

Mass Intentions:		
21 October	Mon. 7:30 am	priest's intention
22 October	Tues. 7:30 am	Betty Chloupek +
23 October	Wed. 7:30 am	Ken Kalvoda +
24 October	Thur. 7:30 am	priest's intention
25 October	Fri. 7:30 am	No Mass
26 October	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
27 October	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish people of the parish

Parish Activities:

Collection: September 22, 2024 \$526.00

Last week I was able to go on a walking pilgrimage in Oklahoma called Three Hearts Pilgrimage. It was 35 miles over two days camping in tents for two nights. There were more than 2,500 other pilgrims from all over the country, even some from other countries. Our destination was Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey where we joined in the Pontifical Mass celebrated by the Right Reverend Father Jean Pateau, Abbot of Notre-Dame de Fontgombault. While walking it gave much time for prayer, reflection, conversations with other pilgrims, opportunities to offer up penance and to pray for many people and intentions. We offered our spiritual and physical sacrifices especially for the defense of the traditional family and the sanctity of life - While pursuing that which is Good, True, and Beautiful. It was a very challenging couple days filled with many graces! The celebration of the Holy Eucharist was the highpoint of each day, confessions were also offered along the way. I was renewed in my vocation and I know many brother priests, consecrated religious, families, and individuals were renewed in theirs. I hope to participate in this pilgrimage in October 2025 and I hope we can bring many families from St. Cecilia and St. Joseph Parishes! Let me know if you are interested.

Food Pantry: Due to the scheduling conflicts, we will be responsible for giving out boxes on Saturday October 26th. Please, consider volunteering to help, especially with the change in schedule. 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.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
20 October 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 - 8:30pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm.
 Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

Parish Soup Supper: The Fall Parish Soup Supper will be on Sunday November 3rd from 5pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to bring items and assist with the meal. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church along with raffle tickets to sell.

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation): The Feast of All Saints on November 1st is a holy day obligation. There will be a vigil Mass at 6:30 pm Thursday October 31st and Mass on the Holy Day, Friday November 1 will be at 7:30am.

First Friday & First Saturday Devotions - Friday November 1st & Saturday November 2nd: There will be a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration on Friday November 1st at 6:30pm. Fr. Hoelsing will be available to hear confessions during the Holy Hour. Mass for First Saturday will be at 7:30 am with the Rosary to follow.

All Souls Day prayer requests: There are special envelopes in the back of the church to add names of the faithful departed you would like to have remembered in a special way on All Souls Day, November 2nd at the 7:30 am Mass.

Daylight Savings Time ends: Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday November 3rd. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



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Book Of Remembrance: Beginning on Sunday October 2th. 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. This book will be used to fill in dates when no specific Mass intention has been requested. Please feel free to add, not just the names of the deceased, but also any of their special dates like birthdays, anniversaries and dates of death. (please use only month and day)

October Pro-Life Diaper Drive: We are collecting diapers for this LDCCW sponsored effort to help Nebraska Pro-Life organizations and Catholic Social Services provide diapers to families in need. Size 5 & 6 Diapers are especially needed this year. Diapers can be placed in the boxes in the back of the church.

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

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations: Thank you to those who have given to the Annual Bishop's Appeal for Vocations in the past. Last year 16 families donated \$2,955 to help with the formation of our diocesan seminarians. That is an average pledge of \$185! I ask all of our 84 families to offer prayers for our seminarians and to make a financial gift if possible. Please find your family's pledge card on the table at the entrance of the church. May God reward your generosity. Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch

Harvard Senior Community Meal:

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

- 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			

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).

Ballot Initiatives and Information:

Let us continue to pray and fast in this spiritual battle happening in our state as we prepare to vote. Women and children's lives are at stake. We are praying and fasting to defeat the pro-abortion industry's attempt to legalize abortion in Nebraska late into pregnancy (Initiative 439—vote AGAINST) and to defeat the efforts of school choice opponents to strip children of their education funding (Referendum 435—vote RETAIN!). We are praying, fasting, and voting to uphold commonsense health and safety protections for women and babies (Initiative 434—vote FOR).

Why Vote to Retain 435?

A repeal of the Education Scholarships Act would be catastrophic for parents and kids who need more education flexibility. This program creates a scholarship program for students from lower-income families, students with special needs, students who experience bullying, students from military families, students in foster care, and students who are denied option enrollment. A repeal takes this all away.

The Catechism teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children, "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators. Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise. #2229"

Empowering families with scholarships means giving parents the freedom to choose the school that best fits their child. This program provides the financial support needed for families to find the right educational environment for their children to succeed.

