

St. Joseph Catholic Church

MARCH 29, 2026

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PALM SUNDAY

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

| DATE | DAY | TIME | INTENTION | SAINT / FEAST |
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| Mar 30 | Mon | 7:30 am | +Mary Lou Brockman | |
| Mar 31 | Tues | 7:30 am | +Jay Sullivan | |
| April 1 | Wed | 7:30 am | | |
| April 2 | Thur | 7:00 pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper | |
| April 3 | Fri | 3:00 pm | Stations of the Cross | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Celebration of the Lord's Passion | |
| April 4 | Sat | | | |
| April 5 | Sun | 9:00 am | +Bob Studnicka | Easter |
| | | 11:30 am | Parishioners of St. Joseph | |

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

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| Our Offering to God last week | \$357.00 |
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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| 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

◆ Deanery Penance Services in Sutton and Hastings Palm Sunday (next Sunday):

There are penance services in the area today. One penance service will take place at St. Mary's in Sutton at 4:00 p.m. (Fr. Jirovsky and Fr. Hoelsing will be hearing confessions there). The other will take place at St. Cecilia's in Hastings, also at 4:00 pm. There will be four or five priests hearing confessions there.

◆ Movie Night on March 29: There will be a parish movie night on Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 p.m. We will be watching The Mission. Please bring finger foods to eat while watching the movie.

◆ Living Stations of the Cross: There will be living Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Hastings on Good Friday, April 3, at 5:30 pm. People can gather in front of the church steps outside. All are welcome to attend.

◆ Lenten Clothing Drive for CSS:

"This Lenten season, as we seek to "put off the old self" and "put on Christ," Catholic Social Services invites you to join our Lenten Clothing Drive. This is a beautiful opportunity to practice the Corporal Work of Mercy to clothe the naked within our own community. We accept clothing in any condition: quality items provide immediate dignity to those in need, while stained or torn items are recycled to fund our local programs. Your donations directly support our mission to inspire hope across Hastings and south central Nebraska. Drop off your items at the parish in the blue bin located at the back of the church. Thank you for helping us clothe Christ in the poor."



◆ This is the Hour Mission: Join us for "This is the Hour", a one-evening mission on Thursday, April 23, from 6:00–8:00 PM at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Hastings, NE



(715 Creighton Avenue). Catholic Radio Personalities Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter will share reflections to inspire and renew

your faith. All are welcome! Dr. Peter hosts Ave Maria in the Afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Spirit Catholic Radio. Deacon Harold hosts Beacon of Truth at 7:00 p.m. on Spirit Catholic Radio. More information about both speakers can be found on their websites: www.marcusbpeter.com and deaconharold.com

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week is Joseph Heimbrecht. He was ordained as a transitional deacon for the diocese last year. He is a parishioner of St. John's Parish in Lincoln. He entered the seminary in 2023. His parents are Kurt & Mary Heimbrecht z. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary



in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for April: For priests in crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Let it begin...

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?” And the crowds replied, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.” Matthew 21:10–11

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, just four short days before He would be arrested, He was received with great joy. As He entered, riding a donkey, the crowds spread their cloaks, strewed palm branches before Him and cried out, “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Mt. 21:9). Jesus was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and He was given a Kingly welcome.

Jerusalem itself was the place of the Temple where so many of the ancient kings of Israel offered sacrifice to God. Year after year, decade after decade, and century after century, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies within the Temple to offer sacrifice to God. However, little did anyone know that as Jesus entered Jerusalem, the entire city became the new Temple and Jesus became the final and definitive Priest. He entered this new Holy of Holies as a King and Priest, and He died as the Sacrificial Lamb. He was greeted with shouts of “Hosanna” only to soon hear “Crucify Him, crucify Him!”

What a turn of emotions. What a contrast of experiences. What a shock to the minds and hearts of all of His first followers. How could this be? How could something so glorious become so painful in such a short amount of time? From an earthly perspective, what would soon follow made no sense, but from a divine perspective, it was the beginning of the most glorious act ever known.

The evil one certainly watched in hatred and jealousy as Jesus, the Eternal Son of the Father, was given this glorious reception by these sons and daughters of God. The envy of the evil one was so great that it became alive and manifest in the souls of some of the religious leaders, in the betrayal of one of the Apostles, in the actions of the civil authorities and in the confused emotions of the crowds. The vile, frightful, forceful and definitive attack on our Lord would soon begin now that He was welcomed into the city of Jerusalem to begin the Feast of Passover. Who could have known that on that Passover the Lamb of Sacrifice would be our Lord Himself.

In our own lives, we often do all we can to avoid even the slightest amount of sacrifice. But sacrifice is capable of the greatest good when united to the one Sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus entered Jerusalem with perfect determination to begin the Sacrifice that would conquer sin and death and defeat the evil one. And that is exactly what He did.

Reflect, today, upon how willing you are to embrace sacrifice in your own life. No, your sacrifices are not able to save the world by their own merit, but if you face your crosses in life, be they big or small, and if you intentionally and wholeheartedly unite them to the actions of Jesus that first Holy Week, then you can be certain that you will suffer with our Lord. But you can also be certain that your suffering will be transformed by the power of this Holy Week and lead you to a glorious sharing in His triumph over all sin and suffering. Sacrifice yourself with our Lord this Holy Week so that you, too, will rise victorious with our Lord.

My glorious Lord, I cry out to You, “Hosanna!” You are the King, the High Priest, and the Spotless Lamb of Sacrifice. As I enter into this Holy Week, enable me to walk with You and to offer my own life as a sacrifice in union with Your own perfect Sacrifice. May Your Holy Week transcend time and permeate every aspect of my life so that, as I die with You, I may also share in the glory of Your Resurrection. Jesus, I trust in You.

| Liturgical Events for Holy Week | | | |
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| Holy Thursday | April 2 | 7:00 pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| | | 8:00 pm (approx) | Procession to Altar of Repose and Adoration until 10:00 pm |
| | | | Confessions after Mass and the Eucharistic Procession to the Altar of Repose |
| Good Friday | April 3 | 3:00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| | | 7:00 pm | Celebration of the Lord's Passion |
| Holy Saturday | April 4 | 9:30 am | Confessions for one hour |
| | | 8:00 pm | Easter Vigil |
| Easter Sunday | April 5 | 9:00 am | Easter Sunday Mass |
| | | 11:30 am | Easter Sunday Mass |