

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
<i>14 July</i>	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish people of the parish

**Collection: 30 June: \$687.00**

**(16 July) Our Lady of Mount Carmel** In our diocese we are blessed to have the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Located about 20 miles northwest of Lincoln, it is home to over 30 contemplative religious nuns. They follow the great Carmelite tradition in the footsteps of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), and many others. The Carmelite Order traces their beginnings all the way back to the Prophet Elijah who on Mt. Carmel witnessed to the true God of Israel against the idolatry and false prophets of that day and he heard the “still small voice” of God on Mt. Horeb (See 1 Kings 18-19). It was on July 16, 1251 that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock and gave him the brown scapular with this promise, "This must be a sign and privilege for you and for all Carmelites: whoever dies wearing the scapular will not suffer eternal fire." Pope Benedict XVI said, “The Carmelites have spread among the Christian people devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, holding her up as a model of prayer, contemplation and dedication to God. Indeed, Mary was the first, in a way which can never be equaled, to believe and experience that Jesus, the Incarnate Word, is the summit, the peak of man's encounter with God. By fully accepting the Word, she "was blessedly brought to the holy Mountain" (cf. Opening Prayer of the Memorial), and lives for ever with the Lord in body and soul.”

“Although the scapular was given to the Carmelites, with time many lay people began to feel called to live a life more committed with the Carmelite Spirituality and that is how the association of the scapular began, and many laity were added through their devotion to the Virgin and the use of the scapular. The church has extended the privilege of the scapular to all laity.” “The scapular, being a sacramental, does not communicate grace to us as do the sacraments, but does aid in making us more receptive to God’s love and a sincere contrition of our sins if we receive it with devotion.” It is a sign of devotion and a helpful reminder of our Lady’s protection, of belonging to Christ through her, and accepting the yoke of Christ. In wearing the scapular, one strives to live the meaning, “The scapular is a symbol of our identity as Catholics, bound intimately to Mary with the purpose of fully living our baptism. It represents our decision to follow Jesus through Mary in the spirit of a religious but adapted properly to our vocation. This requires that we must be poor (a simple lifestyle without material attachments), chaste, and obedient for love of God.” Learn more at [https://www.piercedhearts.org/hearts\\_jesus\\_mary/apparitions/our\\_lady\\_mt\\_carmel.html](https://www.piercedhearts.org/hearts_jesus_mary/apparitions/our_lady_mt_carmel.html)

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

14 July 2024

15th 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:

**Funeral Mass:** Mass of Christian Burial for Clayton Rath will be on Friday July 19th at 10:30 am here at St. Joseph. The Altar Society ladies have been asked to assist in providing food for the lunch afterward. Please contact Shelly Chloupek A.S.A.P to let her know if you can help.

### We continue our reading of *The Sacrament of Charity Sacramentum Caritatis* ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION.

Next, Pope Benedict writes about Active Participation in the Mass, which does not refer to mere external activity during the celebration, “the active participation called for by the Council must be understood in more substantial terms, on the basis of a greater awareness of the mystery being celebrated and its relationship to daily life. The conciliar Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium* encouraged the faithful to take part in the eucharistic liturgy not "as strangers or silent spectators," but as participants "in the sacred action, conscious of what they are doing, actively and devoutly."

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**This week in the parish July 15 to July 21:**

*Office hours the week of July 15 to July 21 are Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday 7pm - 8:30pm with Saturday 12pm to 5pm. Please check our social media and our website as updates become available and sign up for Flocknote.*

**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.

**- 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	Emily Howard	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	Mary Verde
Jeff Weber	Joseph Verde	Kevin Chloupek	Wayne Alley
Maggie Cooney Lynch	Jim Jackson		

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).

**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.

**Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus:** The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. *We are in full Eucharistic mode as we prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress.*

**Protect Women and Children Ballot initiative petition:** Shelly Chloupek has copies of the ballot initiative petition that can be signed by any registered Nebraska voter.

**Feast Day (16 July) Our Lady of Mount Carmel Novena began July 7:**

O Beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a pure virgin, assist us in our necessity! O Star of the Sea, help and protect us! Show us that you are our Mother! (pause and mention petitions)

Recite: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be    Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

**The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:**

One can ask any priest to bless a scapular and be invested in it. You give us hope, O Mother of Mercy, that through your Scapular promise we might quickly pass through the fires of purgatory to the Kingdom of your Son. Be our comfort and our hope. Grant that our hope may not be in vain but that, ever faithful to your Son and to you, we may speedily enjoy after death the blessed company of Jesus and the saints. (pause and mention petitions)

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