

Mass Intentions:		
3 February	Mon. 7:30 am	Trinidad de Castillo +
4 February	Tues. 7:30 am	Consuelo Verde +
5 February	Wed. 7:30 am	Sr. Ignatia Cooney
6 February	Thur. 7:30 am	Chelsi Melroy +
7 February	Fri. 7:30 am	No Mass
8 February	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
9 February	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Hubert & Alma Schroer + people of the parish

Parish Activities:

Collection: January 5, 2025 \$ 95.00

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. MICHAEL'S SOUP SUPPER: 715 Creighton Ave, Hastings Nebraska on Sunday, February 2 Groundhog Day! Serving 5:30pm—7:00pm in Theisen Hall: Enjoy the Traditional Homemade Turkey Noodle Soup and Chili Soup and enjoy two new recipes... Broccoli & Cheese and Potato Includes beverages and homemade desserts. Adults \$10.00 Children 6-12 \$4.00 Sponsored by St. Michael's Parish Council of Catholic Women (The Altar Society) 715 Creighton Ave., Hastings

Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed: The annual Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed will be held in Sutton at St. Mary's Church Hall on Sunday, Feb. 2nd serving from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
2 February 2025
4th 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 as soon as possible. Less than half of our volunteers have completed their recertification. 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.

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. It is also the time to change subscription status. If you do not receive the SNR and would like too or you would like to stop receiving the SNR, please drop a note in the collection or let Theresa know.

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



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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 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.

A LIGHT of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel. Luke 2:32

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. 40 days after the birth of our Lord, Joseph and Mary fulfilled the law of Moses concerning the dedication of the first-born son to God and also the mother's purification. They brought Jesus to the Temple and there He was recognized as the true Light, the hope of Israel and all the nations! World Day for Consecrated Life— In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. Let us pray for our sisters and brothers, nuns and monks consecrated to the Lord especially today. Through their devotion to Christ and their living the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience they too offer the Church and the world a sign of hope as they remind us of our communion with God beginning now and finding its fulfillment in Heaven. "...through the many charisms of spiritual and apostolic life bestowed on them by the Holy Spirit, they have helped to make the mystery and mission of the Church shine forth, and in doing so have contributed to the renewal of society." (St. John Paul II On the Consecrated Life and its Mission in the Church and in the World)

Today is also called Candlemas Day as we bless candles today (and carry them in procession at the principal Mass), these candles become sacramentals reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world. Here is the Prayer for the blessing of Candles that the priest prays: O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light that never fails. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This year let us ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to try a new spiritual exercise and grow deeper in prayer and devotion (or recommit to one of our former good habits of prayer or spiritual reading). For example, lighting a blessed candle and praying with Sacred Scripture daily. Also there are many resources to help us, for example podcasts or videos such as Rosary in a Year or Desert Fathers in a Year. We might also consider the Nine First Friday devotion or Five First Saturday devotion. The Holy Father Pope Francis wrote an encyclical on the Most Sacred Heart, we could read that this month or on the First Fridays of the year. There are so many great resources on FORMED.ORG. Our parish has a subscription so you can access all the content on there for free.

This week at St. Cecilia's— Blessing of Throats on the Feast Day of St. Blaise after the daily Masses and at 6pm Monday February 3. There will be a Sung Latin Mass (Votive of the Sacred Heart) this First Friday February 7 at 6:30pm.