

Mass Intentions:		
29 November	Mon. 7:00 am	Clinton Morris +
30 November	Tue. 7:00 am	Dayle Gewecke +
1 December	Wed. 7:00 am	Nancy Sapp (b-day)
2 December	Thur. 7:00am	Nathan Vekved (b-day)
3 December	Fri. 7:00 am Fri. 7:30 pm	Ruth Stockton + First Friday - Holy Hour
4 December	Sat. 7:00 am Sat. 5:30 pm	Return to the Sacraments Fr. O'Neil Monzillo +
5 December	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	People of the parish Hope & Narcissa Rodriguez

Collection:

11/14/21 - \$ 261.25

11/21/21 - \$ 276.75

Mission Co-op - \$ 209.00

First Sunday of Advent: (Hope Sunday) Today we begin a new liturgical year with the start of Advent. The season of Advent is a penitential one focused on preparing us for the celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the end of time. We are all guilty of turning away from God. Still, God can welcome us back. God can offer us His grace and forgiveness to restore us to Him. The question is, will we let Him? God's mercy is endless, but we are often reluctant to ask for it.

During this Advent season, let us stop and examine our conscience, reflecting on where we have fallen short and ask for God's forgiveness for our sins. There is no greater gift than the grace and forgiveness God offers us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us thank God for salvation and being a part of His family this Advent. Perhaps, take time this week to do an examination of conscience, reflecting on where you have fallen short in serving God. Then, visit the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess those sins. God is waiting there to offer you His grace and forgiveness.

Altar Society News: There will be coffee and rolls as well as a short Altar Society meeting after the 9am Mass on Sunday December 5th.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

28 November 2021

First Sunday of Advent



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

DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Sat.: 7:00 am.

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

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NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

First Friday: Friday December 3rd from 7:30pm to 8:30pm there will be a holy hour with Eucharistic Adoration and confessions available. The First Fridays Devotion, also called the Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a devotion to offer reparations for sins and which had its origin in the apparitions of Christ at Paray-le-Monial, France, reported by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. *First Friday Requirements:* To meet the requirements for the First Friday Devotion a person must, on each First Friday for nine consecutive months: Attend Mass, Receive Communion & Go to confession. Our Lord made 12 promises to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque regarding those who practice the Nine First Fridays and have a deep devotion to His Sacred Heart. One of those promises is the grace of final perseverance.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be (vigil) Tuesday December 7th at 7:00pm and Wednesday December 8th at 7:00 am.

Harvard People's Project: St. Joseph's will be collecting items for the annual "Christmas box" project for distribution on December 18th. We are collecting hats, gloves, all sizes of socks,

boxes of cereal, 1lb packages of rice, cooking oil, bottles of juice, toilet tissue and deodorant. The items may be placed in the box labeled "People's Project" inside the vestibule of the church by December 15th, Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Vigil: St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee, South Central Nebraska Right to Life and St. Cecilia's Pro-Life Committee invite you to join us in a Prayer Vigil on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 7:00 - 8:00 P.M., 7th & Creighton Ave., Hastings.

We will be joining the rest of the country in prayer on the evening before the Supreme Court takes up the case of Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health. This is a monumental moment in the Pro-Life movement, as the decisions of this case could bring down Roe vs. Wade, that wrongly allowed legalized abortion in the United States for almost 50 years. We will be praying for the attorneys presenting this case, the Supreme Court Justices who will decide it, and for our country, which will be impacted by it. The Knights of Columbus, Teens for Life, Catholic Daughters, PCCW officers and members, Legion of Mary, Bible Study groups and families are all encouraged to participate. Invite a friend. Bring your rosary. Members of other congregations in the Hastings area community are also welcome to join us. COME PRAY WITH US!

- 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	Jack Paulus	Cecilia Meeza	Delores Leininger
Sharon Reasland	Virginia Miller	Teresa Volesky	Mary Garvin
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Diane Walz	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Jeff Almond	Erica Lauinger
Bill Kerber	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Lily Mead
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Mike Kirwan	Kelem Fabrice
Doris Henvey +	Marlene Ostdiek	Diane Noak	Garry Veik
Kathy Rathman	Brenda Lang	Angel Valdivia	Randy Schulte

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).

Adult Bible Study: The adult bible study will resume on December 2nd at 6:30pm. The topic on December 2nd will be chapters 3-4 of the Gospel of Luke.

Grief and the Holidays: December 6th at 7 pm please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores "Grief and the Holidays" from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. More information and registration is at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief>. This free event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse and livestreamed

Mission Cooperative Collection:

Normally, each summer, we participate in a fundraiser to support an overseas mission church or a project in a developing country. In 2019, the church we helped was in Kenya. We did not participate in 2020 due to Covid. Donations will be accepted on-line until December 15th through the website [Missio.org](https://www.missio.org). Please be aware the website charges 5% plus the amount of your donation. The additional 5% is listed as "for administrative fees" The link is...

https://www.missio.org/project/1397/Build-a-Formation-Program-in-Cameroon/fundraiser/78b62285-0f81-4834-aeec-98d74417d887/St-JosephCatholic-Church?user_lead=copy_link_share

Donations will also be accepted through the parish. If you want to donate through the parish, you can put your donation in any Sunday collection from now until December 12th. Please mark your donation for "Mission Co-op" on the envelope.