

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
<i>2 June</i>	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	People of the parish People of the parish

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We continue our reading of *The Sacrament of Charity Sacramentum Caritatis ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION.*

In this next part, Pope Benedict XVI speaks of art and liturgical song at the service of the liturgy. "The profound connection between beauty and the liturgy should make us attentive to every work of art placed at the service of the celebration. (122) Certainly an important element of sacred art is church architecture, (123) which should highlight the unity of the furnishings of the sanctuary, such as the altar, the crucifix, the tabernacle, the ambo and the celebrant's chair. Here it is important to remember that the purpose of sacred architecture is to offer the Church a fitting space for the celebration of the mysteries of faith, especially the Eucharist. (124) The very nature of a Christian church is defined by the liturgy, which is an assembly of the faithful (ecclesia) who are the living stones of the Church (cf. 1 Pet 2:5). " ... "Everything related to the Eucharist should be marked by beauty. Special respect and care must also be given to the vestments, the furnishings and the sacred vessels, so that by their harmonious and orderly arrangement they will foster awe for the mystery of God, manifest the unity of the faith and strengthen devotion."

In the Eucharistic Celebration, "liturgical song has a pre-eminent place. (126) Saint Augustine rightly says in a famous sermon that "the new man sings a new song. Singing is an expression of joy and, if we consider the matter, an expression of love" (127). The People of God assembled for the liturgy sings the praises of God. In the course of her two-thousand-year history, the Church has created, and still creates, music and songs which represent a rich patrimony of faith and love. This heritage must not be lost. Certainly as far as the liturgy is concerned, we cannot say that one song is as good as another. Generic improvisation or the introduction of musical genres which fail to respect the meaning of the liturgy should be avoided. As an element of the liturgy, song should be well integrated into the overall celebration (128). Consequently everything – texts, music, execution – ought to correspond to the meaning of the mystery being celebrated, the structure of the rite and the liturgical seasons (129). Finally, while respecting various styles and different and highly praiseworthy traditions, I desire, in accordance with the request advanced by the Synod Fathers, that Gregorian chant be suitably esteemed and employed (130) as the chant proper to the Roman liturgy (131)."

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

26 May 2024
Trinity Sunday

CONFESSIONS: Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, after the 11:30 Mass
& By appointment

DAILY MASSES: *No Daily Mass, at this time.*
See bulletin for area daily Mass times.

SUNDAY MASSES: Sunday — 9:00 am
11:30 am (Español)

Religious Education:
Children & Youth Sunday 10:00 am - 11:15 am
Adult Education: TBD

NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

Protect Women and Children Ballot initiative petition: Shelly Chloupek has copies of the ballot initiative petition that can be signed by any registered Nebraska voter.

This week in the parish May 27 to June 2:

Office hours the week of May 26 to June 2 are Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday 7pm - 8:30pm; Saturday 12pm -5pm. Please check our social media and our website as updates become available and sign up for Flocknote.

Flocknote: Flocknote is the safe environment preferred communication platform for our diocese. Our parish Flocknote address is *stjosephharvard1.flocknote.com* and Text to Join is available by Texting STJHN1 to 84576 for English or for Spanish text (202)765-3441. Don't forget to download the app in the app store.



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- St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

Edith Weber	Cecilia Meeza	Dan Adler (Sem)	Virginia Miller
Teresa Volesky	Alyssa O.	Jolene Markland	Angel Valdivia
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Emily Howard	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Erica Lauinger	Randy Schulte
Bill Kerber	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Shirley McCabe
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Kelem Fabrice	Garry Veik
Sharon Reasland	Nancy Sapp	Randy Chloupek	Tony Stec
Diane Walz & family	Shirley Koenig	Andrea Ainsworth	Mary Verde
Jeff Weber	Joseph Verde	Kevin Chloupek	Wayne Alley
Maggie Cooney Lynch			

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-772-7381) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

Pray for Vocations: This week please pray for those discerning their vocations to the priesthood or religious life. Especially for those within our own diocese.

Great Adventure Bible Study: In cooperation with Jeff Cavins and Ascension Press, Spirit Catholic Radio brings you *The Great Adventure – Your Journey Through the Bible*. Learn how the people, places, and events of the Bible all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Upcoming schedule: The Bible Timeline begins April 16, 2024, airing on Tuesdays at 11am and replays at 8pm. Matthew begins April 25, 2024, airing on Thursdays at 11am and replays at 8pm. Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life begins May 11, airing on Saturday at 7am and replays Sunday at 8pm. A discount on materials also available! More details at spiritcatholicradio.com/adventure

Convocation: Diocese of Lincoln: May 27th to May 30th

What is this Priest’s Convocation?

Convocations being a “calling together of a group of people” Bishop Conley is “calling together” all the priests of the diocese of Lincoln.

What is the purpose of the Convocation?

The purpose is three-fold and is summed up well in the theme of the convocation, “Flourishing As Priests: Body, Mind, and Soul.”

This convocation will offer daily talks to the priests on the theme of wellness and health: physical, spiritual, and social. In addition to the talks each day, the priests will be given TIME: for socializing with their brother priests, for recreation; to relax; to pray; to get caught up on sleep. Workload and distance often prevent many of our priests from experiencing these things on a routine basis. The convocation will not only speak to the priests about the importance of a well-balanced lifestyle; it will hopefully afford them the opportunity to experience it, and for than just a couple of hurried hours which run head-long into parish meetings and classroom lesson preps.

With all the priests at the convocations, will there be any opportunity for the lay faithful to attend daily Mass?

Yes. Larger parishes will share a priest who will offer Mass and provide coverage for emergencies. Most parishes will probably have Mass that morning, as usual. Tuesday and Wednesday (May 28 and 29) will be full days at the convocation. There will still be Masses available in the larger parishes, but many of these will be consolidated with other parishes. We are hoping that the lay faithful, out of care for the priests assigned to serve them, will gladly go to Mass at a neighboring parish for just a couple of days. On Thursday, it will be up to each pastor as to whether he will offer a Mass upon his return home, or not.

Will any priests be available for emergencies? How will I know which parish to call?

Yes. However, to free up as many of our priests as possible to attend the convocation, coverage will be spread out. For the days of the convocation, the diocese will set up ONE emergency number, to be used only from Monday Noon until Thursday at 3 pm of that week. We will then locate the nearest priest to respond to emergencies; this way people will not have to “hunt down” the nearest priest. Remember that the number will only be in operation during the days of the convocation. **The emergency number for the days of the convocation will be 402-915-1206. Active Monday 12:00pm to Thursday 3:00pm.**