

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
10 March	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
11 March	Tues. 7:30 am	Claire Theisen +
12 March	Wed. 7:30 am	Ellen Thomas +
13 March	Thur. 7:30 am	Terry Thomas +
14 March	Fri. 7:30 am	Juanita Ponce +
15 March	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
16 March	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Clayton Rath + people of the parish

***Parish Activities:***

**Collection: February 23, 2025 \$ 782.00**

**Guidelines for Lent: *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.***

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

**High School Summer Mission Trip to Gallup, New Mexico**

An informational meeting will be held Sunday, March 9th and Sunday, March 16th @ 6:30p.m. at the family room at St. Michael's, 715 Creighton Ave, Hastings, NE 68901. It will last 45 minutes to an hour. All interested students and their parents are encouraged to attend one of the two informational meetings to get your name on the list! For more information, contact Mary Koch (402-984-6624)

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**9 March 2025**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

***CONFESSIONS:*** Sunday 8:30-8:50 am & after the 11:30 am Mass or by appointment

***DAILY MASSES:*** Monday -Friday 7:30 am.

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

***Parish Office Hours:*** Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday 7pm - 8:00pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm.  
Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

**NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Stations of the Cross.** Fr. Hoelsing will have Stations of the Cross this next Thursday, March 13th at 7:00pm in English.

**Harvard Senior Community Meal:** The March Senior Community Meal will be this Thursday, March 13th at the Harvard United Methodist Church from 11:30-2:00 pm. The cost is \$6. Please RSVP to Elaine Almond (402) 224-0732 by 7pm March 8th.

**Prayer Chain:** Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Lydia Tucker and her family. Her mother Trinidad de Castillo passed away in February. Likewise, to Lisa Baxa and her family. Lisa's mother Jean Crays also passed away in February.

**Seminarian Prayer Calendar:** Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Max Knepper studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Pray for Vocations:** Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our diocese along with those who are attempting to discern their vocation.



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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
Jim Jackson	Greg Almond	Rita Mach	Shannon Tebo
Pete Bartels	Landon Van Boening		

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).

**Food Pantry:** Food boxes for those needing assistance are available on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 10:30 am. Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders, build boxes and other tasks. **St. Joseph's is responsible for staffing volunteers for the 2nd Saturday distribution of boxes.** If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of assistance, please contact Elaine Almond, Shelly Chloupek or the parish office.

### **Harvard Senior Community Meal:**

The Harvard Senior Community Meals is normally held the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 2:00pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church basement. The cost is \$6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402)224-0732 by 7pm on the Sunday before the meal.

**Fish Fry:** The St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is every Friday in lent at Centennial Hall at St. Cecilia's in Hastings. They serve from 5pm - 7pm cost is \$15 for adults with a maximum family cost of \$60.

### **Deanery Lenten Series 2025**

Please join us for a Hastings Deanery Lenten Sermon Series on the Jubilee Year. Saint Michael Catholic Church, Hastings, NE. 4:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings followed by Confessions. Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

- March 9 – Father Cy Rowan: ***What is a Jubilee?***
- March 16 – Father Chamara Perera: ***The Virtue of Hope: “Spes non confundit”***
- March 23 – Father Corey Harrison: ***Pilgrimages and the Jubilee Pilgrimage***
- March 30 – Father Scott Nemec: ***Anchored in Hope and the Four Last Things***
- April 6 – Father David Oldham: ***Saints of Hope***
- April 13 – Father Jeremy Hazuka: ***Confession as a Sacrament of Hope*** (with several priests from the deanery available for Confessions after the talk.) A second short talk on ***Jubilee Indulgences*** will begin at 5:00 p.m., with Evening Prayer and Benediction following.

As we begin this Season of Lent, may it be a great opportunity to receive grace and grow in God's life, His life dwelling in us, that we might learn to rely on His power to save us. The Israelites were led into the desert and they preferred to go back to Egypt and be slaves rather than rely on God's grace to provide. We sometimes prefer to let the desires for comfort, health, power, pleasure, success, safety etc. rule our lives rather than rely on God's grace to provide. Jesus is led by the Spirit out into the desert and there He relies on God His Father to provide. He knows He is the Beloved Son of the Father. In Jesus, Psalm 91 is fulfilled: *Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.* (v. 14-15) Let us be one with Jesus in our temptations and trials and so experience His deliverance and glory. This Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday are the Ember Days of Lent. We might consider fasting each of these days and partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday in reparation for the over-indulgence of food and drink or the times we have misused God's gifts or taken them for granted. Also may our hearts abound with thanksgiving for the gifts of the season of spring that will soon be here. The Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey are inviting the faithful to join them in prayer and daily fasting during the 40 Days of Lent, "In recent years, the focus of Lent has drifted from the ancient and worthy task of daily fasting. This Lent offers us an opportunity to reclaim this tradition." Learn more at <https://theabbotscircle.com/post/introduction-the-great-fast-2025>  
*Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch*