

Mass Intentions:		
16 September	Mon. 7:30 am	priest's intention
17 September	Tues. 7:30 am	No Mass
18 September	Wed. 7:30 am	priest's intention
19 September	Thur. 7:30 am	Marcella Martinez
20 September	Fri. 7:30 am	priest's intention
21 September	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
22 September	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish people of the parish

Parish Activities:

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Living a Catholic Life: What Is Conscience? Consideration of the advice of others—or established sources of wisdom—is essential to coming to a sound moral decision, implying a social and communal dimension to the whole process of moral decision-making. The individual is born into and embedded in a community, and his conscience is gradually formed by education and experience. The delusion of modern individualism is that we are all isolated and must decide for ourselves according to the light of our own consciences. This half-truth is often used to justify self-interest and the individual's enforcing his own will. But the subjective side of conscience must be complemented by the objective side: "The maturity and responsibility of these judgments [of conscience] . . . are not measured by the liberation of the conscience from objective truth, in favor of an alleged autonomy in personal decisions, but, on the contrary, by an insistent search for truth and by allowing oneself to be guided by that truth in one's actions" (Veritatis splendor, n. 61).

"Living a Catholic Life" is a collaboration between dioceses, parishes, Knights of Columbus councils, grassroots organizations, and The National Catholic Bioethics Center to educate the laity on principles of the moral life and their application. This column was adapted from D. Beauregard, "What Is Conscience Anyway?," Ethics & Medics 21.1 (January 1996).

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
15 September 2024
24th 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:

Altar Society Meeting with Coffee & Rolls: There will be an Altar Society meeting after the 9am Mass this Sunday September 15th. The agenda will include the Soup Supper and electing officers.

Parish Council Meeting: The parish council will meet briefly after the Altar Society Meeting.

Seminarian Prayer Calendar: Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Bradley Moss studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

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. Living in accordance with the Lord's Day "72. From the beginning Christians were clearly conscious of this radical newness which the Eucharist brings to human life. The faithful immediately perceived the profound influence of the eucharistic celebration on their manner of life. Saint Ignatius of Antioch expressed this truth when he called Christians "those who have attained a new hope," and described them as "those living in accordance with the Lord's Day" (iuxta dominicam viventes). (204)



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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
Maggie Lynch	Jim Jackson	Greg Almond	Rita Mach
Shannon Tebo			

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).

Greetings parishioners of St. Joseph, Harvard:

This Sunday I will be celebrating the Masses with you in Harvard. I continue as the administrator since January, 2024. Thankfully Fr. Kenneth Hoelsing has been assigned to be in residence here and as you know he arrived in August. His assignment is to especially help with Hispanic Ministry in Harvard and Hastings. I will generally have the Masses in Harvard one Sunday a month to check in which will also allow Fr. Hoelsing to help with the Spanish Mass at St. Cecilia or help cover for other priests in our deanery. For example both Fr. Zimmer in Sutton and Fr. Morris in Lawrence are military chaplains for the National Guard and need coverage one weekend a month.

Next weekend September 20-22 I will be leading a retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, NE. The theme of the retreat is the Ember Days. These are voluntary days of prayer and fasting that coincide with the four seasons of the year: Winter, Spring, Summer,

and Fall. In Latin *Quatuor Tempora* means four seasons, “ember” is derived from the word *tempora*. Observing these days goes back to apostolic times and even in the time before Christ the Old Testament speaks of specific times of the year for fasting.

The reason for these three days which fall on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at the start of each season is to consecrate the season to God, to thank God for the fruits of the earth, to seek pardon and reparation for the ingratitude and sins by which we have offended God, and also to pray for vocations to Holy Orders—often ordinations were traditionally held on the Saturdays of these Ember Days. Winter Ember Days are during Advent, the Spring Ember Days are observed at the start of Lent, and Summer Ember Days follow the days after Pentecost. The Fall Ember Days this year are September 18, 20, and 21. To voluntarily observe these days we would fast these three days which means taking one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Friday we would abstain from meat. The Wednesday and Saturday are partial days of abstinence from meat which means we could take meat only at the main meal. All Catholics are welcome to observe these days. Pope Saint Paul VI reminded us in his apostolic exhortation on fasting and abstinence, “mortification aims at the “liberation” of man, who often finds himself, because of concupiscence, almost chained by his own senses. Through “corporal fasting” man regains strength and the “wound inflicted on the dignity of our nature by intemperance is cured by the medicine of a salutary abstinence. ...although the duty of doing penance is motivated above all by participation in the sufferings of Christ—the necessity of an asceticism which chastises the body and brings it into subjection is affirmed with special insistence by the example of Christ Himself.”

I encourage those who are able to join me in observing these days of fasting and abstinence. Let us remember to accompany these days with prayer and works of mercy— for example, the meal we don’t take on a day of fasting we can provide for the poor. We might consider offering our penance for reparation for sins against the dignity of the human person and offer our prayers for peace in the world, for the end to abortion, euthanasia, and human trafficking. Pope St. Paul VI also said that, “those members of the Church who are stricken by infirmities, illnesses, poverty or misfortunes, or who are persecuted for the love of justice, are invited to unite their sorrows to the suffering of Christ in such a way that they not only satisfy more thoroughly the precept of penitence but also obtain for the brethren a life of grace and for themselves that beatitude which is promised in the Gospel to those who suffer.” Please say a prayer for me and our retreatants in Waverly this next week. You are in my prayers.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us. Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Craig Clinch