

St. Joseph Catholic Church

OCTOBER 18, 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 19	Mon	7:30 am		John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Oct 20	Tues	7:30 am	+John DeWitt, Jr.	
Oct 21	Wed			
Oct 22	Thur	7:30 am	+Mary Lou Brockman	
Oct 23	Fri	7:30 am		
Oct 24	Sat			30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Oct 25	Sun	9:00 am	+Carolyn Mazour	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,008.00
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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 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.

◆ Harvest Season: Keep your eyes open for semis, grain trucks, tractors, combines, and wagons. Here's to a good and safe harvest!

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week Patrick Gutierrez. He is a parishioner of St. Joseph's in Lincoln. His parents are Juan Carlos & Jennifer Guterrez. 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. Mary Francis who is in the Marian Sisters of Waverly. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.

Soup Supper

◆ Soup Supper is two weeks away! Please keep spreading the word and invite people to come.

◆ 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 sign-up sheets in the back of the church for workers during the supper, for donations of baskets for the silent auction, and food donations toward the dinner itself (food needed to make the soups, desserts, etc.). If you can help with any of this, please sign up so we will know we have proper materials and people as the big day gets nearer.

◆ 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!

◆ 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 Five: *New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio*



100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday

What Is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday is the moment each year when the entire Church—across every parish, in every country—comes together as one Body in Christ, united in prayer, sacrifice, and charity for the Church in the mission territories. It is a visible expression of the Church's call to be missionary by her very nature (*Ad Gentes*, 2), and a reminder that no parish stands alone. Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it is always celebrated on the second-to-last Sunday of October. The collection helps priests in the missions carry out their work to spread the Gospel, like Father and later Bishop Robert Prevost, OSA, in Peru.

"I would like to thank the Pontifical Mission Societies for their service to missionary cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru." - Pope Leo XIV (Jan 25, 2026)

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.

◆ 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.

Resolving conflict

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Matthew 22:15-17

It has been said that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend." In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today's Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other.

The Pharisees were very nationalistic and were strict observers of the Law of Moses. It was their view that the people should not have to pay taxes to the Romans, and many of the people agreed. The Herodians supported the Romans and, therefore, were supporters of Herod, the Jewish ruler appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of Herod's responsibilities was to obtain taxes from the Jews for use by the Roman government. Those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans could even be put to death.

This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod's soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of course, Jesus' answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him "were amazed, and leaving him they went away."

The lesson learned from this passage is an especially important lesson to apply to family life. It is very common for conflicts to arise from time to time among those who are close to each other. When that happens, we can often take the approach of trying to trap the other person and trip them up with our deceptive reasoning. When this happens between two people, the conversation often turns into a shouting match with each party seeking only to find fault with the other. The solution to such situations is simple. Every conflict must be resolved by the truth. Jesus did this perfectly. He did not attack when He was attacked. He did not defend Himself irrationally. He did not shy away from the confrontation. He did not manipulate the truth to His own advantage. Instead, He spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in their trickery.

Reflect, today, upon how you work to resolve conflict when it arises. Are you more like the Pharisees and Herodians whose only goal was to trick, trap and win? Do you see the other as an enemy in those moments? Or do you strive to be like Jesus who didn't shy away from the conversation, answering honestly and directly? Of course, the truth was easy for Jesus since He was without any fault. In our lives, the truth may require that we admit our sin and apologize when confronted. However, if the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then our conversations will imitate Jesus and, most often, a peaceful resolution will ensue.

My truthful Lord, Your wisdom is perfect and Your words are truth. Please give me the gifts of wisdom and all truth, especially when conflicts arise. In those moments, please keep me from reacting in an angry and defensive way so that I can always be an instrument of the unity You desire. Jesus, I trust in You.