

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
31 March	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
1 April	Tues. 7:30 am	Jaimito Ponce +
2 April	Wed. 7:30 am	Pilar Ponce +
3 April	Thur. 7:30 am	Setrudis Pena +
4 April	Fri. 7:30 am Fri. 6:30 pm	Roque Flores + Eucharistic Adoration
5 April	Sat. 7:30 am	A return to the sacraments
6 April	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish Carmela Ponce +

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 Thomas Rajewski studying at Mount Saint Mary's 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

30 March 2025

4th 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:

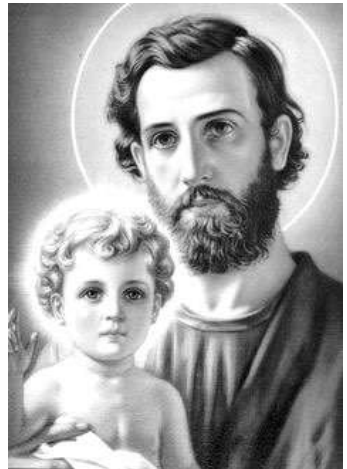
1st Friday & 1st Saturday Devotions: Friday April 4th, there will be a Holy Hour with Adoration at 6:30pm. Fr. Hoelsing will be available to hear confessions. Saturday April 5th there will be 7:30 am Mass for 1st Saturday devotions with the Rosary following.

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.



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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.

- 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.

For the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays in Lent, we might have noticed two options for the Sunday Readings. We are in “Cycle C” so the first option is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke with corresponding Old Testament First Reading and Psalm, and New Testament Second Reading. The Second Option is from the Holy Gospel According to St. John which is “Cycle A” but these can always be chosen when Catechumens are present at Mass or they can be used at a daily Mass during the following week. These Gospels help the Catechumens, now called the Elect, to enter into this period of purification and enlightenment and prepare for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. They can also help all the faithful enter into a deeper conversion and help us to prepare to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter. Perhaps one of us will be able to accompany a friend or neighbor who desires to receive Baptism in the coming years. Here are the steps:

1. Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate - an unbaptized person encounters Jesus through our witness, friendly conversation, prayer and Scripture.
2. Period of Catechumenate - one or two years of preparation, introducing the catechumens to the Catholic Faith, Liturgy, and works of charity. Learning Sacred Scripture and Catholic Teaching.
3. Period of Purification and Enlightenment (Usually during Lent)
3rd Sunday of Lent: First Scrutiny and Handing on of the Creed —John 4:5-42 The Samaritan Women
4th Sunday of Lent: Second Scrutiny—John 9:1-41 The Man Born Blind
5th Sunday of LentThird Scrutiny and Handing on of the Lord’s Prayer—John 11:1-45 Lazarus
4. Period of Mystagogy—After Receiving the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil, the *neophytes* together with the whole parish community continue to meditate on the Gospel, participate in the Eucharist, and practice charity. We strive to understand the Paschal Mystery more deeply and live it in our daily lives.

Let us pray for and welcome those to be Baptized at the Easter Vigil, Saturday April 19 at 8:30pm
Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch