

St. Joseph Catholic Church

AUGUST 9, 2026

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Aug 10	Mon			Lawrence
Aug 11	Tues	7:30 am	+Don Christen	Claire
Aug 12	Wed	7:30 am	+Carolyn Rehtus	
Aug 13	Thur			
Aug 14	Fri	7:30 am		Maxamilian Kolbe
Aug 15	Sat	9:00 am	Assumption Holy Day	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 16	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	\$1,631.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

A special intention	Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Meeza	Tony Stec
Dan Adler (Sem)	George Hoffmeister	Alyssa O.	Shannon Tebo
Andrea Ainsworth	Jim Jackson	Brad Oschner	Ryan Urbanosky family
Bill Alexander	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Angel Valdivia
Wayne Alley	Bill Kerber	Fr. Allan Phan	Landon Van Boening
Greg Almond	Kim Kneuvan	Sharon Reasland	Garry Veik
Pete Bartels	Shirley Koenig	Dennis Reddick	The Verde family
Shawna Back	Erica Lauinger	Nancy Sapp	Teresa Volesky
Brayan Chacón	Rita Mach	Randy Schulte	Diane Walz & family
Randy Chloupek	Cecilia Martel	Jody Schulte	Edith Weber
Kelem Fabrice	Shirley McCabe	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

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for August: 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 August: Please keep signing up. It always looks great!

◆ Coffee/rolls/brunch & CCD registration: We will have back-to-school brunch on Sunday, August 23, after the 9:00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome. In the meantime, enjoy what's left of summer.

◆ Assumption Holy Day: August 15 is the Holy Day of the Assumption of Mary. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, it's not a holy day of obligation. Therefore, there will be one Mass for this Holy Day and it will take place at 9:00 am on Saturday morning, August 15.

◆ Getting married this week: We pray for Tim Taber and Mikaela Shaw who are getting married this Friday. Congratulations in advance to these two!

◆ Religious Sisters of the week: This week we are asked to pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood at The Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother in Nebraska City. Please keep this diocesan order and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.



◆ School is about to start: Area schools will be starting this week. Keep your eyes open for stopped school buses as they are on the road again. Let's pray for a good and safe school year for everyone involved.

◆ CSA (Charity & Stewardship Appeal): Pledge cards are still being accepted for this, and they're still coming in. Thanks to everyone who has assisted with this.

◆ Unbound Heart of the Father Retreat: This weekend retreat will take place at St. Cecilia's in Hastings from September 18-20. There will be more details to come. Unbound is a ministry that is approved and used by the Diocese of Lincoln.

Fear transformed

During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:25-27

Does Jesus frighten you? Or, better put, does His perfect and divine will frighten you? Hopefully not, but sometimes it may, at least at first. This story reveals to us certain spiritual insights and the way we may react to the will of God in our lives.

First of all, the context of the story is important. The Apostles were on a boat in the middle of the lake at night. The darkness can be seen as the darkness we face in life as we go through various challenges and difficulties. The boat has been traditionally seen as a symbol of the Church and the lake as a symbol of the world. So the context of this story reveals that the message is one for all of us, living in the world, remaining in the Church, encountering the "darkness" of life.

Sometimes when the Lord comes to us in the darkness we encounter, we are immediately frightened by Him. It's not so much that we are frightened by God Himself; rather, we can easily become frightened by God's will and what He asks of us. God's will always calls us to selfless giving and sacrificial love. At times, this can be hard to accept. But when we remain in faith, our Lord will gently say to us, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." His will is nothing we should be afraid of. We should seek to embrace it with full confidence and trust. This may be challenging at first, but with faith and trust in Him, His will leads us to a life of the utmost fulfillment.



Reflect, today, upon whatever our Lord may be calling you to do right now in your life. If at first it seems overwhelming, keep your eyes fixed on Him and know that He will never ask of you anything that is too difficult to accomplish. His grace is always sufficient and His will is always worthy of full acceptance and trust.

Lord, may Your will be done in my life in all things. I pray that I may always welcome You into the darkest challenges of my life and that I will keep my eyes fixed upon You and Your perfect plan. May I never give in to fear but allow You to dispel that fear with Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.