

St. Joseph Catholic Church

JULY 5, 2026

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
July 6	Mon			Peter & Paul
July 7	Tues	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	
July 8	Wed	7:30 am	All Souls	
July 9	Thur	7:30 am	Carper family	
July 10	Fri	7:30 am		
July 11	Sat			15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12	Sun	9:00 am	+Carolyn Mazour	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$758.00
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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

◆ Missionary speaker last weekend: Please get in your donations for this if you want to contribute. Fr. Leo gave a good presentation on what he and his congregation do. He was also a nice guest to have for a couple of days here. May God bless Fr. Leo and all missionaries as they seek to spread the Gospel to their people in more adverse circumstances than ours.

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for July: For respect for human life – Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

◆ Mowing sign-up sheet for July: We got rain so the grass grows pretty quickly. Thanks to everyone who has signed up over the summer to mow. We welcome anyone else to sign up who hasn't yet.

◆ Harvard Senior Community Meal: The Harvard Senior Community Meal will take place on Thursday, July 9, 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, July 5 (today).



◆ Food Pantry next Saturday: It's St. Joseph's turn next Saturday, July 11, 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.

◆ America 250 – Thankful for freedom: The greatness of any nation begins with acknowledging God as our true leader, and this begins at home in the context of the family. Thank you, Lord, for blessings you have bestowed upon our nation and upon our families for the last 250 years. May our nation continue to shine your light to others.

◆ Religious Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln – New Entrants: We are asked to pray for new entrants into the various religious communities in our diocese. From now through November, names of new religious sisters will be listed. Please pray for them.

The first Religious Sister of the Diocese for whom we pray this week is Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen from Vietnam. She is a member of The Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy in Lincoln.

The second Religious Sister for whom we pray is Sr. Mary Angelica from the Philippines. She is a member of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (also known as the 'Pink Sisters') in Lincoln.

Please keep these sisters in your prayers this week.

◆ Peter's Pence Collection: Please get your envelopes in if you want to help with this.

◆ Catholic Social Services in need of personal care supplies: If your congregation is looking for a way to help this month or next, we are currently running very low on personal care and cleaning supplies. Items for baby care, shower essentials, daily hygiene, and household would be helpful. Please know there is absolutely no pressure. We are simply reaching out to our community to ask for a little help keeping our shelves stocked for the vulnerable families who rely on us. There is a more detailed list of items needed on the window in the back of the church.

Childlike faith

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.” Matthew 11:25

What a profound truth to understand! For many, if given the choice to be either a “little one” or “wise and learned” it can appear that being wise and learned is more attractive. The problem is that, according to Jesus, those who are little children are in fact far more wise and learned than those who simply act this way.

Those who are childlike are the ones who have the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven revealed to them. They are given a special grace to penetrate the truths of God’s inner life. This reveals, in part, the simplicity of God’s inner life. God and His will are never confusing and complex. We may make Him seem confusing and, as a result, experience God’s wisdom as overly complex. But in reality, the truth and beauty of God is only discernible by the simple mind who lives in a humble way.

One tendency we can all have is to spend excessive time and energy trying to “figure out God’s will.” We can think and think and think, talk and talk and talk, and in the end remain in confusion about this or that. If you find yourself in this situation, of thinking too much and ending in confusion, then this is a sign that you may not be properly discerning the will of God and may not be allowing yourself to properly hear Him speak.

God speaks to us simply, clearly and only what we need to know, when we need to know. Therefore, it’s important to always approach our Lord in a humble and simple way, waiting for Him to speak the simple and profound truth we need to hear in His time. Ultimately, it comes down to patience with our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon whether you find yourself spending excessive time thinking about the mysteries of life only to be left confused. If so, seek to grow in humility so as to allow the Lord to reveal the simple yet profound truths He desires to reveal. Strive to be childlike in God’s eyes and you will become wiser and more learned than you could ever become on your own.

Lord of all wisdom, help me to have a simple and childlike faith in You and, through this simple faith, come to know the beautiful mysteries You desire to reveal to me. Give me wisdom and knowledge, dear Lord, beyond what I could ever obtain by myself. Jesus, I trust in You.