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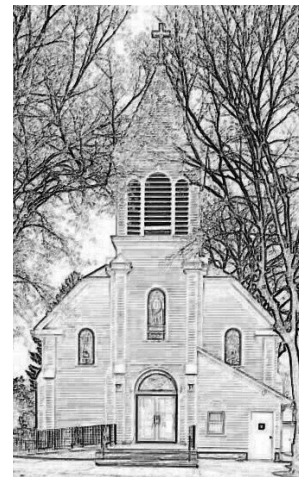
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January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Joseph's Colon, NE—Est. 1918

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St. Mary's Cedar Bluffs, NE—Est. 1918

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Physical Address: 207 N 3rd St, Cedar Bluffs, NE 68015

Mass Schedule

26	Monday	NO MASS		
27	Tuesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Bryce & Elizabeth Lund Family both Living and Deceased
28	Wednesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Special Intention
29	Thursday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
30	Friday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Allen Alby †
31	Saturday	5:00 PM	@ St. Joseph's	Jim Fujan †
1	Sunday	8:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Holy 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

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.

Father's Re"Fleck"ions:

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last year our diocese and parishes have been actively working to begin a new model of catechetical formation for marriage. The new model, "Witness to Love" is more than just marriage preparation. It is a virtues-based, Catechumenate model of marriage formation. Central to its approach is the incorporation of a mentor couple, chosen by the engaged couple who are actively living their Catholic Faith. The program emphasizes relationship building, integration into parish life, deepening Faith, and personal transformation. Notably, Witness to Love equips couples with the tools to navigate challenges and strengthen their bond for a lifetime of love through Christ. Crucial to this, a mentor couples guides engaged and married couples in navigating challenges and fostering enduring bonds rooted in Christ's love.

In addition to this program, our parish also utilizes the FOCCUS Inventory, which stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study. A valuable tool in marriage preparation, this inventory provides insights into a couple's relationship dynamics and areas that may require attention or improvement. The inventory is an aid, which helps couples identify relationship strengths and potential areas of conflict, enabling them to address issues proactively. By further understanding each other's perspectives, couples can foster better communication, which is integral to a successful marriage.

Now, here is where you and your spouse come in. Results from the FOCCUS Inventory are discussed with a facilitator couple, allowing the engaged couple to openly discuss their responses. This facilitated dialogue encourages meaningful conversation about topics that are essential for marital success but might otherwise be overlooked. The inventory fosters an environment where continuous growth and dialogue are seen as integral to marriage, laying the groundwork for skills that will support the couple throughout their married life.

Our parish is truly blessed to have great couples like you. I boldly ask you and your spouse to personally consider discerning if becoming a FOCCUS facilitator is a ministry the Lord is calling you to. Our engaged couples need the wisdom and experience of you and your spouse. The Obligations would be to attend an Online Training to become a FOCCUS facilitator, which can be done incrementally, and meet with one or two couples a year. Once the training is completed, you will be able to facilitate the FOCCUS Inventory with an engaged couple. Typically, the time for completion with a couple is 2-4 sessions. Meetings usually take place in the Facilitator's home or at the parish. My hope is to have at least two couple facilitators.

Take heart! God is doing incredible things in our parish. The growth we see in our parish families is a gift and witness to many young couples. I am continually encouraged each week that the Lord is fulfilling a grand design for St. Joseph and St. Mary parishes. May God grant that it to flourish!

In Christ,

Fr. Luke Fleck

NEXT SATURDAY, January 31, 5 pm at St. Joseph

Acolyte: John Ell Lector: volunteer needed

Servers: Volunteers needed

NEXT SUNDAY, February 1, 8 am at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Dan Gruenes Lector: Jeremy Vrana

Servers: John Kabes & Nicholas Vrana

SUNDAY, February 1, 10 am at St. Mary

Volunteers needed for all positions

St. Joseph's Contacts

Sacramental Emergency: (402) 486-8655

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

Bulletin Request: Ann Borer 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. Co-Chair: Patty Swanson, (402) 480-1771 or pswanson999@gmail.com

Sacramental News and Special Announcements

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.

