

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
<i>3 March</i>	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	John & Mary O'Brien + People of the Parish

**Collection: February 18, 2024 \$2,259.00**

During Lent and Easter, as we celebrate the Eucharistic Revival in the United States we are beginning to read *Sacramentum Caritatis* ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION. In the first paragraph of this 2007 document from Pope Benedict XVI, he writes, "The sacrament of charity (1), the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman. This wondrous sacrament makes manifest that "greater" love which led him to "lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). Jesus did indeed love them "to the end" (Jn 13:1). In those words the Evangelist introduces Christ's act of immense humility: before dying for us on the Cross, he tied a towel around himself and washed the feet of his disciples. In the same way, Jesus continues, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, to love us "to the end," even to offering us his body and his blood. What amazement must the Apostles have felt in witnessing what the Lord did and said during that Supper! What wonder must the eucharistic mystery also awaken in our own hearts!" In the first few paragraphs he continues with his introduction, reflecting on how in the Eucharist Christ becomes for us the Food of Truth, "Jesus shows us in particular the truth about the love which is the very essence of God."

Recognizing the 2000 years of Church history and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he mentions that it is with gratitude "that we admire the orderly development of the ritual forms in which we commemorate the event of our salvation." More recently, St. John Paul II called for a Year of the Eucharist in 2004-2005. Then a Synod of Bishops met in 2005 to discuss The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church. The preparatory phase for this synodal assembly involved the entire Catholic Church throughout the world, thanks to the Magisterium of Pope John Paul II, who promulgated the Encyclical Letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* and the Apostolic Letter *Mane nobiscum Domine*. Reflecting on all of this, the Holy Father wrote this exhortation to offer some basic directions aimed at a renewed commitment to eucharistic enthusiasm and fervor in the Church. Next week we will begin to look at Part 1: The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Believed.

*In Christ, Fr. Clinch*

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 February 2024  
2nd 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 February 25th to March 3rd:**

*Office hours the week of February 25th to March 3rd:* Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri: 7pm - 8:30pm; Sat 8am -5pm. Please check our social media and our website as updates become available and sign up for Flocknote.

#### **Knights of Columbus News:**

#### **Help needed for the District Free Throw Contest:**

Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 p.m. at the Sutton High School Gym. Doors open at 4:30pm. If you can help, please call or text Neal Schlautman

**Monthly Meeting:** Sunday March 3rd at Sutton St. Mary's Rosary at 5:30 pm and meeting at 6:00pm.

**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	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
Diane Walz & family	Shirley Koenig	Andrea Ainsworth	

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 Monday Pilgrimage:** Join Fr. Coulter for an Easter Monday Pilgrimage to Gower, MO Benedictines of Mary and incorrupt Sr Wilhelmina on Monday, April 1st. 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](http://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. Michael - Hastings: 701 Creighton Ave (402) 463-1023**

**Daily Mass M- F: 6:45 am & 8:10 am, Sat 8am**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9 am, 11:00 am**

**St. Mary - Sutton: 107 Ivy Street. (402) 773-5346**

**Daily Mass: Times vary, see website: [www.stmarysutton.org](http://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**

## **Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln 2024:**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means eating one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Abstinence means eating no meat nor soup nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.

Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.