

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
<i>24 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.* In this next section Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that the Church is the “universal sacrament of salvation,” that is, it is through the Church, as a sign or instrument, that we are able to enter into communion with God and that the human race can become one in Christ. And it is through the seven sacraments that God’s grace concretely influences the lives of the faithful. He then proceeds with a reflection on the relationship of each of the sacraments with the Eucharistic Mystery, as the Eucharist is truly the source and summit of the Church's life and mission. The process of Christian initiation must constantly be directed to the reception of the Holy Eucharist, “It must never be forgotten that our reception of Baptism and Confirmation is ordered to the Eucharist.” Baptism is our entry into the Mystical Body of Christ, we become sons and daughters of God, and it serves as the portal to all the Sacraments. “Still, it is our participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice which perfects within us the gifts given to us at Baptism. The gifts of the Spirit are given for the building up of Christ's Body (1 Cor 12) and for ever greater witness to the Gospel in the world. The Holy Eucharist, then, brings Christian initiation to completion and represents the center and goal of all sacramental life.” While the order of the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist varies in different dioceses and in the East and the West due to pastoral reasons, the Holy Eucharist is the goal, the center, the summit and source of the Christian Life! He then emphasizes the important role of the family when it comes to Christian Initiation and that for so many of the faithful, “the day of First Holy Communion continues to be memorable as the moment when, even if in a rudimentary way, they first came to understand the importance of a personal encounter with Jesus.” We will continue our reading and summary next week.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

17 March 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

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:

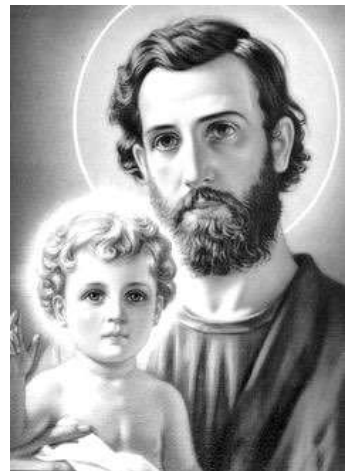
This week in the parish March 18th to March 24th:

Office hours the week of March 18th to March 24th: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri: 7pm - 8:30pm; Sat 10am -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.

Palm Sunday Food Drive: There are bags in the back of the church to contribute to the CSS Palm Sunday Food Drive. Items needed are canned goods, hygiene products and diapers. These items will help local families in need. Please place donated items in the vestibule of the church.

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 Tuesday Pilgrimage: The Easter Monday pilgrimage is full. In order to allow all who want to go they have now planned a 2nd trip on Easter Tuesday. Join Fr. Coulter for an Easter Tuesday Pilgrimage to Gower, MO Benedictines of Mary and incorrupt Sr Wilhelmina on Monday, April 2nd. 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 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. Mary - Sutton: 107 Ivy Street. (402) 773-5346

Daily Mass: Times vary, see website: 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

Confirmation: Let us pray for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon all of our Confirmandi this Sunday as Bishop Conley visits to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us also pray to be renewed in the graces of our own Confirmation. Do you remember your Confirmation?

Perhaps you remember your sponsor and the Bishop anointing your forehead with sacred chrism. In the Diocese of Lincoln and many others, we have the tradition of choosing a patron saint to take on a new name, symbolic of a greater union with Christ and sharing in His mission. What is the mission we have a share in especially through our Confirmation?

What was the mission He gave His disciples? To make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Jesus commanded. (Mt 28)

From the Catechism #1303 we learn that Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";
 - it unites us more firmly to Christ;
 - it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
 - it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
 - it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross
- Let us live more as disciples on mission! Jesus wants us to bear much fruit for the Father's glory (Jn 15:8). Let us ask the Holy Spirit to activate these graces of Confirmation in each one of us!