

St. Joseph Catholic Church

JULY 27, 2025

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
July 28	Mon			
July 29	Tues			Martha, Mary, & Lazarus
July 30	Wed			
July 31	Thur			Ignatius of Loyola
Aug 1	Fri	7:30 am	+Bill Frenzl	Alphonsus Liguori
Aug 2	Sat	7:30 am		18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 3	Sun	9:00 am	Almond Family	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,111.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

A special intention	Jim Jackson	Alyssa O.	Shannon Tebo
Dan Adler (Sem)	Cathy Kamost	Brad Oschner	Angel Valdivia
Andrea Ainsworth	Bill Kerber	Salvador Palas	Landon
Bill Alexander	Shirley Koenig	Fr. Allan Phan	Van Boening
Wayne Alley	Erica Lauinger	Sharon Reasland	Garry Veik
Greg Almond	Rita Mach	Dennis Reddick	The Verde family
Pete Bartels	Jolene Markland	Nancy Sapp	Teresa Volesky
Randy Chloupek	Cecilia Martel	Randy Schulte	Diane Walz
Kelem Fabrice	Shirley McCabe	Juan Slazar	& family
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Meeza	Tony Stec	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).

◆ Missionary Coop and Fr. Sebastian: Thanks to Fr. Sebastian, a member of the Order of the Discalced Carmelites from India who spoke at Masses here two weekends ago. There are envelopes in the back of church if you want to donate to his order's efforts. All the money that comes from St. Joseph will be remanded to the Mission Office in Lincoln which will write a check directly to Fr. Sebastian's order which will combine all the donations from the churches of the diocese where Fr. Sebastian spoke. In other words, all monies donated go directly to Fr. Sebastian's order to help them with their good works.

◆ Rectory Window Project - Update: Thus far we have received \$13,234.00 toward the Rectory Window Project (much-needed insulation was also added to the attic). Thanks to all who have donated so far.

The final cost of the project is \$29,305.00 (which means an average cost of \$1,465.00 per window). If you would like to donate to this project and have not yet done so, you can put your donation in the collection marked "pledging a window" or "window project." If you would like to donate over time or if you would like to pledge together with others for one window, please let Theresa know. The money donated will help to reestablish the parish savings account with the diocese which was used to complete this project.

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for July: For formation in discernment – Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Parish News & Upcoming Events

◆ Fr. Hoelsing on retreat this week: I will be on retreat this week at the Diocesan Retreat House in Waverly with other priests of the diocese. I will leave Sunday afternoon and return on Thursday evening. Canon law (Church law) states that a priest must go on retreat once a year for a time of approximately a week. Please pray for all the priests on retreat.

◆ Mowing sign-up sheet for August: The mowing sign-up sheet for July and August is on the table in the back of the sacristy. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the mowing so far. Please sign up for a slot if you can.

Praying for the will of God

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9

If we were to take this statement of Jesus in a very literal way we could easily conclude that Jesus will give us anything we ask for in a prayerful way. But we know this is not what happens. Perhaps everyone has prayed hard for this or that and the request was not answered in the way we wanted. Why is that? Did we simply fail to pray with faith? Will Jesus do whatever we ask of Him when we pray for it with all our might? Certainly not.

This passage goes on to say, “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (Luke 11:13). Within this context, and within the context of everything that Jesus has taught us, it’s important to know that there is one thing and one thing only for which we ought to pray. And when we pray for this one thing, we can be assured of obtaining it when we pray for it in faith. What is that one thing? It’s the will of God.

If we sincerely and wholeheartedly ask for and seek the will of God, we can be certain that our Lord will give us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will, in turn, lead us into the will of God for our lives. The problem is that too often we end up praying that “MY will be done” rather than “THY will be done.” This is an important difference.

True prayer is ultimately about trust and surrender to God. We trust in His perfect plan and surrender to that perfect plan in our lives. When we do this, we can be assured that the Lord will hear and answer this perfect prayer.

Reflect, today, upon that simple prayer in the Lord’s Prayer: Thy will be done! Strive to trust in God’s perfect plan for your life and do all you can to surrender to it. With this form of prayer we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will come to us, leading us into His holy will.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Jesus, I trust in You.

