

St. Joseph Catholic Church

JULY 12, 2026

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
July 13	Mon			
July 14	Tues	7:30 am	Special Intention (DWS)	Kateri Tekakwitha
July 15	Wed	7:30 am	John DeWitt, Jr.	Bonaventure, Bishop
July 16	Thur	7:30 am	Special Intention (TSB)	
July 17	Fri	7:30 am		
July 18	Sat			16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19	Sun	9:00 am	+Leonard & Marvel Baxa	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,786.00
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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

- ◆ Missionary priest two weeks ago: Please get in your donations for this if you still want to contribute. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. Fr. Leo was a good speaker and good house guest. Your donations will help his group a great deal!
- ◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for July: For respect for human life – Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.
- ◆ Mowing sign-up sheet for July: Please sign up for this month. Thanks to everyone who has mowed so far this summer.
- ◆ Thanks to those who helped with the Food Pantry this weekend: Thanks to everyone helped with the Food Pantry this weekend. If you can help out again next month, we'd love to have you. We always have the second Saturday of the month.

◆ Bishop Bruskewitz anniversary of ordination to the priesthood: This Friday, July 17, is the 66th anniversary of Bishop Bruskewitz' ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained in Rome in 1960. He always appreciates the prayers of the people he served. He still lives in Lincoln and is 90 years old. Please keep him in your prayers!



◆ Religious Sister of the week: The first Religious Sister of the Diocese for whom we pray this week is Sr. Mary Amatrix from the Philippines. She is a member of the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters in Lincoln. Please keep her and all of our diocesan religious in your prayers.

◆ Catholic Social Services in need of personal care supplies: This list of supplies that Catholic Social Services can use is finally listed on the church door. Please help if you can.

◆ Peter's Pence Collection: Please get your envelopes in if you want to help with this.

◆ Garden produce: If you have any extra garden produce, I'll take some! Thanks. Fr. H

The Divine Attraction

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. Matthew 13:1-2

This is not a common experience. It is clear that people were in such awe of our Lord that they were drawn to Him with a holy and divine attraction. The crowds were mesmerized by Jesus and they hung on His every word. They were so drawn to Him that they crowded along the shore to listen as Jesus spoke from the boat.

This Gospel story should pose a question to you on a personal level. Are you drawn to Jesus in a similar way? There are many things we find ourselves drawn to. It may be some hobby, or a personal interest, perhaps it's your job or some other aspect of your life. But what about our Lord and His holy Word? How drawn to Him are you?

Ideally, we should discover within our hearts a burning desire to be with Jesus, to know Him, love Him and encounter His mercy more fully in our lives. There should be a tug on our hearts that is placed there by Jesus Himself. This tug becomes a divine attraction that becomes the central motivation for our lives. From this attraction we respond to Him, listen to Him and give our lives more fully to Him. This is a grace given to those who are open and are ready and willing to hear and respond.

Reflect, today, upon the merciful Heart of our Lord calling you to turn to Him with all the powers of your soul. Allow Him to draw you in and respond by giving your time and attention to Him. From there, He will lead you where He desires you to go.

My awe-inspiring Lord, my life is Yours. Please draw me into Your most merciful Heart. Help me to be mesmerized by Your splendor and goodness. I give to You all the powers of my soul, dear Lord. Please take me and lead me according to Your most holy will. Jesus, I trust in You.

