St. Joseph Catholic Church

November 1, 2026

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All Saints Day

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This Weeks' Masses and Liturgies

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Saint / Feast
Nov 2	Mon	7:30 am	All Souls	All Souls Day
Nov 3	Tues			Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Nov 4	Wed	7:30 am	John DeWitt, Jr.	
Nov 5	Thur	7:30 am		
Nov 6	Fri	7:30 am	Intention of Dev & Gary Lespreance	
Nov 7	Sat			32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nov 8	Sun	9:00 am	+Carolyn Rehtus	
		11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
Confessions: one half hour before Sunday Masses				

Our Offering to God last week	$357.00

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

◆ Return to Standard Time this weekend: This weekend begins Standard Time which lasts until the second weekend in March. Hope you set your clocks back an hour last night.

◆ Pope Leo Prayer Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth – Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



Soup Supper is today!!



Today is our annual Soup Supper. Thank you, Lord, for a good day where weather is concerned!

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help, sold raffle tickets, donated baskets, or donated food for the soup itself.

Feel free to spread the word still!

◆ November – All Souls' Day Mass Intentions: This Sunday is All Souls' Day. November has traditionally been the month to remember the poor souls in purgatory. It is a good practice to pray for those who are deceased; it's a practice that actually dates back to the Old Testament. If you would like to have a Mass offered for your deceased loved ones take any envelope and label it "All Souls Day Mass Intention" and put it in the collection. The suggested stipend amount is $10.00, but if you can't afford that, that's fine. Make sure to include the names of those you want remembered.

◆ Book Of Remembrance: A book of remembrance will be placed in the vestibule of the church for the names of the faithful departed to be remembered in the month of November and throughout the year. Please feel free to write the names of the deceased and any the dates of their passing if you wish.

◆ St Joseph's Movie Night next Sunday: We will have another movie night next Sunday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring snacks to share. The film for viewing is Romero: In honor of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, this film chronicles the amazing true transformation of an apolitical, complacent priest to a committed leader, who started a revolution without guns, without an army, without fear. He is the leader his people needed then; he is the saint we all need today.

◆ Seven Sisters Apostolate: Anyone interested in finding out more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate, please stay after the 9:00 am Mass next Sunday, November

8, for a short presentation. Seven Sisters are women in the parish who spend an hour during one day of the week in prayer for our priest. If you're interested, please stay for the presentation next Sunday. We could use a few more volunteers.

◆ Seminarian of the Week: The seminarian of the week Jackson Schaefer. He is a parishioner of St. Cecilia's in Hastings (he's a local one!). His parents are Michael and Melissa Scheafer. He attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward. Please pray for him and all our seminarians.

◆ Religious Sister of the week: This week we are asked to pray for Sr. Guadalupe who is a Junior Sister in the Marian Sisters of Waverly. Please keep her and all our diocesan religious in your prayers.

◆ World Misson Sunday: This was observed two weeks ago. If you still want to support the worldwide mission of the church, you can still get your donations in. Thanks to those who already have.

◆ Annual Diaper Drive during October – Thanks!: Thanks to everyone who donated diapers during October. We received 1118 diapers here at St. Joseph. This will all be handed over to Catholic Social Services in Hastings to be distributed as needed. Thanks, again, for your generosity.

◆ 50 Days for 50 States: Just like last year and the year before, The LDCCW (Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) is encouraging each Catholic to offer prayers for the upcoming elections. It is called the 50 Days for 50 States Program. There are no set prayers, just a sacrifice or prayer each day that each state can elect pro-life and pro-family representatives.

Week Seven: - *Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.*

The holy souls in purgatory

Purgatory is an often misunderstood doctrine of our Church. What is Purgatory? Is it the place we have to go to be punished for our sins? Is it God's way of getting us back for the wrong we've done? Is it the result of God's anger? None of these questions really answer the question of Purgatory. Purgatory is nothing other than the burning and purifying love of our God in our lives!

When someone dies in God's grace they are most likely not 100% converted and perfect in every way. Even the greatest of saints most often would have some imperfection left in their lives. Purgatory is nothing other than that final purification of all remaining attachment to sin in our lives. By analogy, imagine that you had a cup of 100% pure water, pure H2O. This cup will represent Heaven. Now imagine that you want to add to that cup of water but all you have is water that is 99% pure. This will represent the holy person who dies with just some slight attachments to sin. If you add that water to your cup then the cup will now have at least some impurities in the water as it mixes together. The problem is that Heaven (the original cup of 100% H2O) cannot contain any impurities. Heaven, in this case, cannot have even the slightest attachment to sin in it. Therefore, if this new water (the 99% pure water) is to be added to the cup it must first be purified even of that last 1% of impurities (attachments to sin). This is ideally done while we are on Earth. This is the process of getting holy. But if we die with any attachment, then we simply say that the process of entering into the final and full vision of God in Heaven will purify us of any remaining attachment to sin. All may already be forgiven, but we may not have detached from those things forgiven. Purgatory is the process, after death, of burning out the last of our attachments so that we can enter Heaven 100% freed of everything to do with sin. If, for example, we still have a bad habit of being rude, or sarcastic, even those tendencies and habits must be purged.



How does this happen? We do not know. We only know it does. But we also know it's the result of God's infinite love that frees us of these attachments. Is it painful? Most likely. But it's painful in the sense that letting go of any disordered attachment is painful. It's hard to break a bad habit. It's even painful in the process. But the end result of true freedom is worth any pain we may have experienced. So, yes, Purgatory is painful. But it's a sort of sweet pain that we need and it produces the end result of a person 100% in union with God.

Now since we are talking about the Communion of Saints, we also want to make sure to understand that those going through this final purification are still in communion with God, with those members of the Church on Earth, and with those in Heaven. For example, we are called to pray for those in Purgatory. Our prayers are effective. God uses those prayers, which are acts of our love, as instruments of His grace of purification. He allows us and invites us to participate in their final purification by our prayers and sacrifices. This forges a bond of union with them. And no doubt the saints in Heaven especially offer prayers for those in this final purification as they await full communion with them in Heaven. It's a glorious thought and a joy to see how God has orchestrated this entire process for the ultimate purpose of the holy communion to which we are called!

Lord, I pray for those souls going through their final purification in Purgatory. Please pour forth Your mercy upon them so that they may be freed of all attachment to sin and, thus, be prepared to see You face to face. Jesus, I trust in You.