

St. Joseph Catholic Church

JUNE 14, 2026

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
June 15	Mon			
June 16	Tues			
June 17	Wed			
June 18	Thur			
June 19	Fri	7:30 am	All Souls	
June 20	Sat			11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21	Sun	9:00 am	Cooney family	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,568.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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

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

- ◆ **Holy Father Prayer Intention for June:** For the values of sports – Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.
- ◆ **Mowing sign-up sheet for May and June:** Please keep signing up for this. Thanks to everyone who has signed up and who has mowed so far. The grass is really growing now since we've been getting rain!
- ◆ **Vacation and Mass:** It's summer and people are traveling more, which is to be expected. When your travel plans take place over a weekend, make sure to include Mass in your plans. In this day and age it's easy to look up Mass times almost anywhere. Sunday comes every seven days – plan accordingly!



◆ **Fr. Hoelsing visiting family this week:** I will be away visiting family this week in northeastern Nebraska. I'll be staying at my sister's place to see her, her family, and a few cousins I haven't seen in a while. Please pray for my safe travels. And please pray for rain for them up there. They've been getting missed by the rains that most others in the area seem to be getting now.

◆ **Thank you, God, for the rain!!** We got 3.2 more inches in the rectory gage since the last bulletin. Thank you, Lord, for your abundant goodness.

◆ **Pray for priests as they take on new assignments:** The effective date for new assignments for priests in our diocese is this Monday, June 15. Moving to a new parish is always a big transition no matter how long you've been ordained. Please pray for the priests who are moving that they will settle in well at their new assignments.

◆ **Bishop Conley 17th Anniversary of being consecrated Bishop:** May 30 was the 17th anniversary of Bishop Conley's being consecrated a bishop (he started as an auxiliary bishop in Denver, CO). Please pray for him as he continues to lead our diocese.

A sacred vocation

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38

This line reveals an essential duty that we all have regarding the good of the Church. It reveals a call to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

It’s interesting that Jesus set up the Church using ordinary men to act in His very name. Priests are sinners like everyone else, but Jesus calls them, nonetheless, to minister in a very sacred role of being shepherds. These two points are essential for us to understand.



First, Jesus calls sinners to the priesthood. This is not a harsh or critical statement, it’s simply a statement of fact. All we have to do is to look at the first bishops, the Apostles, and we are immediately made aware of their weaknesses. Priests most certainly have a sacred calling to holiness and should strive to be saints. But we should not be surprised when they are not as saintly as Jesus was. This is all part of the permissive will of God; namely, that sinful men act in the very Person of Jesus the Son of God. Amazing.

Second, priests are called to be our shepherds and we should treat them as such. If we can humbly look beyond their weaknesses, we will come to realize that God does shepherd us through them. On account of their sacred ordination, the Holy Spirit is able to shepherd our souls to Heaven in a very direct and profound way through the priesthood. But sometimes it takes a humble sheep to actually see the shepherd in the priest.

Reflect, today, upon the great gift of the holy Priesthood. We must love and honor our priests, and especially pray for them and support them. We must also heed the command of our Lord to pray for more laborers in the vineyard. Our world is always in need of shepherds and it is the duty of every member of the Church to pray

that God raise up many priests for this sacred ministry.

Lord Jesus, our great High Priest, please do send many laborers into Your vineyard. Give those whom You call to serve in this sacred ministry the courage they need to say “Yes” to You and to embrace a life of great holiness. Please bless our Holy Father, the Pope, our bishop, pastor and all who serve within Your Church in a unique way. Help us, Your people, to always show proper love and support to our shepherds. Jesus, I trust in You.