

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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CORPUS CHRISTI

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
June 8	Mon			
June 9	Tues	7:30 am	+Shirley Cooney	
June 10	Wed	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
June 11	Thur	7:30 am		Barnabas, Apostle
June 12	Fri	7:30 am	+Curt Gleason	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 13	Sat			11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 14	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	\$1,361.00
Our Offering two weeks ago	\$607.00

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

- ◆ Seminarian "Pilgrimage Across Flatwater" last weekend: Thanks to everyone who attended the dinner (and made food) for Fr. Jim Morin and the 6 seminarians who 'camped out' out St. Joseph's last Sunday night. We had a good evening of socialization with our diocesan seminarians. They enjoyed their stay and left refreshed. Their journey across the diocese lasts until the end of June. Please pray for a continued good and safe journey for them. Who knows? Maybe one day one of them will be assigned as a priest here!
- ◆ 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.

◆ Fr. Hoelsing gone this weekend: I am gone this weekend visiting friends (and enjoying music) in Colby, Kansas. Fr. Clinch will celebrate the Masses here in my absence. Please pray for my safe travels. I'll get back on Monday.

◆ Harvard Senior Community Meal: The Harvard Senior Community Meal will take place on Thursday, June 11, 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, April 5 (today).

◆ Food Pantry next Saturday: It's St. Joseph's turn next Saturday, June 13, 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.

◆ CSS Baby Drive: Catholic Social Services in Hastings is in need of items for babies, and a few other things. They need diapers (sizes 4 to 6, especially size 6), baby wipes, laundry soap, and shaving cream. They're really low on these essential items. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate, you can leave these items in the back of the church.

◆ 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!

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◆ Thank you, God, for the rain!! Since the last bulletin was published (2 weeks ago) we have received 3.6 inches of rain the rectory rain gauge. We were in desperate need. We will still need more to replenish subsoil moisture, but at least things are growing now. Remember to take time to thank God for this much-needed gift without which an agricultural area like ours can't survive.

◆ 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!

◆ Bishop's Annual Charity and Stewardship Appeal for 2026: The CSA pledge cards are available in the parish hall. Thanks to everyone who has pledged so far!

◆ 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 reflection on Corpus Christi

by John Cardinal Ratzinger (who would later become Pope Benedict X)

What does Corpus Christi mean to me? It does not only bring the liturgy to mind; for me, it is a day on which heaven and earth work together. In my mind's eye it is the time when spring is turning into summer; the sun is high in the sky, and crops are ripening in field and meadow. The Church's feasts make present the mystery of Christ, but Jesus Christ was immersed in the faith of the people of Israel and so, arising from this background in Israel's life, the Christian feasts are also involved with the rhythm of the year, the rhythm of seedtime and harvest. How could it be otherwise in a liturgy which has at its center the sign of bread, fruit of earth and heaven? Here this fruit of the earth, bread, is privileged to be the bearer of him in whom heaven and earth, God and man have become one. The way the Church's feasts fit in with the seasons of the year is therefore not an accident. Consequently we must go on to discover the inner rhythm of the Church's year and see the place Corpus Christi has within it.

First of all, clearly, it grows out of the mystery of Easter and Pentecost: it presupposes the Resurrection and the sending of the Spirit. But it is also in close proximity to the Feast of the Trinity, which reveals the inner logic in the connection between Easter and Pentecost. It is only because God himself is the eternal dialogue of love that he can speak and be spoken to. Only because he himself is relationship can we relate to him; only because he is love can he love and be loved in return. Only because he is threefold can he be the grain of wheat which dies and the bread of eternal life. Ultimately, then, Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. All that is said and done on Corpus Christi is in fact a single variation on the theme of love, what it is and what it does. In one of his Corpus Christi hymns Thomas Aquinas puts it beautifully: *nec sumptus consumitur* - love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives. And in giving it is not used up but renews itself. Since Corpus Christi is a confession of faith in love, it is totally appropriate that the day should focus on the mystery of transubstantiation. Love is transubstantiation, transformation. Corpus Christi tells us: Yes, there is such a thing as love, and therefore there is transformation, therefore there is hope. And hope gives us the strength to live and face the world. Perhaps it was good to have experienced doubts about the meaning of celebrating Corpus Christi, for it has led us to the rediscovery of a feast which, today, we need more than ever.



Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger – 1986