

St. Joseph Catholic Church



MAY 24/31, 2026

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PENTECOST/THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
May 30	Sat			The Most Holy Trinity
May 31	Sun	9:00 am	+Mike Korth	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Next Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
June 1	Mon	7:30 am	+Larry Eickhoff	Justin, Martyr
June 2	Tues	7:30 am	Special Intention (St.Gur)	
June 3	Wed	7:30 am	All Souls	Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martrys
June 4	Thur			Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
June 5	Fri	7:30 am	+Curt Gleason	
June 6	Sat			The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus
June 7	Sun	9:00 am	Verde family	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

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Our Offering to God last week	\$503.00
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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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for June : For the values of sports – Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

Two week bulletin
This bulletin is for this week and for next week. The next new bulletin will be published on Sunday, June 7.

◆ Happy First Communion to Ken Martin!! Ken Martin received his First Holy Communion on April 19 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Deweese. Congratulations to him and his family!



◆ Fr Hoelsing gone this week: I will be gone this week on vacation. I will get back on Saturday evening. Please pray for my safe travels.

◆ Seminarian "Pilgrimage Across Flatwater" coming to Harvard on Sunday, May 31 – Dinner and gathering at 6:30 pm: You may have seen on the front page of last week's Southern Nebraska Register that some six seminarians of our diocese, along with Fr. Peter Morin, are making a pilgrimage across the Diocese of Lincoln, walking about 375 miles in a month's time. Harvard is part of this pilgrimage. They will be coming through on Sunday, May 31, and will be spending the night here before they depart for Deweese the next day. They will arrive in the evening. We are looking to have a gathering Sunday evening and provide a meal for them at 6:30 p.m. If you would be willing to provide food for this gathering, please contact Shelly Chloupek.

◆ Fr Hoelsing gone the weekend of June 6-7: I will be gone the weekend of June 6-7 to visit friends in Colby, Kansas (and take in some music, too). I'll get back on Monday the 8th. Please pray for my safe travels on that trip, too.

◆ 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.



◆ CSS Baby Drive: Catholic Social Services in Hastings is in need of items for babies, and a few other things. They need diapers (sizes 4 to 6, especially size 6), baby wipes, laundry soap, and shaving cream. They're really low on these essential items. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate, you can leave these items in the back of the church.

◆ Congratulations to the ordinandi of 2026: Two young men were ordained to the priesthood for our diocese this Saturday at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Please pray for them as they make the transition in priesthood and parish life.

◆ Pray for rain: Thank you, Lord, for the wonderful rain we received this week. Please send more our way!

◆ 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.

◆ Bishop's Annual Charity and Stewardship Appeal for 2026: The CSA pledge cards are available in the parish hall. Thanks to everyone who has pledged so far!

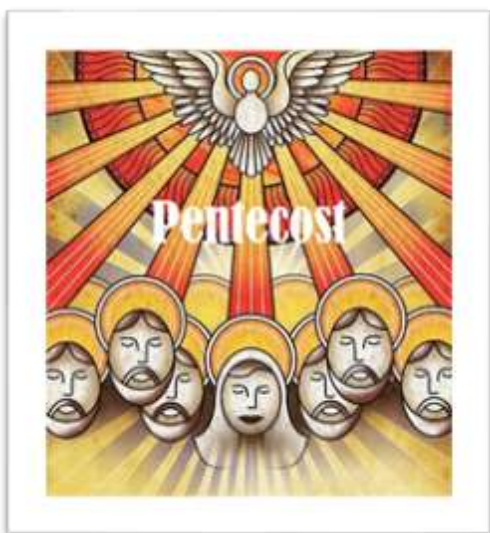


The coming of the Holy Spirit

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:2-4

Do you think there was really a “noise like a strong driving wind” at this first outpouring of the Holy Spirit? And do you think there really were “tongues as of fire” that came and rested on everyone? Well, there most likely was! Why else would have it been recorded that way in the Scriptures?

These physical manifestations of the coming of the Holy Spirit were made present for numerous reasons. One reason was so that these first recipients of the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit would have concretely understood that something amazing was happening. By seeing and hearing these physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit they were more properly disposed to understand that God was doing something awesome. And then, upon seeing and hearing these manifestations, they were touched by the Holy Spirit, consumed, filled and set on fire. They suddenly discovered within themselves the promise Jesus made and they finally began to understand. Pentecost changed their lives!



We most likely have not seen and heard these physical manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but we should rely upon the witness of those in the Scriptures to allow ourselves to arrive at a deep and transforming faith that the Holy Spirit is real and wants to enter our lives in the same way. God wants to set our hearts on fire with His love, strength and grace so as to effectively live lives that effect change in the world. Pentecost is not only about us becoming holy, it's also about us being given all we need to go forth and bring the holiness of God to all those we encounter. Pentecost enables us to be powerful instruments of the transforming grace of God. And there is no doubt that the world around us needs this grace.

As we celebrate Pentecost it would be helpful to ponder the primary effects of the Holy Spirit in a prayerful way. Below are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These Gifts are the primary effects of Pentecost for each and every one of us. Use them as an examination of your life and let God show you where you need to grow more deeply in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, send forth Your Spirit in my life and set me on fire with the Gifts of Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, I invite You to take possession of my soul. Come Holy Spirit, come and transform my life. Holy Spirit, I trust in You.