the second or third form of confrontation.

The number one enemy of reconciliation is pride. Pride is a habit by which we think about ourselves first and foremost, or even exclusively in the most serious cases. Pride makes self-evaluation impossible. We become blind to our sin and are agitated the moment it is identified or causes problems. Of course, the opposite of pride is humility. This is the virtue that enables us to forget about ourselves and have concern only for others. When a person grows in humility, the evil one will always tempt them with thoughts such as: What about you? You are right and they are wrong! This is unfair! You shouldn't be treated this way! These tempting thoughts must always be rejected. Humility only makes sense when we are humble. To the person who has pride, humility will seem foolish. But humility is true wisdom.

Reflect, today, upon how humble you are when someone expresses concern to you about your sin. How do you react? Do you find yourself getting angry and defensive when this happens? If so, be honest and admit to yourself that this is pride; this is your sin. Spend time trying to reflect upon the ideal and humble way you should respond when confronted by another. If reconciliation is your number-one priority in any relationship that has experienced hurt, then that holy and humble desire will become your guide to being able to reconcile with everyone in your life.

Most merciful Lord, You came to earth to reconcile us to You and to one another. Please show me my sin and give me the humility I need to see it so that I can repent and turn back to You. Help me to also be open to the many ways that You reveal my sin to me, especially through the mediation of others in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.