St. Joseph Catholic Church

November 8, 2026

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Saint / Feast
Nov 9	Mon	7:30 am	+Barbara Hoesing	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Nov 10	Tues			Pope Leo the Great
Nov 11	Wed	7:30 am	All Souls	Martin of Tours, Bishop
Nov 12	Thur	7:30 am		Josaphat, Bishop & Martry
Nov 12	Fri	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	St. Fracis Xavier Cabrini
Nov 14	Sat			33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nov 15	Sun	9:00 am	+Ken & Irene Engel	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	$1,770.00

St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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

Parish News & Upcoming Events

◆ Pope Leo Prayer Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth – Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

◆ Food Pantry next Saturday: It's St. Joseph's turn next Saturday, November 14, to help with distribution of food to those we need assistance from 9:00am to 10:30am. (as we always run the distribution on the second Saturday of the month). Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders and build boxes as well as other tasks. If you can volunteer, please contact Elaine Almond or Shelly Chloupek.

◆ Harvard Senior Community Meal: The Harvard Senior Community Meal will take place on Thursday, November 12, from 11:30 pm to 2:00 pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church basement. The cost is $6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402) 224-0732 by 7:00pm, Sunday, November 8.

◆ Coverage this weekend: I am covering Superior and Nelson this weekend. Fr. Clinch will be celebrating Masses here. Please welcome him as you always do.

◆ Soup Supper thanks: Thanks to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Soup Supper. The soup and tamales tasted great. The amount and variety of desserts was incredible! Thanks to those who donated baskets and to those who donated raffle prizes for the raffle drawing. Thanks, again, to all who helped, as well to those who attended and supported this annual event. And thanks to Judy and Julie for their kitchen and organizational skills!

◆ Soup Supper financials: The intake from the Soup Supper is as follows: Free-will donations - $1,038.00 / Raffle - $491.00 / Baskets - $280.00.

◆ November – All Souls' Day Mass Intentions: This Sunday is All Souls' Day. November has traditionally been the month to remember the poor souls in purgatory. It is a good practice to pray for those who are deceased; it's a practice that actually dates back to the Old Testament. If you would like to have a Mass offered for your deceased loved ones take any envelope and label it "All Souls Day Mass Intention" and put it in the collection. The suggested stipend amount is $10.00, but if you can't afford that, that's fine. Make sure to include the names of those you want remembered.

◆ All Souls Remembrance at the front of church during the month of November: To help us better observe the month of November as the Month of All Souls, there will be a basket up front near the altar. Near these vases there are small slips of paper provided on which may you may write the names of deceased family and friends and put them in the vase. At each Mass each day during the month of November, there will be a special mention of the deceased family and loved ones of our parishioners during the Prayers of the Faithful.

◆ St Joseph's Movie Night this Sunday: We will have a movie night this Sunday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m in the church hall. Please bring snacks to share.

The film for viewing is Romero: In honor of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, this film chronicles the amazing true transformation of an apolitical, complacent priest to a committed leader, who started a revolution without guns, without an army, without fear. He is the leader his people needed then; he is the saint we all need today.

◆ Seven Sisters Apostolate: Anyone interested in finding out more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate, please stay after the 9:00 am Mass next Sunday, November 8, for a short presentation. Seven Sisters are women in the parish who spend an hour during one day of the week in prayer for our priest. If you're interested, please stay for the presentation next Sunday. We could use a few more volunteers.

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week Novosad. He is a parishioner of North American Martyrs parish in Lincoln. His parents are Mark and Christine Novosad. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ Religious Sister of the week: This week we are asked to pray for Sr. Joy Le who is a Junior Sister in the Marian Sisters of Waverly. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.

◆ Annual Diaper Drive during October – Thanks!: Thanks to everyone who donated diapers during October. We received 1118 diapers here at St. Joseph. This will all be handed over to Catholic Social Services in Hastings to be distributed as needed. Thanks, again, for your generosity.

Ready for the Lord

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

Imagine if you knew the day and hour you would pass from this life. Of course, some people do know that death is approaching either due to illness or age. But think about this in your own life. What if you were told by Jesus that tomorrow is that day. Are you ready?

Most likely there would be many practical details that would come to mind that you would want to take care of. Many would think about all their loved ones and what impact this would have on them. Set that all aside for now and ponder the question from one perspective only. Are you ready to meet Jesus?



Once you pass from this life there is only one thing that will matter. What will Jesus say to you? Just prior to this quoted Scripture above, Jesus tells the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Some were wise and had oil for their lamps. When the groom came late in the night they were ready with lamps lit to meet him and he welcomed them. The foolish ones were not prepared and did not have oil for their lamps. When the groom came, they missed him and heard the words, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you" (Matthew 25:12).

The oil in their lamps, or the lack thereof, is a symbol of charity. If we are to be prepared to meet the Lord at any time, on any day, we must have charity in our lives. Charity is much more than a passion or emotion of love. Charity is a radical commitment to love others with the heart of Christ. It's a daily habit we form by choosing to put others first, offering them all that Jesus asks us to give. It may be a small sacrifice or a heroic act of forgiveness. But whatever the case may be, we need charity in order to be ready to meet our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon those in your life whom God wants you to love. How well do you do this? How complete is your commitment? How far are you willing to go? Whatever comes to mind in regard to your lack of this gift, pay attention to this and beg the Lord for His grace so that you, too, will be one who is wise and ready to meet the Lord at any time.

Lord, I pray for the supernatural gift of charity in my life. Please fill me with love for others and help me to be abundantly generous in this love. May I hold nothing back and, in so doing, be fully prepared to meet You whenever You call me home. Jesus, I trust in You.