

St. Joseph Catholic Church

OCTOBER 26, 2025

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Oct 27	Mon			
Oct 28	Tues	7:30 am		Simon & Jude, Apostles
Oct 29	Wed	7:30 am	Jim & Robin Andersen	
Oct 30	Thur	7:30 am	+James & Barbara Hoelsing	
Oct 31	Fri	5:30 pm		
Nov 1	Sat	7:30 am	All Saints Day	All Souls Day
Nov 2	Sun	9:00 am	+Dec'd parishioners of our parish	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	

Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses

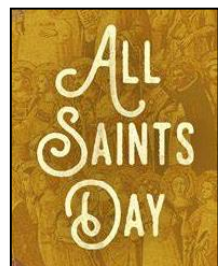
Our Offering to God last week	\$473.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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
George Hoffmeister			

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



◆ **All Saints Day:** All Saints Day is coming up next Saturday. This year All Saints Day *is not* a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday (when holy days [except for the Immaculate Conception on December 8] fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are no longer obligatory holy days). Therefore, there will be a Mass to commemorate All Saints Day at 7:30 am Saturday morning.

◆ **Return to Standard Time next weekend:** Next weekend we will return to Standard Time after being in Daylight Savings Time since March. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night into Sunday morning (November 4-5).



St. Joseph Soup Supper is next week!!!



Our annual Soup Supper takes place next Sunday, November 2 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Here's what you need to know between now and then.

❖ **Sign-up sheet:** There is now a sign-up sheet for workers in the back of church. Call Judy or Julie, or Shelly if you can't get to church to sign up but want to help.

❖ **Pie or dessert:** Remember your pie or dessert!! We always have a good variety. Very often people who come to church suppers are as interested in the dessert offerings as they are in the main course!

❖ **Gift Baskets for the raffle:** Anyone who can make a gift basket for the raffle is asked to do so. Any theme will do, or no theme at all!

❖ **Raffle tickets:** Also, raffle tickets are still available to sell. Please sell those if you haven't already.

❖ **Social media:** One notice was put on our Facebook page back on October 10. Another will come in a day or two. Please share these notices! Social media is probably the biggest way that word gets out for events such as these.

❖ **Thanks to everyone who has helped ahead of time:** Several people have put in a lot of work already – thanks for what you have done.

❖ **Pray for a good day:** We pray for good weather that day. With the cooler temperatures we now have, warm soup will really hit the spot. May the Lord bless and multiply our efforts!

◆ **50 Days for 50 States:** The states up for prayer until November elections are as follows: South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

- ◆ Seminarian appeal: The annual Bishop's Appeal for Vocations (BAV) is underway in the Diocese. Please get your pledges in if you haven't already.
- ◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week is Isaac VanSkiver (a local guy!). He is a parishioner of St. Michael's parish in Hastings. He entered the seminary last year. His parents are Greg & Roxanne VanSkiver. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

Prayer to St. Monica

O God, you are the comfort of those who mourn, and the Savior of all who trust in You.

Blessed Monica's loving tears moved You to convert her son, Augustine.

Help us, who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too.

May we also grieve for our sins and win the grace of your pardon, through the intercession of this loving saint, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

- ◆ Harvest season: Keep praying for good weather, safety, and abundant yields!
- ◆ Copula (roof repair): If you would like to donate to defray the costs of this expense, feel free to do so. You can put it in the collection labeled 'Roof Repair.'

- ◆ St. Monica prayer in the Hastings deanery: The following prayer is being prayed in the parishes of the Hastings deanery this month. Please join us in offering this prayer each day whenever it works for you.

◆ Holy Father Prayer Intention for October: For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

◆ Annual Diaper Drive during October: We are collecting diapers for the LDCCW-sponsored effort to help Nebraska Pro-Life organizations and Catholic Social Services provide diapers to families in need. Diapers can be placed in the boxes in the back of the church set aside for this purpose. Diapers sizes 5 & 6 are most needed!

True Righteousness

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. Luke 18:9

This Scripture passage is the introduction to the Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector. This parable offers quite a contrast between two general attitudes. First, the Pharisee's attitude reveals that he is very impressed with himself, thinking highly of his public image, and is unaware of his own sin. Second, the tax collector's attitude reveals that he is deeply aware of his own sin, is sorry for it and knows he is in need of God's mercy. The result of these two very different attitudes is that the tax collector went home justified whereas the Pharisee did not.

What does it mean to be justified? It means that the tax collector had a clear conscience and was grounded in the truth. He knew his need for mercy, begged for it and received it. He did not lie to himself, to others or to God. He knew who he was and it is this truth that allowed God to exalt him. The tax collector's justification came through the forgiveness of his sins and the bestowal of the mercy of God in his life.

The Pharisee may have felt good about himself to a certain extent in that he elevated himself for all to see. He was convinced of his own self-righteousness but, in truth, was not righteous. He was only self-righteous. He was living a lie and most likely believed that lie and even may have convinced others of that lie. But the fact remained, the Pharisee was not righteous and he was not truly justified.

What we must take from this passage is a profound realization of the importance of living in the truth. Those who paint a false image of themselves may fool themselves and may even fool others. But they will never fool God and they will never be able to achieve true peace in their soul. We each must realize the humble truth of our sin and weakness and, in that realization, beg for the only remedy – the mercy of God.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of this tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Make it your prayer. Admit your sin. Acknowledge your need for the mercy of God and allow that mercy to exalt you within the righteousness of God.

Lord of all righteousness, Jesus Christ, please be merciful to me, for I am a sinner. I acknowledge my sin and my weakness and I beg for Your abundant mercy. Please pour forth Your mercy and help me to open my heart to all that You wish to bestow. Help me to live in the humble truth, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.