A vote to RETAIN 435 would help families of Hastings Catholic Schools and also help our parish of St. Cecilia as we want to help all parents in fulfilling the promise they made at their child's Baptism: of training him or her in the practice of the faith and helping their children become disciples of Christ.

Why is it permissible to **Vote FOR 434**, since it seems to allow for abortion in the 1st trimester?

The three Bishops of Nebraska—through the Nebraska Catholic Conference—stated it is morally permissible for Nebraskans to support initiative #434, for the following reasons: • The proposal provides constitutional protection for preborn babies during the 2nd and 3rd trimester. • The proposal leaves protections for preborn babies in the 1st trimester and in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergency to the Nebraska Legislature. • The proposal does not affect Nebraska's current pro-life law which protects preborn babies at 12 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest, and medical emergency, and it leaves intact countless other health and safety laws passed over the last 50 years to protect women and babies from abortion. The Bishops further determined that a voter can support the proposal, under the following conditions: • The voter must understand that all abortion must be opposed, and that direct abortion is never morally acceptable under any circumstances. • The voter must view this proposal as an incremental step toward full protection of all human life from abortion, and not as a permanent compromise. Supporters must remain committed to the effort of recognizing the right to life of all preborn children. (see **Saint Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), paragraph 73**) • The voter must accept that the proposal does not create any right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution. The Nebraska Legislature remains free to provide greater protection for human life. • The voter must understand that this proposal is an imperfect alternative to the intrinsically evil pro-abortion ballot initiative #439. That pro-abortion ballot initiative #439 cannot be supported under any circumstance and must be rejected. To learn more about the problems with the pro-abortion ballot initiative, visit www.NEcatholic.org.

The next part in our reading of *The Sacrament of Charity* **Sacramentum Caritatis ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION**, speaks of this renewal. Paragraph 79 speaks of the Eucharist and the lay faithful: "And because the world is "the field" (Mt 13:38) in which God plants his children as good seed, the Christian laity, by virtue of their Baptism and Confirmation, and strengthened by the Eucharist, are called to live out the radical newness brought by Christ wherever they find themselves. They should cultivate a desire that the Eucharist have an ever deeper effect on their daily lives, making them convincing witnesses in the workplace and in society at large. I encourage

families in particular to draw inspiration and strength from this sacrament. The love between man and woman, openness to life, and the raising of children are privileged spheres in which the Eucharist can reveal its power to transform life and give it its full meaning." Paragraph 80 speaks of the Eucharist and priestly spirituality: "[the priest] is called to seek God tirelessly, while remaining attuned to the concerns of his brothers and sisters. An intense spiritual life will enable him to enter more deeply into communion with the Lord and to let himself be possessed by God's love, bearing witness to that love at all times, even the darkest and most difficult." Paragraph 81 speaks of the Eucharist and consecrated life: "Though they provide many services in the area of human formation and care for the poor, education and health care, consecrated men and women know that the principal purpose of their lives is "the contemplation of things divine and constant union with God in prayer." Paragraph 82 speaks of the Eucharist and moral transformation: "It is before all else the joy-filled discovery of love at work in the hearts of those who accept the Lord's gift, abandon themselves to him and thus find true freedom. The moral transformation implicit in the new worship instituted by Christ is a heartfelt yearning to respond to the Lord's love with one's whole being, while remaining ever conscious of one's own weakness. This is clearly reflected in the Gospel story of Zacchaeus (cf. Lk 19:1-10)."

Paragraph 83 speaks of **Eucharistic consistency**, especially important to hear as election day comes and we must vote in accord with our Catholic Faith. "Here it is important to consider what the Synod Fathers described as eucharistic consistency, a quality which our lives are objectively called to embody. Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter, without consequences for our relationships with others: it demands a public witness to our faith. Evidently, this is true for all the baptized, yet it is especially incumbent upon those who, by virtue of their social or political position, must make decisions regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one's children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms. **These values are not negotiable.**

Consequently, Catholic politicians and legislators, conscious of their grave responsibility before society, must feel particularly bound, on the basis of a properly formed conscience, to introduce and support laws inspired by values grounded in human nature. There is an objective connection here with the Eucharist (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-29). Bishops are bound to reaffirm constantly these values as part of their responsibility to the flock entrusted to them."

† *Fr. Clinch*

Prayer Cards: *We have new prayer cards in the pews, addressed to Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn. The Bishops of Nebraska have asked that Catholics all over the state say the prayer on the back of this card for the next 9 days. Please take this prayer card home with you and join Catholics across the state in prayer for the defeat of pro-abortion initiative 439, and for the protection of unborn children and their mothers.*