

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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## This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
April 13	Mon			
April 14	Tues	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
April 15	Wed	7:30 am	Sr. Ignatia Cooney	
April 16	Thur	7:30 am	+Eileen Keefe	
April 17	Fri	7:30 am		
April 18	Sat			3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter
April 19	Sun	9:00 am	+Peg Sullivan	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$2,477.00
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## St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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

*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

- ◆ **LDCCW Biannual Convention in Hastings this Thursday and Friday:** The Bi-yearly convention of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is taking place this Friday and Saturday, and it's taking place in Lincoln. All women are welcome to attend. Information about this convention is available on the Diocesan website under the current events section which you will find if you scroll down on the main page. This event is local this time around which makes it easy to attend. Take advantage of the proximity!
- ◆ **Food pantry thanks:** Thanks, once again, to everyone who assisted with distribution of food this Saturday. Whether it is boxing food ahead of time, bringing it up from the basement, or greeting people and getting their required information, all your efforts combine to make a pleasant and successful event and helps our local community.
- ◆ **Holy Father Prayer Intention for April:** For priests in crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding & prayer.



◆ **Knights of Columbus Meeting this Sunday:** The next meeting of our Knights Council will take place this Sunday, April 12 here in Harvard. There will be a rosary in the church at 5:40 pm, followed by the meeting at 6:00 pm. After the meeting we will put together sack lunches for Catholic Social Services. All Knights are welcome.

◆ **Harvard Church Women May Salad Luncheon:** The annual Harvard Church Women May Salad Luncheon will take place on May 1 at 12:00 noon at the Community Room. Our Altar Society is asked to provide 6 salads and 1 bread or crackers for the luncheon. Please text or call Shelly if you can donate a salad. The speaker is Megan Cook from "I Have a Name." She is a very good speaker and has a worthwhile story to tell. There is a sign on the church door with more details. Tickets are available from Shelly or Chris.

◆ **Easter Flowers donations:** If you would like to donate towards the cost of the Easter Flowers, please use the envelopes at the back of the church. The envelopes can be given to Shelly Chloupek, Chris Cooney or placed in the collection basket.

◆ **Healing the Whole Person event:** In collaboration with those hosting the John Paul In collaboration with those hosting the John Paul II Healing Center's Healing the Whole Person event in Lincoln, we will be livestreaming this event locally April 16-18

at Saint Cecilia's (301 West 7th Avenue, Hastings) in Centennial Hall. (The in-person event in Lincoln is full.) While the talks by Dr. Bob Schuchts, Bart Schuchts, and Sister Mariam James will be livestreamed, we will provide Adoration, Confessions and Worship Music as a regional community here in Hastings. Questions or to register? \*\*Email: [stcecilia-hastings@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:stcecilia-hastings@lincolndiocese.org) / \*\*Call Saint Cecilia's Rectory 402-463-1336 / \*\*Register for the "livestream event" using the QR code.



◆ Lenten Clothing Drive for CSS: You can still get items in for the clothing drive. We'll get the clothing in to Catholic Social Services sometime after Easter.

◆ This is the Hour Mission: Join us for "This is the Hour", a one-evening mission on Thursday, April 23, from 6:00–8:00 PM at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Hastings, NE (715 Creighton Avenue). Catholic Radio Personalities Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter will share reflections to inspire and renew your faith. All are welcome! Dr. Peter hosts Ave Maria in the Afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Spirit Catholic Radio.

Deacon Harold hosts Beacon of Truth at 7:00 p.m. on Spirit Catholic Radio. More information about both speakers can be found on their websites: [www.marcuspeter.com](http://www.marcuspeter.com) and [deaconharold.com](http://deaconharold.com)

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week is Alec Langan. He is a parishioner of St. Patrick's in McCook. He entered the seminary in 2024. His parents are Michael & Angela Langan. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarrians.

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## The Divine Mercy

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*And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." Matthew 28:2–6b*

On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary of Divine Mercy #699)

This message, spoken by Jesus to Saint Faustina in 1931, has now come true. What was spoken in the solitude of a cloistered convent in Plock Poland, now is celebrated by the Universal Church throughout the whole world!

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament was known to very few people during her lifetime. But through her, God has spoken the message of His abundant mercy to the entire Church and world. What is this message? Though its content is endless and unfathomable, here are five key ways that Jesus desires this new devotion to be lived:

The first way is through meditation on the sacred image of The Divine Mercy. Saint Faustina was asked by Jesus to have an image of His merciful love painted for all to see. It's an image of Jesus with two rays shining forth from His Heart. The first ray is blue, indicating the font of Mercy coming forth through Baptism; and the second ray is red, indicating the font of Mercy poured forth through the Blood of the Holy Eucharist.

The second way is through the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told Saint Faustina that He desired an annual solemn Feast of Mercy. This Solemnity of Divine Mercy was established as a universal celebration on the Eighth day of the Octave of Easter. On that day the floodgates of Mercy are opened and many souls are made holy.

The third way is through the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The chaplet is a treasured gift. It's a gift that we should seek to pray each and every day.

The fourth way is by honoring the hour of Jesus' death every day. It was at 3 o'clock that Jesus took His last breath and died upon the Cross. It was Friday. For this reason, Friday should always be seen as a special day to honor His Passion and ultimate Sacrifice. But since it took place at 3 o'clock, it is also important to honor that hour each and every day. This is the ideal time to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If the Chaplet is not possible, it's at least important to pause and give thanks to our Lord every day at that time.

The fifth way is through the Apostolic Movement of The Divine Mercy. This movement is a call from our Lord to actively engage in the work of spreading His Divine Mercy. This is done by spreading the message and by living Mercy toward others.

On this, the Eighth Day of the Octave of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, ponder the above desires of the heart of Jesus. Do you believe that the message of Divine Mercy is meant not only for you but also for the whole world? Do you seek to understand and incorporate this message and devotion into your life? Do you seek to become an instrument of mercy to others? Become a disciple of The Divine Mercy and seek to spread this Mercy in the ways given to you by God.

*My merciful Lord, I trust in You and in Your abundant Mercy! Help me, this day, to deepen my devotion to Your merciful heart and to open my soul to the treasures that pour forth from this font of Heavenly riches. May I trust You, Love You and become an instrument of You and Your Mercy to the whole world. Jesus, I trust in You!*