

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
<i>17 March</i>	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Joseph Verde People of the Parish

**Collection: February 18, 2024 \$2,259.00**

We continue our reading of *The Sacrament of Charity* *Sacramentum Caritatis* **ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION.**

"By his command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:25), he asks us to respond to his gift and to make it sacramentally present. In these words the Lord expresses, as it were, his expectation that the Church, born of his sacrifice, will receive this gift, developing under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the liturgical form of the sacrament. The remembrance of his perfect gift consists not in the mere repetition of the Last Supper, but in the Eucharist itself, that is, in the radical newness of Christian worship. In this way, Jesus left us the task of entering into his "hour." "The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate Logos, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving." (21) Jesus "draws us into himself." (22) The substantial conversion of bread and wine into his body and blood introduces within creation the principle of a radical change, a sort of "nuclear fission," to use an image familiar to us today, which penetrates to the heart of all being, a change meant to set off a process which transforms reality, a process leading ultimately to the transfiguration of the entire world, to the point where God will be all in all (cf. 1 Cor 15:28)." "The Church makes the redeeming sacrifice of her Bridegroom a part of human history and makes it sacramentally present in every culture. This great mystery is celebrated in the liturgical forms which the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, develops in time and space." The Holy Spirit is particularly at work at the transubstantiation, "Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, in his Catecheses, states that we "call upon God in his mercy to send his Holy Spirit upon the offerings before us, to transform the bread into the body of Christ and the wine into the blood of Christ. Whatever the Holy Spirit touches is sanctified and completely transformed" The Church is born from the side of Christ on the Cross. The Church "draws her life from the Eucharist". "The Church is able to celebrate and adore the mystery of Christ present in the Eucharist precisely because Christ first gave himself to her in the sacrifice of the Cross." One of the realities of the sacrament of the Eucharist is the unity of the faithful within ecclesial communion. When we receive our Lord we also are made one with His Mystical Body, the Church. "May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit." We will continue our reading and summary next week. *Sincerely yours* in Christ, Fr. Clinch

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

10 March 2024

4th Sunday in Lent - Laetare Sunday

**CONFESSIONS:** Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, after the 11:30 Mass  
& By appointment

**DAILY MASSES:** *No Daily Mass, at this time.*  
See bulletin for area daily Mass times.

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Sunday — 9:00 am  
11:30 am (Español)

### **Religious Education:**

*Children & Youth* Sunday 10:00 am - 11:15 am

*Adult Education:* TBD

### **NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

#### **This week in the parish March 11th to March 17th:**

*Office hours the week of March 11th to March 17th:* Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri: 7pm - 8:30pm; Sat 11am -5pm. Please check our social media and our website as updates become available and sign up for Flocknote.

**Altar Society News:** We will be having coffee and rolls after the 9am Mass on March 17th in honor of St. Joseph's Day.

**Harvard Senior Community Meal:** The senior community meal will be this Thursday March 14th from 11:30 to 2:00 pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church. Cost is \$6. Please RSVP to Elaine Almond (402) 224-0732 by 7pm on Sunday March 10th.

**Flocknote:** Flocknote is the safe environment preferred communication platform for our diocese. Our parish Flocknote address is *stjosephharvard1.flocknote.com* and Text to Join is available by Texting STJHN1 to 84576 for English or for Spanish text (202)765-3441. Don't forget to download the app in the app store.



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## - St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

Edith Weber	Cecilia Meeza	Dan Adler (Sem)	Virginia Miller
Teresa Volesky	Alyssa O.	Jolene Markland	Angel Valdivia
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Emily Howard	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Erica Lauinger	Randy Schulte
Bill Kerber	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Shirley McCabe
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Kelem Fabrice	Garry Veik
Sharon Reasland	Nancy Sapp	Randy Chloupek	Tony Stec
Diane Walz & family	Shirley Koenig	Andrea Ainsworth	Mary Verde
Jeff Weber	Joseph Verde	Kevin Chloupek	

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-772-7381) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).fiden

**Pray for Vocations:** This week please pray for those discerning their vocations to the priesthood or religious life. Especially for those within our own diocese.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage:** Join Fr. Coulter for an Easter Monday Pilgrimage to Gower, MO Benedictines of Mary and incorrupt Sr Wilhelmina on Monday, April 1st. Begin at St. Michael in Lincoln with 7:00 AM Mass, and stop at Cathedral of St Joseph, MO. Prayers throughout the day, return by 6:15 PM. \$70 includes charter bus, snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early at [frcoulter.com/EasterMonday](http://frcoulter.com/EasterMonday) or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705

**Adult Study Group:** We will continue with the adult study group for the formed.org program Forgiven which will meet on Sunday mornings after the 9am Mass. The group will meet in the parish hall. If you are interested, please let Shelly or Theresa know.

## Area Parishes:

**St. Cecilia - Hastings: 7th & Kansas (402) 463-1336**

**Daily Mass M- F: 7am & 12:10pm, Sat 7am**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 8am, 10 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish) & 7:30p**

**St. Michael - Hastings: 701 Creighton Ave (402) 463-1023**

**Daily Mass M- F: 6:45 am & 8:10 am, Sat 8am**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9 am, 11:00 am**

**St. Mary - Sutton: 107 Ivy Street. (402) 773-5346**

**Daily Mass: Times vary, see website: [www.stmarysutton.org](http://www.stmarysutton.org)**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:30pm (Sutton)**

**Sunday: 9 am (Sutton)**

**Sunday: 11 am (Grafton)**

**St. Mary - Aurora: 1420- 9th Street (402) 694-2455**

**Daily Mass M, TU, Thu, Fri: 7:30 am & Sat 8am**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:15 am**

## **Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln 2024:**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means eating one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Abstinence means eating no meat nor soup nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.

Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.