

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
<i>5 may</i>	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Mel Reining + People of the parish

**Collection: March 31, 2024 \$ 357.00**

We continue our reading of *The Sacrament of Charity Sacramentum Caritatis ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION.* In this part Pope Benedict XVI continues to speak about Matrimony and the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist and the indissolubility of marriage - "29. If the Eucharist expresses the irrevocable nature of God's love in Christ for his Church, we can then understand why it implies, with regard to the sacrament of Matrimony, that indissolubility to which all true love necessarily aspires. There was good reason for the pastoral attention that the Synod gave to the painful situations experienced by some of the faithful who, having celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony, then divorced and remarried. This represents a complex and troubling pastoral problem, a real scourge for contemporary society, and one which increasingly affects the Catholic community as well. The Church's pastors, out of love for the truth, are obliged to discern different situations carefully, in order to be able to offer appropriate spiritual guidance to the faithful involved. The Synod of Bishops confirmed the Church's practice, based on Sacred Scripture (cf. Mk 10:2- 12), of not admitting the divorced and remarried to the sacraments, since their state and their condition of life objectively contradict the loving union of Christ and the Church signified and made present in the Eucharist. Yet the divorced and remarried continue to belong to the Church, which accompanies them with special concern and encourages them to live as fully as possible the Christian life through regular participation at Mass, albeit without receiving communion, listening to the word of God, eucharistic adoration, prayer, participation in the life of the community, honest dialogue with a priest or spiritual director, dedication to the life of charity, works of penance, and commitment to the education of their children." Pope Benedict then spoke of the importance of the diocesan tribunal to draw closer to people in helping them investigate the validity of their marriage where doubts arise due to divorce. He then highlights the importance of marriage preparation, "The good that the Church and society as a whole expect from marriage and from the family founded upon marriage is so great as to call for full pastoral commitment to this particular area. Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself." I want to reiterate what the Holy Father said above, those who are divorced and remarried still belong to the Church and we are to walk with them, pray with them, and help discern God's path forward for them. I also want to encourage those who are separated or divorced and not remarried, as Pope Francis said, "divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life. The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." We will continue our reading and summary next week. *Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch*

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

28 April 2024  
5th Sunday of Easter



**CONFESSIONS:** Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, after the 11:30 Mass  
& By appointment

**DAILY MASSES:** *No Daily Mass, at this time.*  
See bulletin for area daily Mass times.

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Sunday — 9:00 am  
11:30 am (Español)

**Religious Education:**  
*Children & Youth* Sunday 10:00 am - 11:15 am  
*Adult Education:* TBD

### NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

**May Crowning & Coffee & Rolls:** Next week May 5th will be May crowning and there will be a pot luck following the 9am Mass. (please bring a dish)

**Nebraska Primary Election:** The Nebraska primary is on May 14th. All registered voters are encouraged to vote. There are very important initiatives on the ballot this year, especially 2 initiatives regarding abortion one is pro-life and the other is pro-abortion. More information on these initiatives will be coming next week.

**May Harvard Church Women Salad Luncheon:** The Ladies Salad Luncheon is on May 3rd. See Shelly Chloupek for tickets. Tickets are \$5.

**Protect Women and Children Ballot initiative petition:** Shelly Chloupek also has copies of the ballot initiative petition that can be signed by any registered Nebraska voter.

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**- St. Joseph Prayer Chain:**

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

Edith Weber	Cecilia Meeza	Dan Adler (Sem)	Virginia Miller
Teresa Volesky	Alyssa O.	Jolene Markland	Angel Valdivia
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Emily Howard	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Erica Lauinger	Randy Schulte
Bill Kerber	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Shirley McCabe
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Kelem Fabrice	Garry Veik
Sharon Reasland	Nancy Sapp	Randy Chloupek	Tony Stec
Diane Walz & family	Shirley Koenig	Andrea Ainsworth	Mary Verde
Jeff Weber	Joseph Verde	Kevin Chloupek	Wayne Alley

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-772-7381) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).fiden

**Pray for Vocations:** This week please pray for those discerning their vocations to the priesthood or religious life. Especially for those within our own diocese. In a special way, please pray for Sr. Xuan Sang with the Sisters of Mary. Queen of Mercy.

**Area Parishes:**

**St. Cecilia - Hastings: 7th & Kansas (402) 463-1336**

**Daily Mass M- F: 7am & 12:10pm, Sat 7am**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 8am, 10 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish) & 7:30p**

**St. Mary - Sutton: 107 Ivy Street. (402) 773-5346**

**Daily Mass: Times vary, see website: [www.stmarysutton.org](http://www.stmarysutton.org)**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:30pm (Sutton)**

**Sunday: 9 am (Sutton)**

**Sunday: 11 am (Grafton)**

**St. Mary - Aurora: 1420- 9th Street (402) 694-2455**

**Daily Mass M, TU, Thu, Fri: 7:30 am & Sat 8am**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat) 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:15 am**

**Great Adventure Bible Study:** In cooperation with Jeff Cavins and Ascension Press, Spirit Catholic Radio brings you *The Great Adventure – Your Journey Through the Bible*. Learn how the people, places, and events of the Bible all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Upcoming schedule: The Bible Timeline begins April 16, 2024, airing on Tuesdays at 11am and replays at 8pm. Matthew begins April 25, 2024, airing on Thursdays at 11am and replays at 8pm. Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life begins May 11, airing on Saturday at 7am and replays Sunday at 8pm. A discount on materials also available! More details at [spiritcatholicradio.com/adventure](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/adventure)

**Rogation Day:**

Farmers of St. Joseph's, if you would like a blessing for your fields, call the parish office and Fr. Clinch will plan to visit for a short blessing May 6,7, or 8.

**2024 Bishop's Charity & Stewardship Appeal:** Next weekend May 5th will be the first weekend for the Charity & Stewardship Appeal. Pledge cards will be available to be picked up in the parish hall after the 9am Mass.

**This week in the parish April 29 to May 5:**

*Office hours the week of April 29 to May 5 are* Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday 7pm - 8:30pm; Saturday 9am -4pm. Please check our social media and our website as updates become available and sign up for Flocknote.

**Flocknote:** Flocknote is the safe environment preferred communication platform for our diocese. Our parish Flocknote address is *stjosephharvard1.flocknote.com* and Text to Join is available by Texting STJHN1 to 84576 for English or for Spanish text (202)765-3441. Don't forget to download the app in the app store.