

St. Joseph Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Feb 2	Mon			The Presentation of Jesus
Feb 3	Tues	7:30 am	+Adeline Breslin	
Feb 4	Wed	7:30 am		
Feb 5	Thur	7:30 am	+Eric Walston	Agatha
Feb 6	Fri	7:30 am	Michael Verde	Paul Miki & Companions
Feb 7	Sat			5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Feb 8	Sun	9:00 am	Special Intention	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$317.00
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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	Jolene Markland	Randy Schulte	Diane Walz & family
Kelem Fabrice	Cecilia Martel	Juan Slazar	Edith Weber
Cesaria Gabriel	Shirley McCabe		

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

- ◆ **One Rose, One Life:** The Knights of Columbus One Rose, One Life Campaign starts this weekend. One Rose, One Life supports culture of life activities in the state of Nebraska. Refer to the information sheet and there are donation envelopes. Donation envelopes can be placed in the offertory. Thank you.
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed:** The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Pancake Feed this Sunday, Feb. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Sutton, serving pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. Free will donation.
- ◆ **Harvard Fire & Rescue Pancake Feed:** The Annual Fireman's Pancake Feed will take place next Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Fire hall. Suggested donations at the door are \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for ages 12 and under. We hope to see you there.

◆ **Just a reminder: when inclement winter weather is taking place:** With our current extreme cold spell, just a reminder with inclement winter weather – if it's bad, stay home. Use common sense. At least the days are getting longer and the sun is getting stronger.

◆ **Safe Environment Training – must be completed by the end of this month:** All volunteers who have contact with or potential contact with minors or vulnerable adults are required to complete Diocese of Lincoln Safe Environment training through CMG Connect in January this month. Current volunteers should have already received information by mail and or email on this process.

◆ **Seminarian of the Week:** The seminarian of the week is McGivney Swanson. He is a parishioner of St. Cecilia's in Hastings (he's a local guy!). He entered the seminary in 2025. His parents are Tony & Catherine Swanson. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ **Holy Father Prayer Intention for February:** For children with incurable diseases – Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



The high call of holiness in all things

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.” [Matthew 5:4](#)

The Beatitudes offer us an invitation to the highest calling of holiness we can obtain. They are not mere commands forbidding us to sin; rather, they are invitations to live on a level higher than humanly possible. They are callings to authentic sanctity.

The Beatitude quoted above is a great example of our high calling in Christ. Jesus states that the one who mourns is blessed. At first this may not make much sense. Why would it be a good thing to mourn, to be sorrowful?



Christian sorrow, or mourning, is the appropriate and healthy response to many situations in life. In particular, holy sorrow is the correct response we should have to sin, tragedy and hurt. An empathetic heart is one that sees the sin or hurt of another and enters into that hurt with true love and compassion.

One is “blessed” when this form of holy sorrow is present because it is this sorrow that motivates us to love. True mourning is a form of mercy and concern shown toward another. The result of this form of sorrow is the personal holiness of the person who is mourning.

Reflect, today, upon your own ability to have a truly empathetic heart. Reflect upon your sincere reaction toward others. When you see someone caught in a life of sin, for example, how do you react? Do you simply judge and condemn? Or do you foster compassion and mercy in your heart? Allow yourself, this day, to

grow in holy sorrow, and the end result will be an increase in sanctity. As you grow in personal sanctity, you will see abundant blessings bestowed upon you.

My most blessed Lord, I pray that I may embrace all of the Beatitudes that You have taught us. I pray, especially, that my heart may grow in empathy for those who are hurting, confused and caught in a life of sin. As I grow in holy sorrow for them, I thank You for the blessings You will bestow upon me. Jesus, I trust in You.