

St. Joseph Catholic Church

AUGUST 30, 2026

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Aug 31	Mon			
Sept 1	Tues	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
Sept 2	Wed	7:30 am		
Sept 3	Thur	7:30 am	Clark family	Gregory the Great, Pope
Sept 4	Fri	7:30 am	+Special Intention (BJM)	
Sept 5	Sat			23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 6	Sun	9:00 am	Randy & Shelly Chloupek family	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$821.25
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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

◆ Pope Leo Prayer Intention for September: For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

◆ Fr Hoelsing covering at Doniphan and Kenesaw this weekend: I will be at Doniphan and Kenesaw this weekend. Please welcome Fr. Clinch who will have Masses here this weekend.

◆ Religious Sister of the week: This week we are asked to pray Sr. Rita Marie of the Most Holy Trinity, a junior professed novice in the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Agnew, Nebraska. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.

◆ Knights of Columbus: We will have our next Knights of Columbus meeting on August 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall at St. Marys. We will start with a prayer and meeting and have a meal and fellowship to follow.

◆ Thanks for rain: We've gotten good rains that others would love to have. Make sure to tell God thanks!



◆ Mowing: Thanks to everyone who has mowed and kept the church yard looking great. We're still mowing because we've gotten rain to keep it growing. Thanks for your continued help on this.

◆ Fr Hoelsing visiting family next weekend: I will be out next weekend visiting family back home in northeast Nebraska. Fr. Schilmoeller from St. Cecilia's will celebrate the Masses here. Please pray for my safe travels.

◆ Job openings at CSS in Hastings: Catholic Social Services (CSS) has several part-time and full-time job openings in Hastings. Open positions include Full-Time Sustainability Associate and Part-Time Thrift Store Associate. Join the CSS team and inspire hope and love in every encounter! See details and apply online: csshope.org/careers.

◆ Be Transformed study at St. Michael's: A seven-week study on Dr. Bob Schuch's book Be Transformed will begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Michael Catholic Church's Theisen Hall in Hastings (715 Creighton Avenue). Everyone is welcome. Each session will include a short presentation on the healing power of the Sacraments, some discussion, and then time to encounter our Divine Physician, Jesus, in prayer with Scripture and Eucharistic adoration. There will be a total of seven sessions ending November 3. See the flyer or contact Saint Michael's for more information: 402-463-1023. This study is fitting follow up for the Unbound Retreat taking place at Saint Michael's,

◆ Unbound: Heart of the Father Retreat: Are you sometimes overwhelmed, hurt, and discouraged with burdens of life? Do you want the freedom that comes with experiencing God's love and mercy?

This weekend retreat led by Father Bill Holoubek will teach 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional/spiritual bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. It's a safe, loving, and reproducible model that teaches how to respond to the good news of the gospel and apply its truth to your life. Want to attend the next Heart of the Father Retreat? You are invited!

- When: Friday evening, September 18 until Sunday lunch, September 20.
- Where: In St. Cecilia's Catholic Church (Centennial Hall – 7th Street and Kansas Avenue, Hastings)
- What: Book/Workbook available for sale – call for more details.
- How: To register, contact Mary Koch (402-984-6624), Marg Noecker (402-984-4120), or Saint Cecilia's Parish Office (402-463-1336). Please call or text by Monday, September 14, to reserve your spot.

Unbound is a ministry approved by and used in the Diocese of Lincoln. Come and experience the Freedom that Christ won for you on the cross and offers to you through your Baptism!

Overcoming the fear of suffering

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Matthew 16:23

This was Jesus' response to Peter after Peter said to Jesus, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you" (Matthew 16:22). Peter was referring to the coming persecution and death that Jesus had just predicted in his presence. Peter was shocked and concerned and couldn't accept what Jesus was saying. He couldn't accept that Jesus would soon "go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Matthew 16:21). Thus, Peter expressed his concern and it was met with a strong rebuke from Jesus.

If this were spoken by anyone other than our Lord, it might be immediately concluded that Jesus' words were too much. Why would Jesus refer to Peter as "Satan" for expressing his concern about Jesus' well-being? Though this may be hard to accept, it does reveal that the thinking of God is far above our own.

The fact is that Jesus' pending suffering and death was the greatest act of love ever known. From a divine perspective, His willing embrace of suffering and death was the most awesome gift God could give to the world. Therefore, when Peter pulled Jesus aside and said, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you," Peter was actually allowing his fear and human weakness to interfere with the divine choice of the Savior to lay His life down for the salvation of the world.

Jesus' words to Peter would have produced a "holy shock." This shock was an act of love that had the effect of helping Peter to overcome his fear and to accept the glorious fate and mission of Jesus.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you find yourself resisting the call to sacrificial love. Love is not always easy and oftentimes may demand great sacrifice and courage on your part. Are you ready and willing to embrace the crosses of love in your life? Furthermore, are you willing to walk with others, encouraging them along the way, when they, too, are called to embrace the crosses of life? Seek strength and wisdom this day and strive to live by the divine perspective in all things, especially suffering.

My sacrificial Lord, I love You and pray that I may always love You in a sacrificial way. May I never fear the crosses I have been given and may I never dissuade others from following in Your steps of selfless sacrifice. Jesus, I trust in You.

