

St. Joseph Catholic Church

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Oct 20	Mon			
Oct 21	Tues	7:30 am	Special intention	
Oct 22	Wed	7:30 am		
Oct 23	Thur	7:30 am	+Mary Ann Frenzl	
Oct 24	Fri	7:30 am	+Connie Haba	
Oct 25	Sat			30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Oct 26	Sun	9:00 am	+Terrence Verde	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$778.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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

◆ Welcome Fr. Clinch! Thanks to Fr. Clinch for covering Masses here this weekend. It's nice to have a priest for coverage who everyone knows and who knows the routine of things here.

◆ Thanks to those who helped with the Food Pantry last weekend: Thanks to everyone helped with the Food Pantry last weekend. If you can help out again next month, we'd love to have you. We always have the second Saturday of the month.

◆ Copula (roof repair): At long last, the copula over the choir loft was repaired last week. It looks better and shouldn't leak like before. The total cost of this project was \$4,175.00. If you would like to donate to defray the costs of this expense, feel free to do so. You can put it in the collection labeled 'Roof Repair.'

◆ Harvest season: Look out for tractors, wagons, trucks, and combines on the roads! Thanks you, Lord, for the rain we had this year to give us an abundant harvest now.

◆ Parish Soup Supper in two weeks!! Our Annual Fall Parish Soup Supper will take place in two weeks on Sunday, November 2, from 5:00pm until 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the preparations so far. Please sell tickets which are available in the back of the church.



◆ Knights of Columbus Bingo for families at Sutton this Sunday: This Sunday, October 19, there will be Bingo for the whole family at St. Mary's Hall in Sutton. It will begin at 4:00pm. All families are welcome to attend. Popcorn will be served for snacking while you play and there will be some prizes, too. See the flyer in the back of the church for more details.



◆ 50 Days for 50 States: The states up for prayer next are as follows: North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and South Carolina.

◆ 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

- ◆ 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 boxes in the back of the church set aside for this purpose. *Diapers sizes 5 & 6 are most needed!*
- ◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for October: For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.
- ◆ Seminarian appeal: The annual Bishop's Appeal for Vocations (BAV) is underway in the Diocese. The money pledged to this appeal helps to defray the cost of educating our seminarians. Pledge cards for each family are in the church hall. Please pray for all our seminarians who will be the future priests of the diocese.

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week is Patrick Gutierrez. He is a parishioner of St. Joseph's parish in Lincoln. He entered the seminary this year. His parents Juan Carlos & Jennifer Gutierrez. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

Brief History of the Rosary

As October is the month of the rosary, here is an article about the history of this devotion.

The rosary is a form of combined prayer and meditation that has been around for over 1200 years. The origin of the rosary dates back to the ninth century where Irish monks would recite and chant the 150 Psalms of the Bible as a major part of their worship. People living near the monasteries were drawn towards this beautiful and harmonious devotion, and they became very eager to join in with the monks' prayers.

Unfortunately, the people were not able to adapt to this form of prayer because the psalms were very hard to memorize and printed copies of the psalms were not readily available. As a result, it was suggested to the people outside the monastery that they recite a series of 150 "Our Father" prayers in place of the psalms.

As this form of devotion became increasingly popular, people started to devise methods in order to keep track of their prayers. At first, 150 little pebbles were placed inside small leather pouches to keep count. Since this method was rather troublesome, a thin rope having 50 knots on it was used instead (it was used three times for a total of 150 prayers). Eventually, the instrument of choice became the use of string with small pieces of wood.

In later years, the Irish monks traveled throughout Europe and brought this form of devotion with them. In some areas, both clergy and lay people began to recite the "Angelic Salutation" (the first part of what we now know as the "Hail Mary") as part of this devotion. The popularity of this prayer led to the adoption of 50 Angelic Salutations being said for each piece of wood or knot on the prayer string.

During the 13th century, Medieval theologians began to interpret the 150 psalms as veiled mysteries about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They began to write a series of Psalters, or praises, in honor of Jesus for each interpretation of the psalms. In addition, 150 Psalters honoring Mary were also composed. In order to fit the existing prayer string, these Psalters were divided into groups of 50 and were referred to as "Rosariums". Although "rosarium" refers to roses and rose gardens, it was used to signify a collection of prayers which could be compared to a bouquet of roses.

As we see today, the rose is a very popular symbol associated with our Blessed Mother Mary and it is a sign that she often uses as she did in the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The interpretation of the psalms into written Psalters led to the implementation of special thoughts or meditations being attached to each bead. This innovated version of the rosary was widely spread by Blessed Alan de la Roche of the Dominican Order, as it revived the divinely inspired works that St. Dominic and his Rosary Confraternity had initiated some hundred years earlier. The prayers of the Rosarium were later broken out into sets of 10 and these groupings became known as decades. Each decade of ten "Hail Mary" prayers would be preceded by one "Our Father".

Around the year 1700, the thoughts used in the rosary started to become narratives. St. Louis de Montfort composed the most common set of narratives that eventually became used as meditations for each decade of the rosary. These narratives were divided into five Joyful, five Sorrowful, and five Glorious meditations that are referred to as "mysteries". Just recently, in 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced another set of five meditations referred to as the "Luminous Mysteries".

As you can see, the rosary we know today is the result of many evolutions dating back several hundred years. Although the manner in which the rosary is recited has changed, the results of praying the rosary are still the same. Countless interventions still occur today, and the power and divine graces the rosary offers are available to everyone who is willing to give it a chance.