

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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## This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Mar 9	Mon			
Mar 10	Tues	7:30 am	Special Intention(jhz)	
		7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
Mar 11	Wed	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
Mar 12	Thur	7:30 am	Timothy Cooney	
Mar 13	Fri	7:30 am		
Mar 14	Sat			<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
Mar 15	Sun	9:00 am	+Curt Gleason	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

<b>Our Offering to God last week</b>	<b>\$4,877.00</b>
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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

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross this week on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join in this Lenten devotion.
- ◆ **Harvard Senior Community Meal:** The Harvard Senior Community Meal will take place on Thursday, March 12, from 11:30 pm to 2:00 pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church basement. The cost is \$6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402) 224-0732 by 7:00pm Sunday, February 8 (today).
- ◆ **Food Pantry next Saturday:** It's St. Joseph's turn next Saturday, March 14, to help with distribution of food to those we need assistance from 9:00am to 10:30am. (as we always run the distribution on the second Saturday of the month). Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders and build boxes as well as other tasks. If you can volunteer, please contact Elaine Almond or Shelly Chloupek.



◆ **Knights of Columbus Meeting in Sutton this Sunday:** The Knights of Columbus meeting will be Sunday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. in Sutton in the church hall. The Admissions video will be shown at 6:00 for both new and current members. A short meeting will follow with food served afterwards.

◆ **Holy Father Prayer Intention for March:** For Migrants and Refugees – That displaced persons may find welcome, protection, and opportunities to rebuild their lives with dignity.

◆ **Harvard Lenten Ecumenical Service thanks:** Thanks to everyone who helped set up for the ecumenical service last Sunday night. Thanks for everyone who provided cookies and drinks, and who helped serve. It was a nice night.

◆ **Sons of the American Legion Fish Fries in the area:** There are two remaining fish fries in the area hosted by the Sons of the American Legion. They will take place on March 13 at Fairfield and March 20 at Glenvil.

◆ **KC Fish Fries in Hastings:** The St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus Fish Fries will take place every Friday in Lent (except for Good Friday) at Centennial Hall at St. Cecilia's in Hastings. They will serve from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Cost is \$16.00 for adults with a maximum family cost of \$65.00.

◆ **Seminarian of the Week:** The seminarian of the week is Max Summa. He is a parishioner of St. Vincent dePaul parish in Seward. He entered the seminary in 2023. His parents are Jason and Cathy Summa. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ February was Catholic Press Month in the Diocese of Lincoln: February was Catholic Press month. If you did not get your donation in for the \$15.00 fee we pay for your Southern Nebraska Register subscription, you can turn it in at any time. Thanks to everyone who helped out so far!

◆ Thanks to those who have donated items to Peoples' Project/Food Pantry: Thanks to everyone who has donated food items to the Food Pantry for distribution to those

who are in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Just a reminder...please check the expiration date on food items before donating them!

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## Quenching your thirst with living water

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*“Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” John 4:29*

This is the story of a woman who encountered Jesus at the well. She comes to the well in the middle of the noonday heat so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment upon her, for she was a sinful woman. At the well she encounters Jesus. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation.

The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her touched her. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man. Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He “told me everything I have done.”

She wasn't only impressed that Jesus knew all about her past as if He were a mind reader or magician. There is more to this encounter than the simple fact that Jesus told her all about her past sins. What truly seemed to touch her was that within the context of Jesus knowing all about her, all the sins of her past life and her broken relationships, He still treated her with the greatest respect and dignity. This was a new experience for her!



We can be certain that she would have daily experienced a sort of community shame. The way she lived in the past and the way she was living at the present was not an acceptable lifestyle. And she felt the shame of it which, as mentioned above, was the reason she came to the well in the middle of the day. She was avoiding others.

But here was Jesus. He knew all about her but wanted to give her Living Water nonetheless. He wanted to satiate the thirst that she was feeling in her soul. As He spoke to her, and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, that thirst began to be quenched. It began to be quenched because what she really needed, what we all need, is this perfect love and acceptance that Jesus offers. He offered it to her, and He offers it to us.

Interestingly, the woman went away and “left her water jar” by the well. She never actually got the water she came for. Or did she? Symbolically, this act of leaving the water jar at the well is a sign that her thirst was quenched by this encounter with Jesus. She was no longer thirsty, at least spiritually speaking. Jesus, the Living Water, satiated.

Reflect, today, upon the undeniable thirst that is within you. Once you are aware of it, make the conscious choice to let Jesus satiate it with Living Water. If you do this, you too will leave the many “jars” behind that never satisfy for very long.

*Jesus, You are the Living Water that my soul needs. May I meet You in the heat of my day, in the trials of life, and in my shame and guilt. May I encounter Your love, gentleness and acceptance in these moments, and may that Love become the source of my new life in You. Jesus, I trust in You.*