

St. Joseph Catholic Church

JANUARY 25, 2026

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Jan 26	Mon			Timothy & Titus, bishops
Jan 27	Tues	7:30 am	+Jean Erthum	
Jan 28	Wed	7:30 am		Thomas Aquinas
Jan 29	Thur	7:30 am	+Rosemarie Faulkner	
Jan 30	Fri	7:30 am	Couples preparing for marriage	
Jan 31	Sat			4 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Feb 1	Sun	9:00 am	A Special Intention	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$383.00
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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 Jan. 25th. 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 on Sunday, Feb. 1st 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 on 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.

◆ **Walk for Life in Lincoln next weekend:** The annual Nebraska Walk for Life will take place on Saturday, January 31, starting at the State Capitol. The walk route will end at the Cornhusker Hotel. The speaker at the Cornhusker will be Nick Freitas, a well-known pro-life advocate.

◆ **Roe vs Wade Anniversary on January 22:** We pray for the day when each human life, regardless of age or ability, is safe, respected, and protected by law. May all our citizens, especially those who are most vulnerable, be protected.

◆ **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:** The annual Knights Free Throw contest will take place this Friday, January 30, at the Sutton High School Gym. Registration starts at 6:45 p.m., shooting starts at 7:00 p.m.. This contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 (who are not in high school basketball).

◆ **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 Jon Kadlec. He is a parishioner of Assumption parish in Appleton. He entered the seminary in 2022. His parents are Michael & Barbara Kadlec. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for January: For prayer with the Word of God – Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Light in the midst of the darkness

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.”

Matthew 4:15-16

This passage from Matthew’s Gospel is quoted from Isaiah the Prophet at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. After quoting Isaiah, Jesus goes forth saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

This prophecy from Isaiah is clearly fulfilled in Jesus’ coming. Jesus is the “great light” of which Isaiah speaks. Therefore, Isaiah is prophesying this particular historical moment when Jesus appears in our world preaching His divine Word.

But Isaiah’s words should not only speak to us about this one-time historical event of the coming of Christ and His public ministry, it should also reveal to us the fact that Jesus is the “great light” who continues to shine in whatever darkness we encounter.

Sit with that image. Imagine complete darkness covering the entire land. Perhaps imagine being out in the wilderness on a very cloudy night with the stars and moon completely covered. Imagine, then, the clouds parting as the sun immediately begins to rise. Slowly the darkness is cast aside as the rising sun sheds light across the entire land.

This is not only an image of what happened long ago when Jesus came and began His ministry, it also happens every time we sincerely listen to the Word of God and allow His Word to penetrate our minds and hearts. Jesus’ words must fill us with Himself for He is the Great Light of Truth.

Reflect, today, upon the area of your life that seems to be covered with darkness. What is it that leaves you feeling hurt, angry or confused? What is it that burdens your heart more than anything else? It is this area of your life, more than any, that Jesus desires to enter and to shed the rays of His glory upon.

My Lord of light, come to me and enter the darkness of my mind and heart. Come and cast aside the sorrow and pain that I feel this day. Bring clarity to my confusion and replace it with the bright knowledge of Your loving presence. Jesus, I trust in You.

