

St. Joseph's Colon, NE

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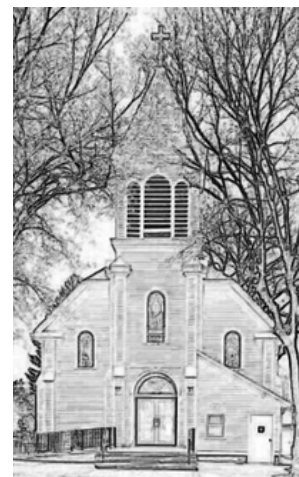
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St. Mary's Cedar Bluffs, NE

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August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

31 Monday	NO MASS
1 Tuesday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Holy Souls in Purgatory
2 Wednesday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Miah Starkey
3 Thursday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Leonard Chapek †
4 Friday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Bryce & Elizabeth Lund family - both living & deceased
5 Saturday	5:00 PM @ St. Joseph's For the people of the parishes
6 Sunday	8:00 AM @ St. Joseph's John & Mary Mascarello
	10:00AM @ St. Mary's Bonnie Kadavy

CONFESSIONS: Weekdays: 20 minutes before Mass

Saturday: 4:30—4:50 pm @ St. Joseph's

Sunday: 7:30—7:50 am @ St. Joseph's

9:30—9:50 am @ St. Mary's

or call the office for an appointment.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor to schedule a date & time. The baptism request form is on the parish website.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the Pastor **AT LEAST 6 months** before the planned marriage.

ADORATION: Exposition times at St. Joseph:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:50pm

Sunday 7:00 - 7:50am

Wednesday 7:00am - 1:00pm

SATURDAY, September 5th, 5 pm at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Brandon Henkel Lector: Volunteer needed

Servers: Henry Henkel & Volunteer needed

SUNDAY, September 6th, 8 am at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Dan Gruenes Lector: Marie Gruenes

Servers: Philip & Nicholas Vrana

SUNDAY, September 6th, 10 am at St. Mary

Volunteers needed

Sacramental News and Special Announcements

Father's Re"Fleck"ions

"Over this summer, the St. Mary building committee has been working with Davis Design, an architectural firm based out of Lincoln, to master plan our vision for remodeling St. Mary's Church. This is a very exciting time, as we finish out our 2nd phase of refurbishing our Stained Glass and progress on the 3rd phase of consulting.

Speaking of our windows, here is a brief update. Windows are continued to be worked on by Architectural GlassArts in Roca, NE. When they complete the first set of stained glass at their studio, they will reinstall them and take the next set. This is a case of the tortoise vs. the hare, where steady progress will win the race! In the meantime, I greatly appreciate your patience and support as the windows are completed. I really believe they will be worth the wait, as they re-lead the glass and repair the framework around the windows. As this phase is completed, we will add plaques and memorials for specific windows. Again, I am deeply humbled by your love and support for our parish. Together, we exceeded our pledge goal of \$70,000 with total pledges of \$71,545! Of which, we have received 77% of our total! Truly, God has done great things through each of you and your generosity toward our vision for St. Mary to be a place of encountering Jesus in our Cedar Bluffs community.

While in the midst of our consulting work, it has come to our attention that our HVAC system is in need of replacement. It has served St. Mary's faithfully for the past two decades, but it has now reached the end of its lifespan. Praise God, last summer St. Mary's received seed money designated for heating and air conditioning. This timely gift will help partially finance the replacement and provide for the comfort and sustainability of our parish for years to come. To help cover the remaining cost and provide for the ongoing maintenance of the new system, I would like to ask our parishioners to consider helping us match those funds. Our goal is to raise \$9,000, which will cover the cost of parts and labor for the installation.

With summer weather still upon us, we hope to schedule this work soon. Please prayerfully consider making a gift toward our new HVAC system. Your generosity will help ensure that St. Mary's remains a comfortable and welcoming place for worship and fellowship for years to come.

Further, as we begin to prepare for additional renovations and improvements in the years ahead, we will begin taking up a second collection for the Building Fund on the first Sunday of each month following Communion. I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider supporting this fund as you are able. Every gift, large or small, will help us be good stewards of the beautiful parish that has been entrusted to us.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Mary's!

In Christ, Fr. Luke Fleck

Parish Contact Information

Sacramental Emergency: (402) 786-8655

Adoration Hour Chair: Ryan Mascarello (402) 203-0208

Bulletin Request: stjosephstmary@lincolndiocese.org

Knights of Columbus: Jeremy Vrana (402) 443-7300

St. Joseph Hall Rental: Cyndy Bohaty (402) 647-2555

Men's Group: Adam Quinn (402) 853-2693

St. Anne's Funeral Group for St. Joseph's:

Alice Meduna, (402) 647-4485 or richardmeduna@windstream.net
or Patty Swanson, (402) 480-1771 or pswanson999@gmail.com

St. Mary's PCCW Funeral Group: Gladys Wagner (402) 628-5345
or Mary Osterloh (402) 708-0284

We are grateful you are here! All families and individuals are welcome in our parish community!

