

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 13 THRU MARCH 19

Mon.	Loren & Ellen Griffin	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Steven Kotlarz +	6:45 a.m.
Wed.	Loretta DeMarco +	6:45 a.m.
Thur.	Rev. Rembert Weakland +	6:45 a.m.
Friday	Mark Adler +	6:45 a.m.
Saturday	Joe Fibich +	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	People of St. Joseph	9:00 a.m.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Sally Leyden, Jerry Martin, Wes Erhart, Marjorie Bauman, Frank Riha, Margaret Wilson, Paul Nitsick, Dennis Folkers

Please let us know if a person needs to be removed from our Prayer List.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., March 15, Senior Game Day, 1 p.m.

Wed., March NO RE,

Fri., March 17, Fish Fry, 5 p.m.

Fri., March 17, Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.



SATURDAY, MARCH 18 5:00 P.M.

EMHC: Julie Masters

Lectors: Sharon VanTassell-Jim Amerine

Deacon: Dave Krueger

Greeters: Mike Patera-John Cronican

Singers: Men's Choir-Candy Connery

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 9:00 A.M.

EMHC: Deb Vacek

Lectors: Mike Kalen-Larry Vacek

Deacon: Terry Ficencic

Servers: Sciba Boys

Greeters: Ted Boro-Joe Boro

Singers: Tolliver Family-Mary Iverson

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This month is the month of St. Joseph. His feast day is on March 19th, though the liturgical celebration during Mass is transferred this year to the 20th, since the 19th is a Sunday of Lent. The long experience of Christians is that St. Joseph is the patron of the family and the universal Church. People who pray to him for family needs, especially for the grace to live their vocations closer, regularly experience the fruitfulness of this prayer. There are no required prayers to St. Joseph or prayers that are more effective than others. It's worth simply requesting his aid in the home and noting what happens. He is also the patron of purity. In an age particularly where screens can be our downfall, keeping close to him for this intention can be helpful, too.

This will be mentioned at Mass, too, but if there are any children who would like to begin serving at Mass this year, anyone in the 3rd grade or higher is welcome. We have a regular schedule that we arrange a quarter at a time. If interested, we will schedule server training when convenient for the interested families. Please contact me directly for more information.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

OFFERING

Weekend of March 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6020.00
Building Fund	\$ 430.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 40.00
Home & Foreign Mission	\$ 50.00

SAVE THE DATE

All women of the parish: Please join us at our parish Women's Mass and brunch at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. More details will be coming soon.

HEART OF CHILD MINISTRIES

Heart of a Child Ministries will be sharing their Celebration of Life presentations at St. Robert Bellarmine on Wednesday, March 22 starting at 1:45 PM. This ministry shares with students who they are as children of God using a 4S model of education - Scripture, Science, Stories, and

Service. Attendees will have the opportunity to see a live ultrasound and hear from local pro-life speakers from Sancta Familia, Essential Pregnancy Services, Maternity Home Consulting, and Sidewalk Advocates. Mrs. Nebraska International 2023, Shannon Bingham, will share her personal adoption story. The younger children will participate in praise and worship music with Music Man Nate. Our goal is to always offer a beautiful presentation that celebrates life and supports each student in knowing their true identity as a child of God.

Holy Hour for Priests & Seminarians

6:30 PM on March 20 at St. Peter Catholic Church

Join the Serra Club of West Omaha for a beautiful Holy Hour for Priests and Seminarians at St. Peter Catholic Church, 709 S. 28th Street in Omaha, beginning with a reception in the Narthex at 6:30 PM followed by the Holy Hour at 7:00 PM. The Presider will be Father Frank Baumert, Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians are especially needed as our Archdiocese faces a shortage of priests amid a challenging time for our Catholic Church and our culture at large. We need to support our Priests and Seminarians with fervent and ongoing prayer, now more than ever. Please show your support and invite your family, friends, and guests to join us! If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact Bruce Jefferies, Serra VP, at westomaha@serrainternational.org. Learn more at serrawestomaha.org and follow us on Facebook @[serrawestomaha](https://www.facebook.com/serrawestomaha).

