

St. Joseph's Colon, NE

Mailing Address: PO Box 58, Colon, NE 68018

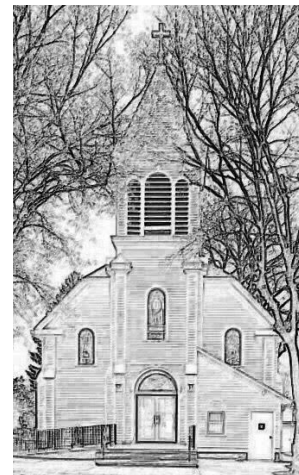
Physical Address: 111 Cherry St, Colon, NE 68018



St. Mary's Cedar Bluffs, NE

Mailing Address: PO Box 58, Colon, NE 68018

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



Pastor: Fr. Luke Fleck

stjosephcolon@gmail.com

Rectory Phone: (402)647-4901

Sacramental Emergency: (402)786-8655

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

www.stjosephstmary.org

www.facebook.com/stjosephcolon

Mass Schedule

27	Monday	NO MASS		
28	Tuesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Agnes Proskovec
29	Wednesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Special Intention
30	Thursday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Bryce & Elizabeth Lund Family both Living and Deceased
1	Friday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
2	Saturday	5:00 PM	@ St. Joseph's	Special Intentions
3	Sunday	8:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	St. Ann Sodality members
		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.

Father's Re“Fleck”ions: Saint of the Month, Saint George!

From a Legend of St. George: In the year 280, in a town in Cappadocia, a great soldier and champion of the oppressed was born — the man we now call St. George. His parents were Christians, and they, especially his mother, carefully instructed and trained him in the faith. When he reached the age of seventeen, he took up the profession of arms. Because he was gifted with good looks, intelligence, and fine manners, he rose quickly to a high military rank. From the very beginning, the young soldier George had burned with anger at the terrible cruelties inflicted on Christians, and he had spoken out boldly in defense of his fellow believers. His friends urged him to be silent and cautious, but George would have none of it. He knew he might be called to suffer at any time, and he hoped to do better work for the world and die only after braver effort. So he distributed his money and fine clothing among the poor and needy, set free all the slaves he owned, and set out on knightly travels.

One day, riding across the plains of Libya, he came to a city called Silene, where the people were mourning a terrible misfortune. An enormous dragon had come out of a nearby marsh and devoured all their flocks and herds. The monster now lived close to the city walls, and the only way the people could keep him at that distance was by giving him two sheep every day to eat. If they ever failed to feed him, he would enter the city and poison every man, woman, and child with his plague-like breath. But by now every flock and herd had been eaten. Nothing was left to fill the dragon's endless hunger but the children of the town. Every day, two children had to be given to him. Each child was under the age of fifteen, and each was chosen by drawing lots. So it was that every house, every street, and every public square echoed with the wailing of heartbroken parents and the cries of the innocent children who were soon to be sacrificed. Now it happened that the King of the city had one daughter, a girl of rare beauty in both mind and body. After many days of drawing lots, and after many young girls and boys had met an unhappy death, the lot fell to this maiden, Cleodolinda. So, the young princess was led out. She fell at her father's feet, asking his blessing and declaring that she was ready to die for her people. Then, amid tears and weeping, she was led to the city walls and placed outside them. She walked slowly and painfully toward the dragon's lair, for the road was scattered with the bones of her playmates, and she wept as she went.

It was on that very morning that George, bravely seeking to help the weak and strong to serve the truth, was passing by on his knightly journey. He saw the foul road stretched out before him, and, moved by the sight of so beautiful a maiden in tears, he reined in his horse and asked her why she wept. She told him the whole pitiful story. The brave knight answered, “Do not be afraid; I will save you.”

“Oh noble youth,” cried the princess, “do not stay here, or you will die with me. Flee, I beg you.”

“God forbid that I should flee,” George answered. “I will raise my hand against this loathsome creature, and I will save you through the power that lives in all true followers of Christ.”

At that very moment the dragon was seen coming out of his lair, half flying and half crawling toward them. “Flee, I beg you, brave knight,” cried the girl, trembling. “Leave me here to die.”

But George did not answer. Instead, he put spurs to his horse and, calling on his Lord, charged at the monster. After a terrible and drawn-out battle, he pinned the massive creature to the ground with his lance. Then he called the maiden to bring him her girdle. With it he bound the dragon tight, placed the end of the girdle in her hand, and the subdued monster crawled after them like a dog. Walking in this way, they approached the city. The people watching were struck with terror, but George called out to them, saying, “Fear nothing. Only believe in Christ, through whose help I have conquered this enemy, and live according to His teachings, and I will destroy the dragon before your eyes.” So the King and the people believed, and they set out to live such a life. Then St. George slew the dragon and cut off its head, and the King gave great treasure to the knight. But George distributed all the rewards among the sick and the needy, keeping nothing for himself, and then he went on his way of service.

Saint George, pray for us!

NEXT SATURDAY, May 2 , 5 pm at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Brandon Henkel Lector: Dave Varner

Servers: Volunteers Needed

NEXT SUNDAY, May 3, 8 am at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Matthew Rawe Lector: Marie Gruenes

Servers: John Kabes & Caleb Schoeneck

SUNDAY, May 3, 10 am at St. Mary

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

Baptisms at St. Joseph—Welcome & Congratulations to:

Adelynn Grace Meduna, daughter of Zachary & Maura Meduna.

