

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
31 July	Mon. 7:00 am	No Mass
1 August	Tues. 7:00 am	No Mass
2 August	Wed. 7:00 am	No Mass
3 August	Thur. 7:00 am	No Mass
4 August	Fri. 7:00 am	No Mass
5 August	Sat. 5:30 pm	people of the parish
6 August	Sun. 9:00 am	people of the parish

Parish Activities:

Collection: \$466.00

MISSION COOPERATION 2023 Continued:

The Catholic faith continues to spread in leaps and bounds in the Diocese of Soroti. In 2019 alone, there were 31,309 Infant Baptisms. Every single Church parish in the entire Diocese is filled beyond capacity at its principal Sunday liturgies with a significant number of people standing outside the Church. After over 5 years without a Bishop, Pope Francis in March 2019 appointed Bishop Joseph Eciru Oliach to lead and shepherd the people of God in the Diocese. After his episcopal ordination in May 2019, he had 22,600 Confirmations between June and December of 2019 alone! In addition nineteen young men have been ordained in the last two and a half years. To meet the overwhelming need for pastoral services, the new bishop created 15 new parishes in the summer of 2019 and additional 8 since then (23 new parishes in 3 years!). These new parishes are in dire need for buildings and other facilities (churches, rectories, halls and other health/ social/ educational amenities). The proceeds from this mission appeal will therefore be applied towards facilitating the development of these new parishes. The funds will especially be dedicated to the procurement of manufactured and/or imported building products (cement, iron bars, roofing metals, iron sheets and paint) to enable the construction of buildings in the new parishes. In addition, most of these parishes are located in rural areas with no grid electricity and piped water systems. The proceeds will also be applied to securing solar electricity systems and water units: water wells/water boreholes/rain water harvesters. Your generosity will be a great blessing to your brothers and sisters in Soroti, Uganda. For more information you can visit www.soroticatholicdiocese.org

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
30 July 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5:00-5:20 pm
Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, 11:00-11:20 am
By appointment

DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Fri. & First Sat: 7:00 am.

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm
Sunday — 9:00 am
11:30 am (Español)

NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

Fr. Morris out of town:

Fr. Morris will be out of town from July 10th to August 9th.

There will be no weekday Masses while Fr. Morris is gone. Mass intentions requested for specific days will still be said.

Weekend Masses in English will be covered by visiting priests.

There will be no Sunday Mass in Spanish on July 16. July 23, July 30 and August 6.

St. Cecilia's in Hastings has Mass in Spanish every Sunday at 1:00 pm.

Any other changes to the schedule will be listed in the bulletin, on Facebook, by flocknote and on the parish website.

The parish voicemail, email and messaging will be checked daily and returned promptly for non-emergency needs. Theresa will be available in the parish office Saturdays from 9am to 5pm.

In an emergency, If you need a priest, please contact St. Cecilia's in Hastings (402) 463-1336, St. Mary's in Sutton (402) 773-5346, St. Mary's in Aurora (402) 694-3427 or Assumption in Dewese (402)756-7393.



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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.	Bette Chloupek	Angel Valdivia
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Diane Walz	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
Christian Almond	Jolene Markland		

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).

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.

CCD Teachers: We are looking for volunteers to help teach CCD K-8 for the 23-24 school year. There will be a new teacher workshop and orientation on August 13th after the 9am Mass. **Classes will begin August 20th.** Please contact Fr. Morris or Theresa if you are interested in helping teach CCD.

FREE MOVIE EVENT: South Central Nebraska Right to Life is sponsoring an additional showing of the movie LIFEMARK will be shown on Sunday, July 30th at 2 pm at the Hastings Museum Theatre, 1330 N Burlington Ave, Hastings, NE. This showing is FREE and open to the public. Doors open 15 minutes prior. Seating is limited.

Confirmation: Confirmation at St. Joseph's will be on Saturday September 30th at 11:00 am.

Volunteers: Volunteers would be appreciated to help provide meals for the priests staying overnight. Please contact Fr. Morris or Theresa if you would like to help and which weekend you would prefer. We will provide a meal for Saturday night and breakfast or lunch for Sunday. The weekends are 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 and 8/6. Also, assistance with some light housekeeping around the rectory would be helpful.

MISSION COOPERATION 2023:

Every year, as part of the Mission Cooperation Plan, every parish in the Diocese of Lincoln gets to host a group from the missions. The purpose of this program is twofold; first a reminder that we are a universal body of Christ, the Church. Secondly, is to provide an opportunity to support the spread of the gospel and to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in the mission countries.

This year, *Fr. John Paul Aisu*, from the Diocese of Soroti Uganda will be visiting us. Here is a brief background of the Diocese of Soroti. The Diocese of Soroti located in Eastern Uganda was erected by Pope St. John Paul II on the 29th November 1980. It geographically covers the ten civil districts of the Teso Sub-region and a land area of 33,130 sq.km (20,586 sq.miles). The total population of the area covered is 3.5 million people and the Catholic population is 1.7 million people representing about 45%. At its founding, the diocese was staffed mostly by priests from the Mill Hill Missionary Society as there were few native priests. In the course of the years, native vocations were nurtured and blossomed so much so that today a great majority of the 68 priests are natives and there are more than 50 Seminarians at different levels of Major Seminary formation. Soon after its creation, the North and Eastern regions of Uganda (including the entire area covered by the Diocese of Soroti) was plunged into a civil war, which lasted almost two decades and left the population devastated economically and socially. The people who survived this turmoil were sustained by their faith which by the grace of God was strengthened and grew in the midst of the turmoil. And now just like the rest of the world, they suffered and are recovering from the effects of Covid-19.

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