

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>		
14 October	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
15 October	Tues. 7:30 am	Betty Chloupek +
16 October	Wed. 7:30 am	Ken Kalvoda +
17 October	Thur. 7:30 am	priest's intention
18 October	Fri. 7:30 am	priest's intention
19 October	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
20 October	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Terry Verde + people of the parish

**Parish Activities:**

**Collection: September 22, 2024 \$526.00**

We continue our reading of *The Sacrament of Charity Sacramentum Caritatis* ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION. **The Eucharist and the evangelization of cultures** "78. From what has been said thus far, it is clear that the eucharistic mystery puts us in dialogue with various cultures, but also in some way challenges them. The intercultural character of this new worship, this *logiké latreía*, needs to be recognized. The presence of Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are events capable of engaging every cultural reality and bringing to it the leaven of the Gospel. It follows that we must be committed to promoting the evangelization of cultures, conscious that Christ himself is the truth for every man and woman, and for all human history. The Eucharist becomes a criterion for our evaluation of everything that Christianity encounters in different cultures. In this important process of discernment, we can appreciate the full meaning of Saint Paul's exhortation, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, to "test everything; and hold fast to what is good" (5:21).

**Food Pantry:** Due to the scheduling conflicts, we will be responsible for giving out boxes on Saturday October 26th. Please, consider volunteering to help, especially with the change in schedule. Please follow Cindy Reutzel on facebook for updates and additional information. Food boxes for those needing assistance are available the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 10:30 am. Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders, build boxes and other tasks. **St. Joseph's is responsible for staffing volunteers for the 2nd Saturday distribution of boxes.** If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of assistance, please contact Elaine Almond, Shelly Chloupek or the parish office.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**13 October 2024**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**CONFESSIONS:** Sunday 8:30-8:50 am & after the 11:30 am Mass

Or by appointment

**DAILY MASSES:** Monday -Friday 7:30 am.

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am (Español)

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday 7pm - 8:30pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm.

Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

**NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

**October Pro-Life Diaper Drive:** We are collecting diapers for this LDCCW sponsored effort to help Nebraska Pro-Life organizations and Catholic Social Services provide diapers to families in need. Size 5 & 6 Diapers are especially needed this year. Diapers can be placed in the boxes in the back of the church.

**Seminarian Prayer Calendar:** Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Colter Fulton studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Bishop's Appeal for Vocations:**

Thank you to those who have given to the Annual Bishop's Appeal for Vocations in the past. Last year 16 families donated \$2,955 to help with the formation of our diocesan seminarians. That is an average pledge of \$185! I ask all of our 84 families to offer prayers for our seminarians and to make a financial gift if possible. Please find your family's pledge card on the table at the entrance of the church. May God reward your generosity. Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch

**Harvard Senior Community Meal:**

The Harvard Senior Community Meals is held the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 2:00pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church basement. Cost is \$6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402)224-0732 by 7pm on the Sunday before the meal.



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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	Emily Howard	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	Mary Verde
Jeff Weber	Joseph Verde	Kevin Chloupek	Wayne Alley
Jim Jackson	Greg Almond	Rita Mach	Shannon Tebo
Pete Bartels			

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).

### **Ballot Initiatives and Information:**

Let us continue to pray and fast in this spiritual battle happening in our state as we prepare to vote. Women and children's lives are at stake. We are praying and fasting to defeat the pro-abortion industry's attempt to legalize abortion in Nebraska late into pregnancy (Initiative 439—vote AGAINST) and to defeat the efforts of school choice opponents to strip children of their education funding (Referendum 435—vote RETAIN!). We are praying, fasting, and voting to uphold commonsense health and safety protections for women and babies (Initiative 434—vote FOR).

### **Why Vote to Retain 435?**

A repeal of the Education Scholarships Act would be catastrophic for parents and kids who need more education flexibility. This program creates a scholarship program for students from lower-income families, students with special needs, students who experience bullying,

students from military families, students in foster care, and students who are denied option enrollment. A repeal takes this all away.

The Catechism teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children, “As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators. Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise. #2229”

Empowering families with scholarships means giving parents the freedom to choose the school that best fits their child. This program provides the financial support needed for families to find the right educational environment for their children to succeed.

A vote to RETAIN 435 would help families of Hastings Catholic Schools and also help our parish of St. Cecilia as we want to help all parents in fulfilling the promise they made at their child's Baptism: of training him or her in the practice of the faith and helping their children become disciples of Christ.

Why is it permissible to **Vote FOR 434**, since it seems to allow for abortion in the 1st trimester?

The three Bishops of Nebraska—through the Nebraska Catholic Conference—stated it is morally permissible for Nebraskans to support initiative #434, for the following reasons: • The proposal provides constitutional protection for preborn babies during the 2nd and 3rd trimester. • The proposal leaves protections for preborn babies in the 1st trimester and in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergency to the Nebraska Legislature. • The proposal does not affect Nebraska's current pro-life law which protects preborn babies at 12 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest, and medical emergency, and it leaves intact countless other health and safety laws passed over the last 50 years to protect women and babies from abortion. The Bishops further determined that a voter can support the proposal, under the following conditions: • The voter must understand that all abortion must be opposed, and that direct abortion is never morally acceptable under any circumstances. • The voter must view this proposal as an incremental step toward full protection of all human life from abortion, and not as a permanent compromise. Supporters must remain committed to the effort of recognizing the right to life of all preborn children. ( see **Saint Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), paragraph 73**) • The voter must accept that the proposal does not create any right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution. The Nebraska Legislature remains free to provide greater protection for human life. • The voter must understand that this proposal is an imperfect alternative to the intrinsically evil pro-abortion ballot initiative #439. That pro-abortion ballot initiative #439 cannot be supported under any circumstance and must be rejected. To learn more about the problems with the pro-abortion ballot initiative, visit [www.NEcatholic.org](http://www.NEcatholic.org).