

St. Joseph Catholic Church

OCTOBER 11, 2026

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Oct 12	Mon			
Oct 13	Tues	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
Oct 14	Wed	7:30 am		St. Theresa of Jesus
Oct 15	Thur	7:30 am	Special Intention (TSB)	
Oct 16	Fri	7:30 am		
Oct 17	Sat			29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Oct 18	Sun	9:00 am	+Carolyn Mazour	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$2,456.00
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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
<i>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).</i>			

Parish News & Upcoming Events

◆ **Life Chain in Hastings attendance thanks:** Thanks to those who participated in the Life Chain in Hastings last Sunday. We pray for the day when human life in all its stages is respected and such events will no longer be necessary

◆ **Thanks to those who helped with the Food Pantry this weekend:** Thanks to everyone helped with the Food Pantry this weekend. In recent months we've been serving at least 35 households each Saturday morning. We'll always be happy to have more/new people help out!

◆ **50 Days for 50 States:** Just like last year and the year before, The LDCCW (Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) is encouraging each Catholic to offer prayers for the upcoming elections. It is called the 50 Days for 50 States Program. There are no set prayers, just a sacrifice or prayer each day that each state can elect pro-life and pro-family representatives. This week we will double up because this was already going last week and it didn't make it into the bulletin.

➤ Week four: *Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada*

Soup Supper

◆ **Soup Supper getting closer:** Our annual Soup Supper is three weeks from this Sunday. Please invite others to come. A notice was put out on Facebook this weekend. Feel free to share that in any way you can.

◆ **Soup Supper – Sign-up sheets for workers, baskets, and food donations toward the dinner itself:** There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for workers during the supper, for donations of baskets for the silent auction, and food donations toward the dinner itself (food needed to make the soups, desserts, etc.). If you can help with any of this, please sign up so we will know we have proper materials and people as the big day gets nearer.

◆ **Soup Supper – Raffle Tickets:** There are raffle tickets in the back of the church. Please take some and sell them. The selling of the tickets will be good publicity for the supper!

◆ **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.

◆ **Harvest Season:** Thank you Lord for sunny warm days we've had this week to dry up the ground! Watch out for farm implements on the road – they're out in force now.

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week Hunter Reisberg. He is a parishioner of St. John's in Lincoln. He entered the seminary just this fall! His parents are Jeffrey and Baillie Reisberg. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ Magnificat Prayer Meal: ALL WOMEN In the Lincoln Diocese are invited to the FALL MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL - October 17 - 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Sacred Heart Parish Facility in Lincoln with Speaker Sarina Stokes sharing her Magnificat! Sarina is a past FOCUS Missionary and leads her own apostolate - "Kingdom Come" - where she conducts Retreats such as "Back To the Garden"; spirit-led community gatherings; gives Spiritual Direction; and more. Merchandise will be available to enrich your prayer life from Kingdom Come; and Monticello Gifts and Design will have items for Christmas Shopping. Magnificat appreciates both of these ladies who are donating part of their proceeds for future Retreats, Prayer Meals, and other events. Be a friend and bring a friend to share the Joy of the Holy Spirit in the Mystery of the Visitation when Our Blessed Mother proclaimed her Magnificat for the Glory of God!

◆ 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 back of the church. Thanks to those who have already donated!

◆ Pope Leo Prayer Intention for October: .For mental health ministry – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

◆ Religious Sister of the week: This week we are asked to pray for Sr. Mary Vienney Benz, who is in the School Sisters of Christ the King order. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.

Responding to the Gospel

“Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.” Matthew 22:5-6

This passage comes from the Parable of the Wedding Feast. It reveals two unfortunate responses to the Gospel. First, there are those who ignore the invitation. Second, there are those who respond to the proclamation of the Gospel with hostility.

If you commit yourself to the proclamation of the Gospel, and have dedicated your whole soul to this mission, you will most likely encounter both of these reactions. The King is an image of God, and we are called to be His messengers. We are sent by the Father to go and gather others into the wedding feast. This is a glorious mission in that we are privileged to invite people to enter into eternal joy and happiness! But rather than being filled with great excitement at this invitation, many we encounter will be indifferent and go about their day uninterested in what we share with them. Others, especially when it comes to various moral teachings of the Gospel, will react with hostility.

The rejection of the Gospel, be it indifferentism or a more hostile rejection, is an act of incredible irrationality. The truth is that the message of the Gospel, which is ultimately an invitation to share in the Wedding Feast of God, is an invitation to receive the fullness of life. It's an invitation to share in the very life of God. What a gift! Yet there are those who fail to accept this gift from God because it is a total abandonment to the mind and will of God in every way. It requires humility and honesty, conversion and selfless living.

Reflect, today, upon two things. First, reflect upon your own reaction to the Gospel. Do you react to all that God speaks to you with complete openness and zeal? Second, reflect upon the ways that you are called by God to bring His message to the world. Commit yourself to doing so with great zeal, regardless of the reaction of others. If you fulfill these two responsibilities, you and many others will be blessed to share in the Wedding Feast of the Great King.

Lord, I give to You my whole life. May I always be open to You in every way, seeking to receive every word sent forth from Your merciful heart. May I also seek to be used by You so as to bring the invitation of Your mercy to a world in need. Jesus, I trust in You.