

St. Joseph Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

DATE	DAY	TIME	INTENTION	SAINT / FEAST
Sept 14	Mon			
Sept 15	Tues	7:30 am	+Marie Borino	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sept 16	Wed	7:30 am	Special Intention (TSB)	Cornellius & Cyprian
Sept 17	Thur	7:30 am	+Joe Parr	
Sept 18	Fri	7:30 am		
Sept 19	Sat			25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 20	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	\$1,373.00
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St. Joseph Prayer Chain

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

◆ **Pope Leo Prayer Intention for September:** For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

◆ **Religious Sister of the week:** This week we are asked to pray Sr. Bridgett of the Holy Face, a junior novice in the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Agnew, Nebraska. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.

◆ **Thanks to those who helped with the Food Pantry this weekend:** Thanks to everyone helped with the Food Pantry this weekend. We'll always be happy to have more/new people help out!. The second Saturday of the month always belongs to our parish.

◆ **Life Chain in Hastings on October 4:** The annual Life Chain in Hastings will take place on Sunday, October 5, in Hastings. Details are posted in the back of the church.



◆ **PCCW (Altar Society) meeting:** An Altar Society meeting will be held next Sunday, September 20, after the 9:00 am Mass. We will be planning for the soup supper and discussing plans for the year. We'll have the coffee on. Bring breakfast/brunch items if you can.

◆ **LDCCW Fall Meeting:** All women of the diocese are invited to attend the Fall Gathering of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) on Saturday, September 19 at Sacred Heart Church Hall in Crete, NE from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The \$20 registration fee includes a light breakfast and lunch. Speakers include Rachael Tvrdy from the diocesan Family Life and Discipleship Office, Sr. Mary Gabriel, CK, and Ruth O'Gara from the Cor Mariae Schoenstatt Shrine in Crete. Register at zeffy.com/en-US/ticket.

◆ **Unbound: Heart of the Father Retreat:** Next weekend's retreat led by Father Bill Holoubek will teach 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional/spiritual bondage and unlock the doors to freedom.

It takes place from September 18-20 at St. Cecilia's in Hastings. To register, contact Mary Koch (402-984-6624), Marg Noecker (402-984-4120), or Saint Cecilia's Parish Office (402-463-1336). Please call or text by Monday, September 14, to reserve your spot.

◆ Job openings at CSS in Hastings: Catholic Social Services (CSS) has several part-time and full-time job openings in Hastings. Open positions include Full-Time Sustainability Associate and Part-Time Thrift Store Associate. Join the CSS team and inspire hope and love in every encounter! See details and apply online: csshope.org/careers . If you know someone who might want either of these positions, please let them know.

◆ Be Transformed study at St. Michael's: A seven-week study on Dr. Bob Schuch's book *Be Transformed* will begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Michael Catholic Church's Theisen Hall in Hastings (715 Creighton Avenue). Everyone is welcome. Each session will include a short presentation on the healing power of the Sacraments, some discussion, and then time to encounter our Divine Physician, Jesus, in prayer with Scripture and Eucharistic adoration. There will be a total of seven sessions ending November 3. See the flyer or contact Saint Michael's for more information: 402-463-1023. This study is fitting follow up for the Unbound Retreat taking place at Saint Michael's.

Forgiveness

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Matthew 18:21-22

This question, posed by Peter to Jesus, was asked in such a way that Peter thought he was being quite generous in his forgiveness. But to his surprise, Jesus adds to Peter's generosity in forgiveness in an exponential way.

For many of us, this sounds good in theory. It is inspiring and encouraging to ponder the depths of forgiveness that we are called to offer another. But when it comes to daily practice, this may be much harder to embrace.

By calling us to forgive not only seven times but seventy-seven times, Jesus is telling us that there is no limit to the depth and breadth of mercy and forgiveness that we must offer another. No limit!

This spiritual truth must become far more than a theory or ideal we strive for. It must become a practical reality which we embrace with all our might. We must daily seek to rid ourselves of any tendency we have, no matter how small, to hold a grudge and remain in anger. We must seek to free ourselves from every form of bitterness and allow mercy to heal every hurt.

Reflect, today, upon that person or persons you need to forgive the most. Forgiveness may not make perfect sense to you right away and you may find that your feelings do not fall in line with the choice you are trying to make. Do not give up! Continue to make the choice to forgive, regardless of how you feel or how hard it is. In the end, mercy and forgiveness will always triumph, heal and give you the peace of Christ.

My forgiving Lord, give me a heart of true mercy and forgiveness. Help me to let go of all bitterness and pain I feel. In place of these, give me true love and help me to offer that love to others without reserve. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love all people as You love them. Jesus, I trust in You.