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Bulletin Request: Ann Borer annreneej@gmail.com

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	\$ 3,020	\$ 1,518	\$ 42,559	\$ 44,024
St. Joseph's	\$ 7,604	\$ 3,384	\$ 94,396	\$ 98,143

Local News

St. Joseph's - Cleaning the Church in February: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of February are Alice Meduna, Katie Schwede, Jennie Dunavan, Linda Divis and Lena Meduna.

St. Anne Sodality is still looking for a volunteer for Sodality Vice-President!

PreKindergarten Registration Meeting for the 2026-27 school year - **St. Wenceslaus School in Wahoo** will be hosting an information meeting for Parents on Monday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to call 443-3336 ahead of time and register for this meeting. We will discuss a typical day in PreK and options for part time and full time PreKindergarten as well as Summer Care and Before/After School Care. Prospective students must be four years old by July 31, 2026. This is a one year program to prepare students for Kindergarten the following year. Enter the school through the main north doors.

Kindergarten Round-Up for the 2026-27 school year - **St. Wenceslaus School in Wahoo** will be hosting its Kindergarten Round-Up on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents will hear about a typical day in kindergarten and what the upcoming year will be like while students are meeting the teachers, getting acquainted with future classmates and having fun in the classroom. Please call the School office at 443-3336 ahead of time to register for this meeting. There will also be information available for Summer Care and Before/After School Care. Prospective students must be five years old by July 31, 2026. Enter the school through the north main doors.

Join us at St. John Nepomucene FEBRUARY 14TH for the debut of Pizza, Puzzles, and Pivos/Pop! With 2 challenge categories available, this is sure to be a night of fun and competition!

>> Adult Challenge (age 21+)—Teams of 4 will finish a 500-piece puzzle, 1 large pizza, and a 12-pack of beer. Cost \$100/team.

>> Teen Challenge (age 12+)—Teams of 4 will finish a 300-piece puzzle, 1 large pizza, and a 2-liter bottle of pop. Cost \$60/team.

Each team will race to finish their puzzle, pizza, and drinks. Prizes go to the top 2 teams!

6PM check-in, puzzling starts at 6:30PM—Additional drinks and pizza will be available for purchase

Register your team here: <https://forms.gle/5S1mBM5HrTAsfZX6> or call (402) 646-0592. Pay at the door.

St. John Nepomucene Parish is hosting a Confirmation retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 9 am to 1 pm. A team of students from Benedictine College's Ministry Retreat Team will be coming for the retreat. Father Vandewalle would like to open this retreat to any students in the Wahoo Deanery who might need an alternate to what their parish is offering. If you have a confirmand who would like to attend, please share this online registration form with the family: Confirmation Retreat--St. John Nepomucene Church, Weston NE; Saturday, March 21, 2026 – Fill out form We need to have the final number in early February, so the due date is Monday, Feb. 2. The cost is \$10 per student and checks should be made payable to St. John Nepomucene Parish.

St. Vitus (Touhy) Catholic Church Soup Dinner - Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. John School Gym in Weston - 11am - 1:30pm Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean Soups; Free Will Offering! Live Polka Music! Silent and Live Auctions; Raffle; Baked Goods! Fun for All!!

"Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 26th - Jan. 30th and the Saunders County Catholic Schools would like to thank our parish for their support!! As a small token of appreciation the parent organizations of the elementary schools have purchased cookies as a reminder to us all that God's love for us is the sweetest gift of all and the students at Saunders County Catholic Schools are grateful for the prayers and support of our parish"

Diocese and National News

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR: Please pray for seminarian McGivney Swanson attending St. Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Tony & Catherine Swanson from St. Cecelia parish in Hastings.

Marriage Encounter Experience At North American Martyrs Church Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln "Communication enhancing our Marriage" Register right-away to save a place Call/Text 402-370-5839



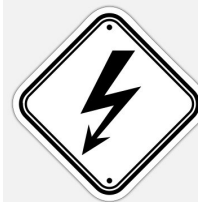
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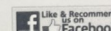
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