

# St. Joseph's Colon, NE

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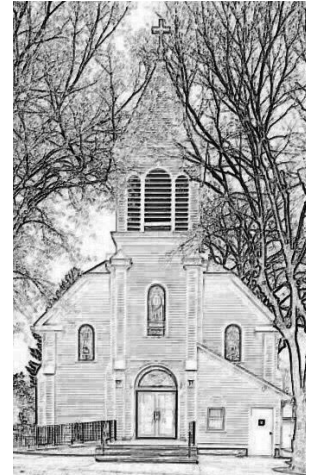
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**April 12, 2026**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

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## Mass Schedule

13	Monday	NO MASS		
14	Tuesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Doug Haynes †
15	Wednesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Special Intention
16	Thursday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Bryce & Elizabeth Lund Family both Living and Deceased
17	Friday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Jim Fujan †
18	Saturday	5:00 PM	@ St. Joseph's	Joe Kment
19	Sunday	8:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Poor Souls in Purgatory
		10:00 AM	@ St. Mary's	For the people of the parishes

**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 and time.

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

**ADORATION/EXPOSITION:** St. Joseph's will have exposition on Saturdays from 4:00-4:50pm and Sunday 7:00—7:50am. Also from 7:00am - 1:00pm every Wednesday of the year.

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

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.

**If you are returning to the faith, interested in becoming Catholic, want more information, or just dialog with someone. Please contact the Pastor or Ryan Mascarello at [rjmascarello@gmail.com](mailto:rjmascarello@gmail.com).**

## Father's Re"Fleck"ions:

Dear Parishioners,

A Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday! Today our second graders will receive their First Holy Communion during Sunday Masses. We are reminded through this celebration of that moment of when we have the greatest union with Christ in the Eucharist. It is a true expression of God's Mercy (Jn 3:16) that we receive the very body and blood of the Son of God. In that Mercy, God was not content to sit back but to remain actively engaged to communicate His love and presence to us. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Faustina documented all these episodes — over 1,800 entries — in her diary that today is a classic book called "Divine Mercy in My Soul." In 1934, with the support of her spiritual director, St. Faustina commissioned a painting by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski depicting Jesus with two streams of light — one red and one white — coming from his heart with the signature "Jesus, I trust in You." This image of God's Divine Mercy was to be communicated to all peoples.

Jesus had this to say concerning this Sunday, which was to be set aside in honor to His Mercy, "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

Jesus continued: "On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful souls have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy." Jesus said "The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive" — what might be holding you back from trusting Him fully, and what would it look like to surrender that to His mercy this Sunday?

As we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus Himself, who longs to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts, please join me in praying for all of our St. Joseph and St. Mary First Holy Communicants on this Divine Mercy Sunday!

Kolbi Chvatal, Catherine Grummert, William Heisterkamp, Olivia Kufahl, Simon Rawe

May God Bless each of our children, you, and your families!

Fr. Luke Fleck

NEXT SATURDAY, April 18 , 5 pm at St. Joseph  
Acolyte: Brandon Henkel Lector: Dave Varner  
Servers: Henry Henkel & Volunteer Needed  
NEXT SUNDAY, April 19, 8 am at St. Joseph  
Acolyte: Nick Starky Lector: Jesse Dunavan  
Servers: James & Sean Quinn  
SUNDAY, April 19, 10 am at St. Mary  
Volunteers needed

### St. Joseph's Contacts

**Sacramental Emergency:** (402) 486-8655

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

**Bulletin Request:** Ann Borer [annreneej@gmail.com](mailto:annreneej@gmail.com)

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

**Hall Rental:** Cyndy Bohaty (402) 647-2555

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

**St Anne's Funeral Group:** Co-Chair: Alice Meduna, (402) 647-4485 or [richardmeduna@windstream.net](mailto:richardmeduna@windstream.net). Co-Chair: Patty Swanson, (402) 480-1771 or [pswanson999@gmail.com](mailto:pswanson999@gmail.com)

### Sacramental News and Special Announcements

### St. Mary's Contacts

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**Knights of Columbus:** Jeremy Vrana (402) 853-7300

**PCCW Funeral Group:** Gladys Wagner (402) 628-5345 or Mary Osterloh (402) 708-0284

	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	\$ 2,903	\$ 1,518	\$ 58,433	\$ 60,723
St. Joseph's	\$ 5,755	\$ 3,384	\$ 123,141	\$ 135,369

## Local News

**St. Joseph's** - Cleaning the Church in April: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of April are Ashley Chvatal, Jenny Hull, Rachel Simonds, Taylor Murren, Colleen Chvatal, & Cheryl Ell. We are still looking for a volunteer for Sodality VP.

