

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



MAY 17, 2026

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
May 18	Mon	7:30 am		
May 19	Tues	7:30 am	+Jay Sullivan	
May 20	Wed	7:30 am	+Sr. Martin Reynolds	
May 21	Thur	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
May 22	Fri			
May 23	Sat			
May 24	Sun	9:00 am	+Carolyn Mazour	Pentecost
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$477.00
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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	Cecilia Martel	Randy Schulte	Diane Walz & family
Kelem Fabrice	Shirley McCabe	Jody Schulte	Edith Weber
Cesaria Gabriel		Juan Slazar	

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

- ◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for May: That everyone might have food – Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.
- ◆ Bishop's Annual Charity and Stewardship Appeal for 2026: This weekend begins the annual Diocesan Charity and Stewardship Appeal (formerly known as DDP [and still called that by many people]). The CSA pledge cards are available in the parish hall. After we meet our goal, we get the extra funds in our own bank account. If we do not meet our goal, any shortfall is paid from our general fund to the diocese. Thanks to everyone who has pledged so far!



◆ Congratulations to area graduates: Congratulations to all the graduates of our area schools and colleges. May the Lord be with you as you achieve this milestone and work toward the next one.

◆ Pray for those about to be ordained: Two young men will be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese next weekend. The ordination Mass will take place at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Please pray for them as this big day draws near.

◆ Mowing sign-up sheet for May and June: The mowing sign-up sheet for May and June is in the back of the church. Please sign up if you can. Thanks to those who have helped mow so far



◆ Pray for rain: We need it, and we know who sends it. We ask God's abundant help for the rain we need so badly right now. And make sure to thank him when he sends it!

◆ Pray the Rosary: It's easy to pray, and it's portable! We ask Mary's intercession for all our needs; but especially, right now, rain.

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# The Prayer of Jesus

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*“Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him.” John 17:1–2*

John’s Gospel, Chapter 17, is referred to as Jesus’ High Priestly prayer. It’s a long and beautiful prayer that would be worth reading in its entirety for reflection.

Jesus begins by speaking to the Father that “the hour has come.” His hour of suffering and death is upon Him. But He sees it as an opportunity for His glorification. This is an important revelation within John’s Gospel and especially within this prayer. The Cross is horrible from a human perspective alone. But from the divine perspective or the will of the Father and the salvation of the world, it is glorious and the moment in which Jesus takes up His throne of the Cross. It is glorious because He perfectly fulfills the will of the Father through His freely embraced suffering.

From there, Jesus prays for the Apostles in particular. He prays for their mission so that they will have the grace they need to also embrace the will of the Father and continue the work of Jesus. He knows that it is only by embracing their crosses, in accord with the will of the Father, that they will be able to be glorified.

Lastly, Jesus prays for those who would come to faith through the ministry of the Apostles. In particular, He prays for their unity. The unity Jesus is speaking of is a oneness that comes as a result of being united with the Father in Heaven. It is this oneness that leads to glorification for all. And, once again, this oneness is achieved only by being in full union with the will of the Father.

Reflect, today, upon this beautiful prayer and as you do, allow the Lord to speak to you. Hear Him calling you to perfect fulfillment and glory. But know that this is achieved by the embrace of your “hour.” The Father is calling you to follow in the footsteps of His Son by laying down your life in perfect obedience to the Father’s will. Embracing this cross is the path to Heaven and Jesus’ prayer provides all the grace you need to say “Yes.”



*Father in Heaven, I choose to embrace Your perfect and holy will in all things. I accept from You the invitation to embrace my crosses in life and to enter into the hour to which You have called me. May I find true glory in this hour and may my life always give glory to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*