

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Jan 12	Mon	7:30 am	+Sara Rondall Albers	
Jan 13	Tues	7:30 am	A special intention	
Jan 14	Wed			
Jan 15	Thur	7:30 am		
Jan 16	Fri	7:30 am	Our elected leaders	
Jan 17	Sat			2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 18	Sun	9:00 am	The Koenig & Engel families	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,217.00
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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	Shirley Koenig	Fr. Allan Phan	Landon Van Boening
Greg Almond	Erica Lauinger	Sharon Reasland	Garry Veik
Pete Bartels	Rita Mach	Dennis Reddick	The Verde family
Randy Chloupek	Jolene Markland	Nancy Sapp	Teresa Volesky
Kelem Fabrice	Cecilia Martel	Randy Schulte	Diane Walz & family
Cesaria Gabriel	Shirley McCabe	Juan Slazar	Edith Weber

*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 Fire & Rescue Pancake Feed:** The Annual Fireman's Pancake Feed will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Fire hall. Suggested donations at the door are \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for ages 12 and under. We hope to see you there.

◆ **Food Pantry thanks:** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Food Pantry on Saturday. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load is for everyone. Food was distributed to 31 households this time around.

◆ **Holy Father Prayer Intention for January:** For prayer with the Word of God – Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



◆ **Knights of Columbus Christmas Party POSTPONED until next weekend:** The annual KC Christmas party at Gary's in Grafton originally scheduled for this Sunday will take place *next Sunday, January 18*. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner follows at 6:00 p.m. All Knights are invited, spouses are welcome.

◆ **PCCW Meeting on January 18:** There will be a PCCW meeting on Sunday, January 18, after the 9:00 am Mass to review the budget, officers, and parish activities for the year. Please come if you can.

◆ **Seminarian of the Week:** The seminarian of the week is Henry Stuhr. He is a parishioner of St. Wenceslaus parish in Wahoo. He entered the seminary in 2025. His parents are Kevin & Betsy Stuhr. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

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# Newness of life

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*Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas”—which is translated Peter. John 1:42*

In this passage, the Apostle Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus after telling Simon that he has found the Messiah. Jesus immediately receives them both as Apostles and then reveals to Simon that his identity will now be changed. He will now be called Cephas. “Cephas” is an Aramaic word that means “Rock.” In English, this name is usually translated as “Peter.”

When someone is given a new name, this often means that they are also given a new mission and new vocation in life. For example, in the Christian tradition, we receive new names at Baptism or Confirmation. Additionally, when a man or woman becomes a monk or a nun, they often are given a new name to signify the new life they are called to live.

Simon is given the new name of “Rock” because Jesus intends to make him the foundation of His future Church. This change in name reveals that Simon must become a new creation in Christ in order to fulfill his high calling.

So it is with each one of us. No, we may not be called to be the next pope or a bishop, but we are each called to become new creations in Christ and live new lives fulfilling new missions. And, in a sense, this newness of life must happen each and every day. We must daily strive to fulfill the mission that Jesus gives us in a new way every day.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God invites you to live a new life of grace in Him. He has some new mission for you to daily fulfill and He promises to give you all you need to live it. Say “Yes” to the call He gives you and you will see incredible things happen in your life.

*My Lord of all newness, I do say “Yes” to You and to the calling that You have given to me.  
I accept the new life of grace that You have prepared for me and I willingly accept Your  
gracious invitation. Help me, dear Lord, to daily answer the glorious vocation to the life of  
grace I have been given. Jesus, I trust in You.*