**St. Joseph's Men's club** will be serving breakfast after mass on April 19th.

**St. Mary's will have a Spring Cleanup Day** starting at 9am on Saturday, April 18th. This will be on the same day as the Cedar Bluffs Community Cleanup Day so that we can take items to the dumpsters provided by the Community Cleanup. We will need volunteers to help sort items that need to be discarded before Saturday so that we can start moving items out right away. If any parishioners have a truck or trailer to help transport items, that would also be helpful. The more help we have, the faster the process will go. If you are planning to help clean downstairs or elsewhere, please bring along clearing supplies such as cleaners, brooms, etc. If you have questions, please call Mary Osterloh 402-708-0284 Gladys Wagner 402-628-5345

**William Heisterkamp of St. Mary's will make his First Communion on April 12th.** St. Mary's will be hosting coffee and donuts after Mass on May 3rd to celebrate with William and his family. All parishioners are invited to attend. Group 2 - Mary Osterloh and Gladys Wagner's group will be hosting.

**Teaching Position Opening: St. John Nepomucene School in Weston** Multi-level Elementary Teacher

St. John Nepomucene Catholic School in Weston is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic teacher for elementary level math and reading, who will also teach some basic computer classes. Please contact Fr. Vandewalle at 402-853-2846 for fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net

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\*PK-6 Special Education Teacher due to an internal staff transition. Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of application, resume, transcripts, a copy of current teacher certificate and completed application to Mike Weiss at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School, 108 N. Linden, Wahoo, NE 68066 or email to mike-weiss@cdolinc.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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**We are currently in need of an adorers for hours 1pm—7pm.** Please see the website for open hours or contact Ryan Mascarello for more information. [rjmascarello@gmail.com](mailto:rjmascarello@gmail.com).

## Diocese and National News

**SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR:** Please pray for seminarian Alec Langan attending St. Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Michael & Angela Langan from St. Patrick parish in McCook.

**Father Hile, pastor of Bruno & Abie, will be leading a pilgrimage to Poland and the Czech Republic from July 19–30 in 2026. The trip is titled "Poland, Prague, and Pivo."** Some highlights of the pilgrimage include: visiting Krakow, Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Divine Mercy Shrine, Auschwitz, walking in the footsteps of Pope John Paul 2, St. Faustina, and St. Maximilian Kolbe, staying in Prague, seeing the original Infant of Prague statue, and going on several brewery tours of the Czech Republic's most famous breweries! Visit this website to see the full itinerary, details, and how to reserve your spot! *The registration deadline is March 24th!* [https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage\\_pages/pilgrimage-to-poland-the-czech-republic-july-19-2026/](https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage_pages/pilgrimage-to-poland-the-czech-republic-july-19-2026/)

**NEW on the Spirit Catholic Radio Network – iDeall Relationships**

iDeall Relationships, hosted by Deacon Tom Deall and Jeb Eischeid, explores dating, marriage, and all kinds of relationships from a faithful Catholic perspective. Tune in for practical advice, real-life stories, and guidance for building Christ-centered relationships. The first episode airs Monday, April 6, 2026 at 8:00 PM on 102.7 FM and will be available as a podcast afterward. Learn more at [spiritcatholicradio.com/relationships](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/relationships).



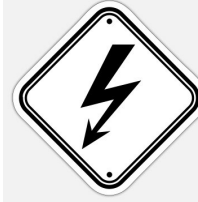
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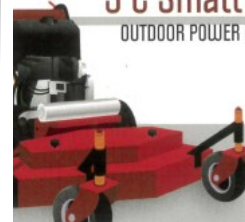
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