

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
24 March	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
25 March	Tues. 7:30 am	Chet Pieper +
26 March	Wed. 7:30 am	William & Helen Koenig +
27 March	Thur. 7:30 am	Annie Yonker +
28 March	Fri. 7:30 am	Julia Christen +
29 March	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
30 March	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Jolene (Sapp) Markland + people of the parish

*Parish Activities:*

**Collection: March 2, 2025 \$ 2621.00**

**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.

**Seminarian Prayer Calendar:** Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Joseph Whitney 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.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**23 March 2025**  
**3rd 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:**

**Rectory Window & Insulation Project: UPDATE**

We have received the final bills for the Rectory Project. The project total was \$29,305.00 for an average cost of \$ 1,465 per window. If anyone would like to donate to help offset these costs by "pledging a window" please feel free to place your donation in the collection marked "window project" or let Theresa know if you would be interested in pledging over time or if several families would like to pledge to cover one window. The money received will help to reestablish our savings which was severally depleted by this project.

**Combined Collection:** Envelopes for the combined collection are in the back of the Church. Please return with the regular collection by Psalm Sunday.

**Stations of the Cross.** Fr. Hoelsing will have Stations of the Cross this next Thursday, March 27st at 7:00pm in English.

**Psalm Sunday Lenten Food Drive:** The CSS Lenten food drive will be collected on Psalm Sunday. Bags are available in the back of the church. Please return on Psalm Sunday and Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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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.

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

Jesus tells us the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree in today's Gospel. The image to the left is from the eighteenth century prints of the Dutch engraver, Jan Luyken, on the website by Margaret Duffy, [imaginemdei.blogspot.com](http://imaginemdei.blogspot.com), wherein she gives thoughts on the history of European art, from a Catholic perspective. One of her pages includes the many illustrations, paintings, and images of the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree including this one with a short reflection in Dutch below the image, "This print includes a highly colloquial verse. The meaning can be translated very roughly as "You wait patiently for us to improve. O, that we remembered you!" "You" being, of course, God."

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**Diocese of Lincoln Jubilee Listening Sessions-** There are still two Virtual Listening Sessions coming up if you would like to register and attend online: Saturday, March 29, 10-11 a.m. and Saturday, April 12, 3-4 p.m.

Many of you may have received this message in your email from Bishop Conley, "...We are beginning a strategic planning process for our diocese -- looking ahead to what the next several years will look like. We'll be examining the opportunities and the challenges that are ahead for us. And we'll be doing this with a spirit of hope! I want to invite you to help us with this project. We want to hear your thoughts and your hopes for the future. We are going to be holding a series of virtual listening sessions that are open to parishioners across our diocese... You are encouraged to sign up for and attend one of these sessions and do so soon. Seating is limited. The one-hour sessions will feature a guided discussion designed to provide feedback and ideas as we move forward. I hope you'll make sure your voice is heard in this very important process! You can learn more about our listening sessions and strategic planning initiative by reading this article in the Southern Nebraska Register. While participation in the listening sessions is preferred, comments may also be directed to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8QDZTL2> for those unable to attend a session.

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