

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
13 January	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
14 January	Tues. 7:30 am	Family & Friends of Marcellah Sigel +
15 January	Wed. 7:30 am	Joshua Jeffrey
16 January	Thur. 7:30 am	Sr. Martin Clare +
17 January	Fri. 7:30 am	Vit & Mary Wolfe +
18 January	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
19 January	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish Elvira Rodriguez +

Parish Activities:

Collection: December 1, 2024 \$2,266.00

Nebraska Walk for Life and Gala

The Walk for Life Gala is on Jan 31, 2025, at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, LaVista. It's a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life held the night before the annual Walk for Life. Come join pro-lifers for either or both events. Speaking at the Gala will be

Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "Passion of the Christ" and starred in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Tickets for the Gala are \$75, and can be purchased online at nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025, or send a check to Nebraska Right to Life. Registration deadline is January 17.

The Walk for Life is on February 1 and begins on the North steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. A new route this year will take us to the Cornhusker Hotel where you can browse informational booths and hear speaker Elizabeth Gillette's keynote speech at 11:30 a.m. Contact: Nebraska Right to Life, PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. 402-438-4802, nebraskartl@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus News: Sunday Jan. 12th – ALL Knights of Columbus and spouses:

- Christmas party at Gary's in Grafton.
- 5:30 p.m. social time, 6:00 p.m. buffet.
- Again ALL KNIGHTS AND SPOUSES – PLEASE JOIN US.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

12 January 2025

Baptism of the Lord

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:

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.

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.

Seminarian Prayer Calendar: Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Joshua Jeffrey studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

Prayer Intentions: Please pray in a special way this week for those who are trying to discern a vocation to the religious life and for the members of religious orders in our diocese, especially the cloistered orders.

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.



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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.

John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Lk 3:16

What a grace to attend SEEK 25 in Salt Lake City January 1-5! I joined a group of about 40 parishioners from St. Cecilia, St. Michael, and St. Ann, college students from Hastings College Bronco Catholic, high school seniors from St. Cecilia, Sr. Xavier and Fr. Rowan. In the Gospel, St. John the Baptist speaks about how the Lord Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire— I experienced the Holy Spirit working and felt the love of the Holy Trinity in my heart as we joined some 18,000 other believers in worship of the true God at Mass and in Adoration, also, as we heard the inspiring talks and testimonies of different speakers as they shared on the themes of Relationship with God, Rebellion/Sin, Reconciliation, Re-Creation in Christ, and our Response to follow Jesus and live as His disciples. It really felt like a little taste of Heaven! I would like to share three moments that stand out for me. The first was at Mass as we joined the great number of faithful, some 800 priests and religious and about a dozen bishops, there was a beautiful realization of being part of something monumental—the story of the Incarnation is a personal story for each of us, it is a love story how God creates us in love and for love. He comes to save us in love! The second moment was when speaker, Hilary Draftz, invited all of us present for her talk to stand if we would like to receive that love anew, if we would like to say yes again (or for some, for the first time) to that love and give Jesus our whole heart. The third moment was hearing Sister Josephine Garrett's talk and how she said that discipleship—following Jesus "will wreck you, it will wreck your plans" it will cost us but looking at the difference between living for this life only or sharing in the life of Jesus for all eternity, it is worth the cost and in the end we see how His plan was way better than ours!

This conference began with Fellowship Of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) hosting it for college students around 27 years ago. I remember attending as a college freshman in 2003 and then again as a seminarian a couple years later. Wow has it grown! Today it serves to help provide an encounter with Jesus not only for college students but also for parishioners of all ages. If you would like to listen to some of the inspiring talks we heard check out the SEEK REPLAY App or go to <https://seekreplay.com>. I hope we can hear from the experiences of several of our parishioners in the coming weeks! And hopefully many of us can attend SEEK next year in Denver!

Blessed Baptism of the Lord! Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Clinch