If you are returning to the faith, interested in becoming Catholic, want more information, or would just like to dialog with someone. Please contact the Pastor or Ryan Mascarello at rjmascarello@gmail.com.

If you are new to St. Joseph's or St. Mary's, please reach out to Kara Lombardo (St. Joseph's) at (402)480-1395 or Mary Tenopir (St. Mary's) at (402)720-3491. Kara and Mary would love to introduce themselves and answer any questions you may have regarding the registration process, men's and women's groups, and our annual church dinner.

	Last Week's Actual Collection	Last Week's Budgeted Collection needed	Year to Date Actual Collections	Year to Date Budgeted Collections needed
St. Mary's	\$ 1,306	\$ 1,518	\$ 10,324	\$ 12,145
St. Joseph's	\$ 1,820	\$ 3,384	\$ 26,820	\$ 27,074

Local News

St Mary's Coffee and Donuts: The St. Mary's PCCW will be serving coffee and donuts after 10am Mass on Sunday, August 30th. All parishioners are welcome.

St. Anne's Altar Sodality: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of September are Sara Buck, Molly Meduna, Becky Meduna, Dawn Moser, Lisa Swartz, and Katie Meduna. The August and September Groups will host a breakfast after the 10am Mass on September 13th.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: There will be a Induction Mass on Sunday, September 13. Anyone who would like to become part of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, please text or call Nicole Henkel (402) 443-6575.

Catholic Daughters Meeting: Catholic Daughters will meet Mon. August 31 at 6:30 at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start with Father Hunt saying Mass. The meeting will follow. We would love to have some guests join us, we really would like to increase our membership. Dues will be \$22 plus \$5 for 2027. Hope we can have a good turnout.

St. Wenceslaus School - Fall Mums Fundraiser: Mambo Mums will be available to purchase in the St. Wenceslaus parking lot on September 10th from 1-3pm (senior citizens) and 3-6pm, Sept 11 8am-5pm, and Sept 12 8-am to 12pm. They are \$25 each and proceeds support the St. Wenceslaus School Family Association / GALA.

St. Wenceslaus Church – Wahoo Fall Festival 2026: Sunday, September 27th at Bishop Neumann High School Roast Beef Dinner 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Adults: \$20.00 Children (12 and under): \$10.00 (includes 4 free game tickets) Preschool: FREE. Carryout is available. Join us for games, raffle, cake walk, silent auction, and more!

St. Joseph Church Directory: We are in need of one or two more volunteers to finish designing the church directory for submission. Please call Father Fleck if you are interested in sharing your talents to finish this project.

St. Mary's: We are looking for a volunteer to help manage our cemetery markers and records. Please reach out to Don Hrban if you're able to help at (402)480-2622. This is not a labor or time-intensive role.

Eucharistic Adoration: We are currently in need of adorers for hours 6pm—11pm. Please see the website for open hours or contact Ryan Mascarello for more information. rjmascarello@gmail.com.

Diocesan and National News

Pray for Vocations: Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in our diocese.

Aug 30 - Sept 5 we are praying for Sr. Rita Marie of the Holy Trinity, Jr. Professed Novice with the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Father-Daughter Day: Fathers and their daughters (2nd - 5th grade) are invited to join the Marian Sisters for their annual Father-Daughter Day in Waverly, NE on Saturday September 12 from 9am-2:30pm. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing for outdoor activities. Bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Check in begins at 8:30am. 6765 N. 112th Street, Waverly, NE. Please RSVP by September 9th: fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com

Emmaus Institute Classes: Consider taking one or more of the free classes this Fall. The Ruth class starts Sept 3 and Two Testaments, One Body starts Sept 2. All classes can be in person or online at your own pace. You do need to register for the class to get access. All courses can assist anyone to better understand the Scriptures in response to the Catechism of the Catholic Church saying: The Church "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful . . . to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'" (CCC 133). <https://emmausinstitute.net/course-category/fall-2026/>

Marriage Encounter Experience: Sept. 18-20 in Grand Island. Open to all couples across Nebraska. "Enlightening our couple-love." Call/Text Gary & Brenda 402-370-5839 Register right-away so we may plan for you.



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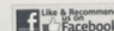
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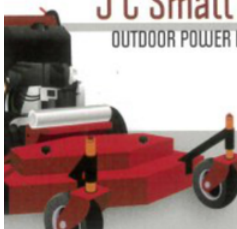
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