

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
17 March	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
18 March	Tues. 7:30 am	No Mass
19 March	Wed. 7:30 am	Jose Felipe Flores +
20 March	Thur. 7:30 am	Francisca Casteneda +
21 March	Fri. 7:30 am	Arlene Slater +
22 March	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
23 March	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Mary O'Brien + people of the parish

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.

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)

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

16 March 2025

2nd 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:

Stations of the Cross. Fr. Hoelsing will have Stations of the Cross this next Thursday, March 21st at 7:00pm in English.

Harvard Lenten Ecumenical Service: Will be Sunday March 23rd at 6:00pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church. Fr. Hoelsing will be preaching.

Prayer Chain: Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Lydia Tucker and her family. Her mother Trinidad de Castillo passed away in February. Likewise, to Lisa Baxa and her family. Lisa's mother Jean Crays also passed away in February.

Seminarian Prayer Calendar: Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Max Summa 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.



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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	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.

Second Sunday of Lent

We ascend Mount Tabor today with Jesus and three of the Apostles. What will we learn on this mountain? Just before this passage, Jesus had just predicted His Passion and Death, "He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." (Lk 9:22) Moses and Elijah converse with Jesus about His exodus He would accomplish in Jerusalem. Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D. in his work *Divine Intimacy* wrote, "The divine Master wished to teach His disciples in this way that it was impossible—for Him as well as for them—to reach the glory of the Transfiguration without passing through suffering. It was the same lesson that He would give later to the two disciples at Emmaus: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and so to enter into His glory? (Lk 24:26) This revelation, this ray of divine light coming forth from Jesus that they were blessed to behold, would give the disciples strength and encouragement to walk the way of the Cross.

May we receive these lessons anew today. We can ascend the mountain with our Lord especially in prayer. It is interesting the golden stand upon which the monstrance rests upon for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is called a Tabor. This reminds us how we can be with the Lord in Adoration and hear the Father speak to us, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Lk 9:35) The Lord Jesus will strengthen and encourage us that we may grow in generosity to endure suffering and the cross for love of Him.

During Lent, come up the mountain and join us for one of our weekly Thursday evening Parish Holy Hours at 7pm and or stop by the Church Sunday afternoons/evenings for some time with the Lord in Adoration. Or make a visit to the Church or the Adoration Chapel anytime that is convenient for you during the week. Also, there are two great opportunities for parish retreats this Lent. The Unbound Retreat will be held April 4-6, 2025 at St. Michael's Church in Hastings, NE. Fr. Bill Holoubek will lead the retreat, see the details on page 6 to register. St. Cecilia Church will host "Through His Words: A Lenten Scripture Parish Retreat" Saturday April 12, 7am-3pm. Fr. Gary Coulter, director of Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly will share from his twelve years of experience in directing Ignatian Retreats, on how to hear God's voice in Sacred Scripture. On this silent day of reflection you can learn how to do an Ignatian Prayer period and will have quiet time to meditate on several Lenten scripture passages. See the details on page 6 and call the parish office to register, free-will offering will be accepted the day of the retreat.

God bless you. *Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch*