

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
20 January	Mon. 7:30 am	Yael Rodriguez +
21 January	Tues. 7:30 am	Fanches Cerny +
22 January	Wed. 7:30 am	Timothy Collard +
23 January	Thur. 7:30 am	Special intention
24 January	Fri. 7:30 am	No Mass
25 January	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
26 January	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Catechists people of the parish

Parish Activities:

Collection: January 5, 2025 \$ 95.00

Nebraska Walk for Life and Gala

The Walk for Life Gala is on Jan 31, 2025, at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, LaVista. It's a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life held the night before the annual Walk for Life. Come join pro-lifers for either or both events. Speaking at the Gala will be

Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "Passion of the Christ" and starred in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Tickets for the Gala are \$75, and can be purchased online at nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025, or send a check to Nebraska Right to Life. Registration deadline is January 17.

The Walk for Life is on February 1 and begins on the North steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. A new route this year will take us to the Cornhusker Hotel where you can browse informational booths and hear speaker Elizabeth Gillette's keynote speech at 11:30 a.m. Contact: Nebraska Right to Life, PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. 402-438-4802, nebraskartl@gmail.com.

Marriage Encounter Experience: Finding a heart-to-heart exchange Feb. 14-16 at North American Martyrs Church. To register or to find more information Contact Gary & Brenda 402-370-5839.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
19 January 2025
2nd 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 - 8:00pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm.
 Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

Safe Environment Training: *ALL volunteers who have contact with or potential contact with minors or vulnerable adults* are required to complete Diocese of Lincoln Safe Environment training through CMG Connect in January 2025. This includes even volunteers whose certification is current until later in 2025. Current volunteers should have already received information by mail and or email on this process. Contact Theresa Sapp (972) 977-3286 cell or (402) 772-3511 office with questions or if you need assistance.

End of Year Statements: If you would like an end-of-year giving statement for 2024 please let Fr. Clinch, Fr. Hoelsing or Theresa know.

Giving Envelopes: 2025 giving envelopes are in the back of the church. If there is not a box with your name and you would like a set of envelopes, please let Theresa know. The "initial offering envelope" is to help offset the cost of the envelopes.

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



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Prayer Intentions: Please pray in a special way this week for those who are trying to discern a vocation to the religious life and for the members of religious orders in our diocese, especially the cloistered orders.

- 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).

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 November Senior 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.

Today we are blessed to hear St. Cecilia parishioner Lisa Glass share with us some of the graces she received from the Lord at SEEK 25!

I first heard about the Seek conferences from my son, who has attended them for a few years as a college student & now as a Focus missionary. When he would go to Seek year in and year out, I would always think that I really need to attend one of these someday but I always thought they were just for college students. I'm here to tell you that they are NOT just for college students. With encouragement from my son, I finally attended my first Seek conference in St. Louis last year. It was so powerful for me that there was no doubt that I wanted to start every new year going forward at this conference.

With the beginning of the new year, I attended Seek 25 in Salt Lake City looking forward to growing my relationship with Jesus and getting to know him on a deeper level. I often struggle with this relationship as I'm sure others do too. During the conference thru the various talks, mass and the community around me, he showed me the way for me to grow that relationship with him.

The talks at the conference are always amazing & leave you saying wow, just wow!! The most impactful one for me was Father Mike's "You get what you choose" keynote. You get what you put into your relationship with Jesus and you get what you choose with the decisions you make in life. That has been the case for me & he really spoke to me with his words "You get what you choose". Jesus, I choose you!!

As the week progressed it became more clear to me that I need to surround myself with people who will help me get to heaven and grow in holiness. That has been hard for me to find but at this conference I was blessed to be surrounded by people from the Hastings Community to show me that community is available to me, I need to seek it out.

For me the most powerful moment came Friday morning during mass with Jesus right after communion. I returned back to my seat and just opened my heart up for him, I asked him to help heal my brokenness, calm my fears and just love me. WOW, did he ever!! The tears just flowed and flowed. I felt so loved in that moment, I just wanted to bottle that up and never let that feeling go. As a matter of fact for the rest of the day I would find myself letting tears of joy just run down my face in thanksgiving for the love I felt that morning. That evening ended with Adoration for all 17,000+ of us which is always very powerful at Seek and my favorite night of the conference. You can just feel his presence and love in that room! His love is nothing that can be matched on this earth and I am so grateful that I was able to feel his love so much during this conference. "You get what you choose", Jesus I choose you!!!

God Bless, Lisa Glass