

| <i>Mass Intentions:</i> | | |
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| <i>25 August</i> | Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am | Paul & Shirley Koenig (aniv) people of the parish |

Collection: 30 June: \$687.00

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 third and final part, the Holy Father writes about the Eucharist, a Mystery to be lived. "70. The Lord Jesus, who became for us the food of truth and love, speaks of the gift of his life and assures us that "if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever" (Jn 6:51). This "eternal life" begins in us even now, thanks to the transformation effected in us by the gift of the Eucharist: "He who eats me will live because of me" (Jn 6:57). These words of Jesus make us realize how the mystery "believed" and "celebrated" contains an innate power making it the principle of new life within us and the form of our Christian existence. By receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ we become sharers in the divine life in an ever more adult and conscious way. Here too, we can apply Saint Augustine's words, in his Confessions, about the eternal Logos as the food of our souls. Stressing the mysterious nature of this food, Augustine imagines the Lord saying to him: "I am the food of grown men; grow, and you shall feed upon me; nor shall you change me, like the food of your flesh, into yourself, but you shall be changed into me." (198) It is not the eucharistic food that is changed into us, but rather we who are mysteriously transformed by it. Christ nourishes us by uniting us to himself; "he draws us into himself."

Introduction to Catholicism: Weekly Classes begin September 11 for anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are also for adults who desire to become Catholic and those who are baptized but who have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion. We are collaborating with St. Michael's and they will host this class there, making it convenient for CCD parents to attend. Let us ask the Holy Spirit who we should invite to this class and accompany on the journey.

This week in the parish 19 August to 25 August:

Office hours this week are Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday 7pm - 8:30pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm
Please check our social media and our website as updates become available and sign up for Flocknote.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

18 August 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

Mass Schedule Week of August 19th.: Daily Mass will be at 7:30 am Monday to Friday. No Saturday evening Mass this week August 24th. A Saturday Mass time will be decided soon.

CCD Registration and first day of classes: CCD registration for all students k-8 will begin Wednesday August 7th. the form can be found in the back of the church and on line at www.st-joseph-harvard.com. The expected first day of class will be August 25th. Anyone interested in teaching please contact Fr. Clinch or Theresa.

Coffee & Rolls: There will be coffee and rolls on August 18th after the 9am Mass to welcome Fr. Hoelsing.

Flocknote: Flocknote is the safe environment preferred communication platform for our diocese. Our parish Flocknote address is [stjosephharvard1.flocknote.com](https://www.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.



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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

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| 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 |
| Maggie Cooney Lynch | Jim Jackson | | |

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).

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.

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

Mk 6:31

I hope many will receive this invitation of Jesus in the Gospel to go on a retreat. We are blessed in the Diocese of Lincoln to have Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, NE. Our retreat house offers preached retreats as well as silent Ignatian Retreats with individual meetings with a spiritual director (4 day and 8 day). Check out the upcoming schedule for this fall: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/our-retreats/>

Going away to a retreat house helps us to intentionally make space for silence and prayer to encounter Jesus. St. John Paul II wrote, “...we cannot come to the fullness of contemplation of the Lord's face by our own efforts alone, but by allowing grace to take us by the hand. Only the experience of *silence and prayer* offers the proper setting for the growth and development of a true, faithful and consistent knowledge of that mystery which finds its culminating expression in the solemn proclamation by the Evangelist Saint John: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (1:14). I encourage us to prayerfully consider going on a retreat this year. If time is an issue, let's ask the Lord for the courage to make time. If insufficient money to pay for the retreat is an issue, please reach out to me and we will find a way through scholarships. One can ask the Holy Spirit's help to be creative to find the time. For example, a married couple could not make it to a retreat house but they were able to do a “stay at home” retreat, making time for one holy hour a day for 40 days and meeting their parish priest weekly for spiritual direction. We will find great peace in the time we give to Jesus. *Fr. Clinch*

Mission Appeal - The ministry of Polish Redemptorists in the East

Dear Parishioners

The Missionary Cooperation Plan helps to spread the gospel, build churches and communities around the world. This year I invite you to support the missionary work of Polish Redemptorists in the East. We have been working in the former Soviet Union for 30 years. At present, we are helping those affected by the war in Ukraine and run five parishes in Russia, one in Kazakhstan, five in Belarus.

This is an unpresidential time and we need to stand firm for peace working together to bridge the chasm created by war. The Polish Redemptorists with your help will be able to do so in a more efficient way. As a people of faith, we look forward to the future believing that the best is still ahead of us.

*I'm sincerely grateful to the **Diocese of Lincoln** for choosing the Polish Redemptorists-Mission in Russia to do the Mission Appeal in your Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you for your generous support through the Missionary Cooperation Plan.*

Rev. Dariusz Paszynski CSsR - Provincial Superior of the Warsaw Province