

St. Joseph Catholic Church



APRIL 5, 2026

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EASTER SUNDAY

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
April 6	Mon			
April 7	Tues	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
April 8	Wed	7:30 am	All Souls	
April 9	Thur	7:30 am	+Tom Doll	
April 10	Fri	7:30 am		
April 11	Sat			2 nd Sunday in Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12	Sun	9:00 am	Special Intention (TSB)	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,259.00
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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

- ◆ **Harvard Senior Community Meal:** The Harvard Senior Community Meal will take place on Thursday, March 8, 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, March 11, 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.
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus Meeting next Sunday:** The next meeting of our Knights Council will take place next Sunday, April 12 here in Harvard. There will be a rosary in the church at 5:40 pm, followed by the meeting at 6:00 pm. After the meeting we will put together sack lunches for Catholic Social Services. All Knights are welcome.



◆ **Harvard Church Women May Salad Luncheon:** The annual Harvard Church Women May Salad Luncheon will take place on May 1 at 12:00 noon at the Community Room. Our Altar Society is asked to provide 6 salads and 1 bread or crackers for the luncheon. Please text or call Shelly if you can donate a salad. The speaker is Megan Cook from "I Have a Name." She is a very good speaker and has a worthwhile story to tell. There is a sign on the church door with more details. Tickets are available from Shelly or Chris.

◆ **Healing the Whole Person event:** In collaboration with those hosting the John Paul In collaboration with those hosting the John Paul II Healing Center's Healing the Whole Person event in Lincoln, we will be livestreaming this event locally April 16-18 at Saint Cecilia's (301 West 7th Avenue, Hastings) in Centennial Hall. (The in-person event in Lincoln is full.) While the talks by Dr. Bob Schuchts, Bart Schuchts, and Sister Mariam James will be livestreamed, we will provide Adoration, Confessions and Worship Music as a regional community here in Hastings. Questions or to register?

**Email: stcecilia-hastings@lincolndiocese.org
 **Call Saint Cecilia's Rectory 402-463-1336
 **Register for the "livestream event" using the QR code.

◆ **This is the Hour Mission:** Join us for "This is the Hour", a one-evening mission on Thursday, April 23, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Hastings, NE



(715 Creighton Avenue). Catholic Radio Personalities Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter will share reflections to inspire and renew your faith. All are welcome! Dr. Peter hosts Ave Maria in the Afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Spirit Catholic Radio. Deacon Harold hosts Beacon of Truth at 7:00 p.m. on Spirit Catholic Radio. More information about both speakers can be found on their websites: www.marcusbpeter.com and deaconharold.com

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week is Collin Kuzelka. He is a parishioner of St. Cecilia's Parish in Hastings. He entered the seminary in 2024. His parents are Michael & Shari Kuzelka. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.



◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for April: For priests in crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding & prayer.

◆ Lenten Clothing Drive for CSS: You can still get items in for the clothing drive. We'll get the clothing in to Catholic Social Services sometime after Easter.

The Lord has risen! Alleluia!

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." Matthew 28:2–6b

What an experience that must have been! Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb early in the morning to pay tribute to our Lord's sacred body. They brought the oils and perfumes that they planned on placing on his beaten and bruised body. They came to offer Him their last act of love. But as the women arrived, the earth quaked and the angel of God appeared to them.

As they left, Scripture says they then left the tomb quickly, "fearful yet overjoyed." All they could think about was telling the other disciples of their encounter when another incredible joy befell them. Jesus Himself met them on the way. In their amazement, the women fell at His feet and did Him homage. Not the homage they planned on doing to a dead body, but the homage due to a risen Savior. They worshipped Him. Jesus then spoke: "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me" (Mt. 28:10).

It was true. All they had hoped for came true. They saw Jesus arrested. They saw Him beaten. They saw Him falsely accused. They saw Him sentenced to death. And they saw Him die. Now for the miracle of miracles, they saw their Savior alive. Every hope that they had come true. Everything came to fruition in that moment. All that was lost was restored a hundredfold.

The Resurrection of Christ is not simply an event that took place long ago. It's an event that continues to take place when we patiently walk with our Lord through the trials, crosses and sufferings of life, with hope and trust in His power to do all good things. Evil always loses in the end when we remain steadfast in our hope in Him.

As we celebrate the reality of the Resurrection of Christ, ponder the promise He has spoken to you. If you have surrendered all to Him and died to the world of sin, keep your eyes now on the Resurrection. Have hope in Him and in His power to breathe new life into your heaviest cross.

Sometimes we have hope in our own ideas of the Resurrection. We ask for some hope to come true because we think it is what we need. But the Resurrection of Christ should teach us that His plan for new life for each one of us is far superior than what we could ever imagine. Do you believe that? Do you maintain your hope in Christ even when all seems lost?

Reflect, today, upon the unfathomable plan that God has for your life. Know that if you remain faithful until the end, our Lord will bring forth greater joys in your life than you could ever think possible. It may not happen according to your schedule or your wishes, but it will happen in accord with His perfect divine will. Do not doubt. Do not be afraid. Have hope and trust, and anticipate the moments when the power of the Resurrection brings forth the greatest joys you could ever imagine.

My Resurrected Lord, I trust You with all my mind, heart, soul and strength. I believe that You are faithful to perfection and that Your fidelity will never fail. Give me hope when I need it the most and help me to keep my eyes on the glory that awaits. You have conquered all evil. May I always trust in You!