MEETING FOR MUSIC MINISTERS

Music Ministers: We will gather in the sanctuary on Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 PM to go over Lenten music and meet our new music ministers, Amy and Annie.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

March 17th, 24th, 31st
Stations at 6:30 PM in the Holy Family Shrine
Soup Supper Following in Visitors Center

FISH FRY INFO

Price for Dinner:
Adults \$12.00
Small Children \$5.00
Family \$35.00
Pizza \$1/Slice

Beer \$3 each

Meal includes fried or baked fish or shrimp, fries or scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, slaw and water, tea or lemonade.

Desserts Good Will Donation



Thank you to all for your prayers and support with my surgery. Prayers, cards, the much needed support was a blessing. When my nerves and worries would get to me, someone would come up and pump up my spirits again. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have the best Church Family ever!

Joyce Keel

LIVE LENT TOGETHER

Sunday @ 4:30 p.m.— Men & Women's Group in Louisville @ Chris & Abby Josef's house.
Monday @6:30 p.m. at the home of Trista Welsh
Monday @ 7 p.m.—Men's Group at Parish Rectory
Tuesday @ 6 p.m.—Women's Group in Parish Hall
Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.—Women's Group @ Julie Nieveen's house
Wednesday @ 7 p.m.—Mixed Group @ Bryan & Michelle Gustafson's house
Thursday @ 7:30 a.m.—Mixed Group in Parish Hall
Thursday @ 7 p.m.—Women's Group in RE building

DIAPER DRIVE for NEBRASKA DIAPER DRIVE

During the month of March, St. Joseph's parish will be collecting donations for the Nebraska Diaper Bank. They are an organization that partners with 25 different agencies in the Heartland to distribute diapers to families in need. They serve over 2,700 children monthly and have given over 3 million diapers. Let's do our part by helping Nebraska Diaper Bank keep their warehouse full.

JESUS CHRIST'S 7 LAST WORDS

All are invited to attend the presentation of "Jesus' 7 Last Words" as He hung upon the cross on Good Friday, April 5th at the Holy Family Shrine. The presentation, by Deacon Terry Ficenec, will begin at 12:00 Noon and conclude by 1:30 PM. Enter into the Easter Triduum with a deep reflection on the pious words given by our Savior as He offered Himself up for the sins of mankind. Come for all or some if time permits.

SAVE THE DATE

Music bingo and food in the social hall hosted by the parish and the Music Bingo People. This event will be the evening of Saturday, April 29th. More information to come.

LITTLE NOTES

1. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night as Daylight Savings Time starts..
2. The special collection for March is for Catholic Relief Services. If you missed last month, it was for Black and Indian Missions.
3. A reminder that this coming Wednesday is Senior Game Day. Join us for some fun, food and conversation.

The Eucharistic Encounter is a diocesan event to celebrate and deepen our Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist through Adoration, Eucharistic piety, dynamic teaching, powerful sacred music, and exposure to local apostolates and ministries. The gathering will highlight Blessed Carlo Acutis, creator of the Vatican International Exposition, Eucharistic Miracles of the World, which will be on display. Acutis has been named a patron of the Eucharistic Revival initiative and the event will include a relic for veneration and a short video about Acutis' life. The event is being held in response to the Eucharistic Revival called for by the U.S. Bishops. Spirit Catholic Radio, in coordination with the 3 Dioceses of Nebraska is hosting these events in Lincoln on June 20, Grand Island on June 21, and Omaha on June 22. Fr. Malachy Napier, CFR, will be the keynote speaker at each event, and the local bishop of the respective diocese will also speak at the event.

LENTEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We have 2 different service opportunities for people to take part during Lent. If you would like to sign up to help at either one, please contact Amanda Staroscik at (402)659-3138 or email: staroscikamanda@gmail.com

1. On Saturday, March 25, we are helping the people at Nebraska Diaper Bank sort and bundle diapers at their warehouse on 9090 F. St Warehouse #1 in Omaha from 9:30am -11:30am. Anyone over 12 years of age can help. This service opportunity ties in with our March Charity Drive also because all diapers collected at St. Joseph's will be donated to Nebraska Diaper Bank.
2. On Tuesday, April 4th, from 7:30am - 4:30pm, a group of adult volunteers will meet at the Juan Diego Center in Omaha on Q Street to travel with Catholic Charities to visit one of the poorest regions in the state to prepare food boxes and distribute them to residents.