

St. Joseph Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Sept 8	Mon			
Sept 9	Tues	7:30 am	Adain Flores	Peter Claver
Sept 10	Wed	7:30 am	Calletano Bustillos	
Sept 11	Thur	7:30 am	Jobani Bustillos	
Sept 12	Fri	7:30 am		
Sept 13	Sat			24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 14	Sun	9:00 am	+Ken Kalvoda	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	\$777.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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

Parish News & Upcoming Events

◆ CCD starts this Sunday with coffee during: CCD starts this Sunday. We need one more teacher. Please let us know if you can help.

We feed the CCD students some basic breakfast items each Sunday. If you would like to donate some items or bring some prepared food to share, that would be great. Talk to Theresa if you would like some ideas of needed items.

◆ Harvard Senior Community Meal: The Harvard Senior Community Meal will take place this Thursday, September 11, 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, September 7 (today).

◆ Food Pantry next Saturday: It's St. Joseph's turn next Saturday, September 13, 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.

◆ Bishop Bruskewitz' 90th Birthday: Bishop Bruskewitz' 90th birthday took place yesterday on September 6. Priests of the diocese will be gathering with him at St. Gregory the Great Seminary this Sunday night to help him celebrate. Please pray for him on reaching this milestone!

◆ September 11 Anniversary: Thursday is the 21st anniversary of the events of 9-11. Please pray for the victims of that day and for their families. We pray for our country, too. We thank God for his protection and ask him to keep us safe from those who would want to harm us.



◆ Mowing sign-up sheet for October: The mowing sing-up sheet for September and October is now in the back of the church. Please take a week if you can.

◆ Mass with prayers for healing: This will take place on September 14, 2025, John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church, our Nation and for peace in our world. Sacrament of Reconciliation, begins 1:15. Praise and Worship 1:40 pm. Mass begins at 2:00 pm.

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for September: For our relationship with all of creation – Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

◆ Thanks, again, Lord, for the rain!: The rain we have received this summer has been ideal – it has been timely and abundant. Don't forget to thank God for it!

◆ Life Chain in Hastings on October 5: The annual Life Chain in Hastings will take place on Sunday, October 5, in Hastings. There will be more details to follow.

Total surrender

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” Luke 14:28

Are you prepared for all that the Lord wants of you? This short rhetorical question above is Jesus’ way of saying that you ought to be prepared. If you were to build a tower you would hopefully be prudent enough to plan ahead, making sure you had enough resources for its completion. So it is with the spiritual life. It is essential that we make sure we have all the resources we need to make the choice to follow Christ.

This raises the question, “What resources do I need to follow Christ?” The answer is simple. Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, “In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). In other words, if we want to have all that we need to fulfill the will of God in our lives, we must surrender everything to God.

Being a disciple of Christ is not something we can do halfheartedly, even though there are many who attempt this. When we choose to follow Him, it must be wholehearted. We must be “all in,” so to speak. Otherwise, we will never be able to accomplish all that our Lord asks of us. He is a demanding God in the sense that He wants everything from us. But this demand on the part of our Lord is completely for our own good. We need to give Him everything if we want happiness and fulfillment in life.

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to give every last part of your life to Christ. Are you willing to say “Yes” to Him no matter what? Are you willing to hold nothing back and “renounce all your possessions” if He were to ask? You may possess many things, and even though our Lord may not call you to give up all possessions in a literal and physical way, you must still surrender everything you have and everything you are to Him. Only then can He give you what you need to accomplish His most glorious will.

*Lord, my life is Yours. Please give me the grace to surrender everything that makes up my life to You without reserve. I surrender to You my life, my finances, my possessions, my family, my labors and my entire future. All is Yours, dear Lord.
Do with me what You will. Jesus, I trust in You.*