St. Joseph Catholic Church

October 25, 2026

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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 26	Mon			
Oct 27	Tues	7:30 am	+Fr. Richard Piontowski	
Oct 28	Wed	7:30 am		Simon & Jude, Apostles
Oct 29	Thur	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
Oct 30	Fri	7:30 am	+James Clausius	
Oct 31	Sat			Solemnity of All Saints
Nov 1	Sun	9:00 am	+William & Helen Koenig	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	$572.00

St. Joseph Prayer Chain

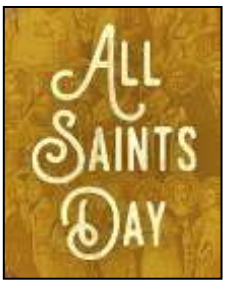
A special intention	Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Meeza	Juan Slazar
Dan Adler (Sem)	George Hoffmeister	Alyssa O.	Tony Stec
Andrea Ainsworth	Jim Jackson	Brad Oschner	Shannon Tebo
Bill Alexander	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Ryan Urbanosky family
Wayne Alley	Bill Kerber	Fr. Allan Phan	Angel Valdivia
Greg Almond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



◆ Return to Standard Time next weekend: Next weekend we will return to Standard Time after being in Daylight Savings Time since March. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night into Sunday morning.



◆ Pope Leo Prayer Intention for October: For mental health ministry – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

◆ All Saints Day: Next Sunday is November 1 which is All Saints Day. Since it falls on Sunday there's no special Holy Day Mass schedule needed.

◆ Harvest Season: I've noticed loads of grain trucks and semis on the road this week. Please look out for them!

Soup Supper

◆ Soup Supper is NEXT WEEK! Keep spreading the word!!

◆ Pies & desserts: Each family is asked to bring a pie or a dessert. Whenever there are church suppers the desserts are always a highlight. There is always variety which people love because they get to try something different that, even if they are a good cook and baker, they may not have tried to make at home. Your pies and desserts will make a great end to the meal.



◆ Soup Supper – Sign-up sheets for workers, baskets, and food donations toward the dinner itself: There are sing-up sheets in the back of the church for these things. Please sign up if you haven't already. A lot more people have signed up already than in years past. Thanks for that!

◆ Soup Supper – Raffle Tickets: There are raffle tickets in the back of the church. Please take some and sell them. The selling of the tickets will be good publicity for the supper!

◆ Last Sunday was World Mission Sunday: World Mission Sunday is a day commemorated worldwide in the Catholic Church to promote missionary work and to remind ourselves that we have a worldwide missionary task. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it seeks to help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. There are envelopes in the back of the church to help support this effort.

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week Isaac VanSkiver. He is a parishioner of St. Michael's in Hastings (he's a local one!). His parents are Greg & Roxanne VanSkiver. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ Religious Sister of the week: This week we are asked to pray for Sr. Benedicta Hawkins who is a Junior Sister in the Marian Sisters of Waverly. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.

◆ Annual Diaper Drive during October: This continues through the end of the month. Diapers can be placed in the back of the church. Thanks to those who have already donated!

◆ 50 Days for 50 States: Just like last year and the year before, The LDCCW (Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) is encouraging each Catholic to offer prayers for the upcoming elections. It is called the 50 Days for 50 States Program. There are no set prayers, just a sacrifice or prayer each day that each state can elect pro-life and pro-family representatives.

- Week Six: Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee

◆ 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.

The Greatest Commandment

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Matthew 22:36

This question was posed by one of the scholars of the law in an attempt to test Jesus. It's clear, from the context of this passage, that the relationship between Jesus and the religious leaders of His time was beginning to become contentious. They were beginning to test Him and were even trying to trap Him. However, Jesus continued to silence them with His words of wisdom.

In response to the question above, Jesus silences this scholar of the law by giving the perfect answer. He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

With this statement, Jesus gives a complete summary of the moral law found in the Ten Commandments. The first three Commandments reveal that we must love God above all and with all our might. The last seven Commandments reveal that we must love our neighbor. The moral law of God is as simple as fulfilling these two more general commandments.

But is it all that simple? Well, the answer is both "Yes" and "No." It's simple in the sense that God's will is not typically complex and difficult to comprehend. Love is spelled out clearly in the Gospels and we are called to embrace a radical life of true love and charity.

However, it can be considered difficult in that we are not only called to love, we are called to love with all our being. We must give of ourselves completely and without reserve. This is radical and requires that we hold nothing back.

Reflect, today, upon the simple call to love God and your neighbor with all that you are. Reflect, especially, upon that word "all." As you do, you will most certainly become aware of ways in which you fail to give everything. As you see your failure, recommit in hope to the glorious path of making a total gift of yourself to God and others.

My loving Lord, I choose to love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. I also choose to love all people as You love them. Give me the grace to live these two commandments of love and to see them as the path to holiness of life. I do love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You.