

| <i>Mass Intentions:</i> | | |
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| 28 April | Mon. 7:30 am | No Mass |
| 29 April | Tues. 7:30 am | No Mass |
| 30 April | Wed. 7:30 am | Mel Riening + |
| 1 May | Thur. 7:30 am | Richard Danek + |
| 2 May | Fri. 7:30 am | Jordan Ortmeier + |
| 3 May | Sat. 7:30 am | A return to the sacraments |
| 4 May | Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am | Jean Crays + The people of the parish |

Parish Activities:
Collection: April 6, 2025 \$ 1,244.00

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. We have received \$8,265 to date.

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.
Words of the Lord Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary 699

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
27 April 2025
2nd Sunday in Easter

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:

Save the Date: May 7th, 2025: The Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving is May 7th. St. Joseph's is registered this year for the day of giving and gifts can be given on-line at NebraskaCatholicDayofGiving.org
 We will be using any money received to help with the window project, cupola project and confessional remodel. Please tell your friends and help us complete these important projects. More information will be in next week’s bulletin.

Palm Sunday Food Drive: Thank you to everyone for their generosity. We collected 41lbs of food for Catholic Social Services.

Flocknote: Flocknote is a social communication platform here at St. Joseph's. It allows greater flexibility to communicate with members of the parish in a way that conforms to our diocesan Safe Environment Standards.
 Our parish Flocknote address is stjosephharvard1.flocknote com
 Text to Join is available by Texting STJHN1 to 84576 for english or for spanish text (202)765-3441.



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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 |
| 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 this Thursday, April 10th 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 Sunday April 6th.

Seminarian Prayer Calendar: Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Jacob Knutson studying at Mount St. Mary 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.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jn 20:21-23
Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,
Christ our Hope is Arisen!
As we remember our Holy Father Pope Francis and commend his soul to God, one quote of his immediately comes to mind, "The God of mercy; he does not tire of forgiving. We are the ones who tire in asking for forgiveness, but he does not tire." This he said several times throughout his pontificate from 2013-2025. These words are especially fitting to remember as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. I remember his Apostolic Visit to the United States to celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015. There he spoke of loving our neighbors, "We need to avoid a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome. Let us remember the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12). "This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development." He spoke words of mercy and he lived mercy. Just last Holy Thursday he visited the Regina Coeli Prison in Rome to visit the inmates there. Continuing his custom of washing the feet of prisoners every year, though unable to this year because of his illness he said to them, "I have always liked coming to prison on Holy Thursday to do the washing of the feet like Jesus. This year, I cannot do it, but I want to be close to you. I pray for you and your families." He taught us many good lessons by his words and example, including his closeness to the poor, his encouragement to proclaim the joy of the Gospel, his constant plea for peace among nations most recently in his Urbi et Orbi Easter Blessing 2025, and his reminder to us that we must be good stewards of the gifts of Creation and take care of the earth. Let us pray for his soul and may our Blessed Mother to whom he was especially devoted, come to his aid with her prayers.
Peace of Christ,
Fr. Clinch