

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
<i>18 February</i>	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	People of the parish Ken Kalvoda +

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Happy World Marriage Day!

To our married couples who have been married 1 year to more than 60 years, we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Matrimony. There is a great quote in the Catechism from St. John Chrysostom where it speaks of the love of husband and wife in paragraphs 2360-2379, he suggests that young husbands should say to their wives: I have taken you in my arms, and I love you, and I prefer you to my life itself. For the present life is nothing, and my most ardent dream is to spend it with you in such a way that we may be assured of not being separated in the life reserved for us.... I place your love above all things, and nothing would be more bitter or painful to me than to be of a different mind than you."

I would like to personally invite our married couples to the Love and Life Program happening here at St. Cecilia the last weekend in February to grow deeper in the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Sat. Feb. 24, 7:30am – 9pm and Sun. Feb. 25, 8am – 4pm – Hastings, NE

This is a unique weekend filled with lectures, dynamic workshops, and individual couple dialogue that will lead you through six simple steps to real joy in your marriage. All married couples will benefit from this workshop! If you have any questions, email Matt and Marie Phillips at loveandlifeprogams.nebraska@gmail.com

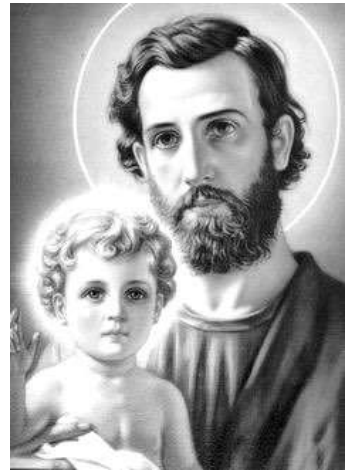
In Christ, Fr. Clinch

From Pope Francis' Message for Lent: Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom

It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind. ...

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

11 February 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



CONFESSIONS: Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, after the 11:30 Mass
& By appointment

DAILY MASSES: *No Daily Mass, at this time.*
See bulletin for area daily Mass times.

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

Religious Education:

Children & Youth Sunday 10:00 am - 11:15 am
Adult Education: TBD

NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

This week in the parish February 11-18

Office hours the week of February 11th to the 18th: Mon to Fri: 7pm - 8:30pm; Sat 11am - 5pm. Please check our social media and our website as updates become available and sign up for Flocknote.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed. February 13th from 5-7pm in the church hall. We are responsible for cleanup. We hope to see everyone there for food and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday February 14th: Mass will be at 7pm on February 14th with distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. See the middle page in the bulletin for the Lenten guidelines.

Flocknote: Flocknote is the safe environment preferred communication platform for our diocese. Our parish Flocknote address is *stjosephharvard1.flocknote.com* and Text to Join is available by Texting STJHN1 to 84576 for English or for Spanish text (202)765-3441. Don't forget to download the app in the app store.

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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	Diane Walz	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	

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).fiden

Pray for Vocations: This week please pray for those discerning their vocations to the priesthood or religious life. Especially for those within our own diocese.

Knights of Columbus Announcements: Dues: Please remember to turn in your \$25 annual dues to Neal Schlautman or (Harvard) Randy Schulte.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Pancake Feed on Sunday Feb. 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Church Hall in Sutton serving pancakes, sausage, & scrambled eggs. Free will donation to support the local Free Throw contest and other charities.

Adult Study Group: We will begin an adult study group for the formed.org program Forgiven which will meet on Sunday mornings beginning February 11th after the 9am Mass. The group will meet in the parish hall. If you are interested, please let Shelly or Theresa know.

Area Parishes:

St. Cecilia - Hastings: 7th & Kansas (402) 463-1336

Daily Mass M- F: 7am & 12:10pm, Sat 7am

Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm

Sunday: 8am, 10 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish) & 7:30p

St. Michael - Hastings: 701 Creighton Ave (402) 463-1023

Daily Mass M- F: 6:45 am & 8:10 am, Sat 8am

Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9 am, 11:00 am

St. Mary - Sutton: 107 Ivy Street. (402) 773-5346

Daily Mass: Times vary, see website: www.stmarysutton.org

Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:30pm (Sutton)

Sunday: 9 am (Sutton)

Sunday: 11 am (Grafton)

St. Mary - Aurora: 1420- 9th Street (402) 694-2455

Daily Mass M, TU, Thu, Fri: 7:30 am & Sat 8am

Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:15 am

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln 2024:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means eating one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Abstinence - means eating no meat nor soup nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.

Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.