

St. Joseph Catholic Church

JANUARY 18, 2026

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Jan 19	Mon			
Jan 20	Tues	7:30 am	+Vincent Seiker	
Jan 21	Wed	7:30 am	+Karen Kane	Agnes
Jan 22	Thur	7:30 am	+Joseph Verde	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Jan 23	Fri	7:30 am		
Jan 24	Sat			
Jan 25	Sun	9:00 am	+Sr. Martin Clare	3 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

Our Offering to God last week	\$1,074.50
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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	Shirley Koenig	Fr. Allan Phan	Landon Van Boening
Greg Almond	Erica Lauinger	Sharon Reasland	Garry Veik
Pete Bartels	Rita Mach	Dennis Reddick	The Verde family
Randy Chloupek	Jolene Markland	Nancy Sapp	Teresa Volesky
Kelem Fabrice	Cecilia Martel	Randy Schulte	Diane Walz & family
Cesaria Gabriel	Shirley McCabe	Juan Slazar	Edith Weber

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

- ◆ **Harvard Fire & Rescue Pancake Feed:** The Annual Fireman's Pancake Feed will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Fire hall. Suggested donations at the door are \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for ages 12 and under. We hope to see you there.
- ◆ **Holy Father Prayer Intention for January:** For prayer with the Word of God – Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.
- ◆ **Roe vs Wade Anniversary on January 22:** We pray for the day when each human life, regardless of age or ability, is safe, respected, and protected by law. May all our citizens, especially those who are most vulnerable, be protected.



St. John the Baptist

◆ **Safe Environment Training – must be completed by the end of this month:** All volunteers who have contact with or potential contact with minors or vulnerable adults are required to complete Diocese of Lincoln Safe Environment training through CMG Connect in January this month. Current volunteers should have already received information by mail and or email on this process.

◆ **PCCW Meeting this Sunday, January 18:** There will be a PCCW meeting today after the 9:00 am Mass to review the budget, officers, and parish activities for the year. Please come if you can!

◆ **Seminarian of the Week:** The seminarian of the week is Leo Bykerk (a local guy). He is a parishioner of St. Anne's parish in Doniphan. He entered the seminary in 2024. His parents are Michael & Amy Bykerk. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

The gift of spiritual insight

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’” John 1:29-30

This insight that St. John the Baptist had regarding Jesus is quite inspiring, mysterious and amazing. He sees Jesus coming toward him and he immediately states three revealed truths about Jesus: 1) Jesus is the Lamb of God; 2) Jesus ranks ahead of John; 3) Jesus existed before John.

How would John know all of this? What was the source of such profound statements about Jesus? Most likely John would have studied the Scriptures of the time and would have known the many statements about the coming Messiah spoken by the prophets of old. He would have known the Psalms and the Books of Wisdom. But, first and foremost, John would have known what he knew by the gift of faith. He would have had true spiritual insight granted by God.

This fact reveals not only the greatness of John and the depth of his faith, it also reveals the ideal we must strive for in life. We must strive to daily walk by authentic spiritual insight granted by God.

It’s not so much that we must live, day by day, in some sort of an evident, prophetic and mystical state. It’s not that we should expect to have superior knowledge over others. But we should be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so as to gain a knowledge and understanding of life that is beyond what mere human reason can acquire by its own effort.

John was clearly filled with Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Reverence and Wonder. These Gifts of the Spirit gave him an ability to live a life sustained by the grace of God. John knew things and understood things that only God could reveal. He loved and revered Jesus with a passion and submission of his will that could only be inspired by God. Most evidently, John’s holiness came as a consequence of his union with God.

Reflect, today, upon this exceptionally insightful statement from John regarding Jesus. John knew what he knew only because God was alive in his life leading him and revealing these truths. Commit yourself, this day, to an imitation of John’s deep faith and be open to all that God wants to speak to you.

My precious Lord Jesus, give me insight and wisdom so that I may know You and believe in You. Help me, each and every day, to discover more fully the great and awe-inspiring mystery of Who You are. I love You, my Lord, and I pray that I may come to know and love You all the more. Jesus, I trust in You.