

St. Joseph Catholic Church

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Oct 6	Mon			
Oct 7	Tues	7:30 am	CFRs, their families & benefactors	Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct 8	Wed	7:30 am	Kathleen Brunner	
Oct 9	Thur	7:30 am	Benjamin Younker	
Oct 10	Fri	7:30 am	Nicanora Bustildos	
Oct 11	Sat			28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Oct 12	Sun	9:00 am	Louis Hollinger	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$660.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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

◆ Copula (roof repair) done on the roof this week: At long last, the copula over the choir loft was repaired this week on Monday and Tuesday. It looks better and shouldn't leak like before. The total cost of this project was \$4,175.00. If you would like to donate to defray the costs of this expense, feel free to do so. You can put in in the collection labeled 'SJ Roof Repair.'

◆ Food Pantry next Saturday: It's St. Joseph's turn next Saturday, October 11, 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.

◆ Life Chain in Hastings on October 5: The annual Life Chain in Hastings is today! See you there.

◆ Knights of Columbus: The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will take place this Sunday, October 5, at St. Joseph's in Harvard. We will pray the rosary at 5:40 pm with the meeting to follow at 6:00 pm. After the meeting we will make sack lunches for Catholic Social Services. There will be food for everyone when we're done.

◆ Harvest season: We keep praying for good yields and safety for everyone. There are lots of trucks, combines, tractors, and wagons on the roads now – please be alert and be careful!

◆ Parish Soup Supper: Our Annual Fall Parish Soup Supper will take place on Sunday, November 2, from 5:00pm until 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to bring items and assist with the meal. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church along with raffle tickets to sell.

◆ St. Monica prayer in the Hastings deanery: The following prayer is being prayed in the parishes of the Hastings deanery this month. Please join us in offering this prayer each day whenever it works for you.

Prayer to St. Monica

O God, you are the comfort of those who mourn, and the Savior of all who trust in You.

Blessed Monica's loving tears moved You to convert her son, Augustine.

Help us, who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too.

May we also grieve for our sins and win the grace of your pardon, through the intercession of this loving saint, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

◆ 50 Days for 50 States: This was mentioned in the bulletin last week. The states up for prayer next are as follows: Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi,

◆ Annual Diaper Drive during October: We are collecting diapers for the LDCCW-sponsored effort to help Nebraska Pro-Life organizations and Catholic Social Services provide diapers to families in need. Diapers can be placed in the boxes in the back of the church set aside for this purpose.

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for October: For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

◆ Seminarian appeal: The annual Bishop's Appeal for Vocations (BAV) is underway in the Diocese. The money pledged to this appeal helps to defray the cost of educating our seminarians. The seminaries they attend are private institutions which do not receive public funding which makes the tuition more costly. Pledge cards for each family are in the church hall. Please pray for all our seminarians who will be the future priests of the diocese.

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The first seminarian of the week is Derrek Sumner. He is a parishioner of St. John's parish in Lincoln. He entered the seminary in 2022. His parents are Dominic & Anne Sumner. He attends St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

Seeking praise

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” Luke 17:10b

This is a hard command to live. Most often when we have done something well, and fulfilled our duty, we seek recognition and praise. We want to be noticed. And while this may be a “normal” reaction, it's not the most humble reaction. Humility comes in many degrees, and the deepest degree of humility allows a person to repeat this passage above and mean it.

First, we must realize that the will of God is good for us. It imposes an obligation of love on us. When we fulfill God's will, we should take delight in that fact alone because it is good. That way, the fulfillment of God's will becomes the source of our joy, not the recognition of others.

On the other hand, it is good when we see goodness in others and acknowledge it. We should do this not to build up their ego but to give praise to God for the good thing done. And when others see and acknowledge God's will accomplished in our lives, we must accept their praise not as a source of our pride but as an honest acknowledgment that God is good and His will is being fulfilled. We must be grateful that we could do “what we were obliged to do.”

Embracing the will of God as a holy “obligation” also enables us to fulfill it more fully. When doing the will of God is seen as something extraordinary, we may not build a proper habit of fulfilling it. But when it's seen as our duty of love and as the normal act we should fulfill, it's easier to embrace His will more completely.

Reflect, today, on this humble phrase. “We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.” Try to say it, mean it and let it become the foundation of your daily service of God's will. Doing so will set you on the “fast track” toward holiness.

*Lord, I am an unprofitable servant. When I fulfill Your holy will, I acknowledge that this is a holy obligation of love and my most fundamental duty. Help me to see Your will as the most normal part of my daily life. Help me to embrace it with wholehearted faith and obedience.
Jesus, I trust in You.*

