

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
3 March	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
4 March	Tues. 7:30 am	Family & Friends of Marcellah Siegal
5 March	Wed. 7:00 pm	people of the parish
6 March	Thur. 7:30 am	Harold & Elizabeth Engel +
7 March	Fri. 7:30 am	The Cooney family
8 March	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
9 March	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Audrae & Bob Almond + people of the parish

Parish Activities:

Collection: February 23, 2025 \$ 782.00

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.

Catholic Press Month: February is Catholic Press Month. Envelopes are in the back of the church. This collection goes directly to offset the \$ 650.00 annual assessment for the Southern Nebraska Register. The parish is assessed \$15 per active subscription. It is also time to change subscription status. If you do not receive the SNR and would like to do so or you would like to stop receiving the SNR, please drop a note in the collection or let Theresa know.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
2 March 2025
8th 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:

Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed: The annual Fat Tuesday Pancake feed will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Hall from 5pm - 7pm on March 4th. St. Joseph's is responsible for clean-up.

Ash Wednesday: There will be no 7:30 am morning Mass on Ash Wednesday. Mass with distribution of ashes will be at 7:00pm Wednesday March 5th.

Seminarian Prayer Calendar: Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Charles Kotopka 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.

High School Summer Mission Trip to Gallup, New Mexico

An informational meeting will be held Sunday, March 9th and Sunday, March 16th @ 6:30p.m. at the family room at St. Michael's, 715 Creighton Ave, Hastings, NE 68901. It will last 45 minutes to an hour. All interested students and their parents are encouraged to attend one of the two informational meetings to get your name on the list! For more information, contact Mary Koch (402-984-6624)



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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			

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.

Deanery Lenten Series 2025

Please join us for a Hastings Deanery Lenten Sermon Series on the Jubilee Year. Saint Michael Catholic Church, Hastings, NE. 4:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings followed by Confessions. Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

- March 9 – Father Cy Rowan: ***What is a Jubilee?***
- March 16 – Father Chamara Perera: ***The Virtue of Hope: “Spes non confundit”***
- March 23 – Father Corey Harrison: ***Pilgrimages and the Jubilee Pilgrimage***
- March 30 – Father Scott Nemec: ***Anchored in Hope and the Four Last Things***
- April 6 – Father David Oldham: ***Saints of Hope***
- April 13 – Father Jeremy Hazuka: ***Confession as a Sacrament of Hope*** (with several priests from the deanery available for Confessions after the talk.) A second short talk on ***Jubilee Indulgences*** will begin at 5:00 p.m., with Evening Prayer and Benediction following.

From Pope Francis’ Message for Lent 2025, on the theme “Let us journey together in hope”:

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God’s grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Cor15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father’s great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn10:28; 17:3).[1] This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

Read the full message online

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20250206-messaggio-quaresima2025.html>