Kade Michael Murren, son of Taylor & Taylor Murren.

Henry Roger Kuhfahl, son of Tyler & Skyelar Kuhfahl from Orlando, FL

St. Mary's Contacts

Sacramental Emergency: (402) 486-8655

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

\$1,555

\$ 1,518

\$ 60,793

\$ 63,759

St. Joseph's

\$ 2,638

\$ 3,384

\$ 128,512

\$ 142,137

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. Ann Sodality-April/May Groups: There will be a reception/breakfast after mass on Sunday, May 3, to honor the first communicants and graduates. April and May Groups are in charge of this breakfast.

Mother's Day Remembrance will look a bit different this year. We will still honor and remember our beloved mothers by listing their names; however, instead of a display board near the communion rail, the list will be placed on the side altar beneath Mary. Masses on Mother's Day will be offered for all mothers whose names are submitted. There is a paper available in the back of the church where you may write the names of mothers you wish to honor. Please include an offering of \$1 per name, which may be placed in the money box near the paper, or sent via Venmo to Emily Mascarello. Her Venmo is @Emily-Ridder-1

Parish Celebration Invitation Join us as we celebrate the gift of new life in our parish! All parishioners are warmly invited to a joyful gathering honoring the babies born to our community in 2025 and 2026.

Date: Sunday, May 31 Time: Immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass Location: St. Joseph Church Hall
Come share in fellowship, breakfast, and the joy of welcoming these newest members of our parish family. All are welcome!
We look forward to celebrating together!

Catholic Daughters will meet Mon. April 27 at 6:30 at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start with Father Hunt saying mass at 6:30. Following mass we will have the meeting. We'd love to have some guests join us, we really would like to increase our membership. Notices about unpaid dues have been mailed out. Please return the envelopes with payment to Alice as soon as possible. Thank you.

Retirement Reception for St. Wenceslaus School Principal, Mr. Mike Weiss . Please join us - - - St. Wenceslaus School will host a reception to honor Mr. Weiss on Monday, April 27th in the Bishop Neumann Cafeteria. Mr. Weiss is retiring following 21 years as Principal at St. Wenceslaus in addition to many years teaching and coaching at St. Wenceslaus and Bishop Neumann.

The spring vocal concert for Kindergarten through Sixth grade is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. that evening. Mr. Weiss will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 6:00 p.m. and again following the concert to visit with guests. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Those who are unable to attend are welcome to mail congratulations/well wishes cards to Mike Weiss at St. Wenceslaus School, 108 N. Linden, Wahoo, Ne 68066. Cards can also be dropped off at either the St. Wenceslaus Parish Office or St. Wenceslaus School Office.

William Heisterkamp of St. Mary's made 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

Bishop Neumann has the following position open: ***Maintenance & Custodial Manager.** full time job with benefits. Please reach out to Fr. Steve Mills if interested, fr.steve-mills@cdolinc.net or 402-443-4151. Or check our Bishop Neumann website and click Employment at the bottom.

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.

Diocese and National News

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/

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.



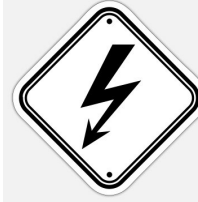
Call Adam to schedule an appointment (402) 277-0349
 www.wahoosunrise.com
 Parishioner



402 456-7986

**Seawalls
 Boat Docks
 Beach Restoration
 Dredging
 Retaining Walls**

Matt & Julie Wesch
 Parishioners



Power D Inc.

Jesse Dunavan
 Licensed Electrical Contractor
 (402) 277-0689
 Agricultural • Commercial
 Residential • Remodel
 New Construction
 Parishioner



www.medunafamilyfarms.com
 medunafarms@gmail.com Parishioners

CALEB KUHFALH -- CO-OWNER
 402-235-1176
 CALL TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTE



DECORATIVE CONCRETE EDGING
 DEFINING BOUNDARIES. REDEFINING STYLE
 GIVE YOUR LANDSCAPE THE EDGE IT NEEDS
 Parishioner



Mary Tenopir
 Owner/Stylist

120 Main St.
 Cedar Bluffs, NE

402.720.3491
 myteno6@gmail.com

Hair, Skin & Nails
 for Women, Men & Kids



Parishioner



Meduna Inc

2020 Co. Rd. S • Colon, NE

• Jeff - 402.720.4717 • Nate - 402.415.4103
 • Zach - 402.277.0304

Offering Seed Products, Biological Products, Soil
 Sampling, Moisture Probes, and Fertility & Nitrogen
 Management
 Parishioners



Nick Starkey - Owner

ShelfGenie of Omaha

Closets by ShelfGenie

Cell: 402-659-4676

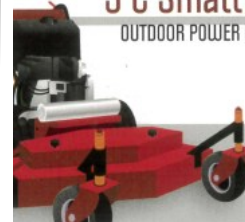
[ShelfGenie of Omaha.com](http://ShelfGenieofOmaha.com)

[ShelfGenie of Omaha Facebook](#)

Parishioner

J C Small Engine Repair

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT SERVICE & REPAIR



Jim & Cyndy Bohaty

Phone 402-647-2555

121 South 4th St.
 Colon, Ne 68018

Parishioners



8404 LLC

The Fix-It Doc
 Home Repairs & Remodeling

Anthony Lombardo

(402) 320-2033 8404servicesllc@gmail.com

If you're interested in advertising in the bulletin.

Please reach out to Ryan Mascarello

at rjmascarello@gmail.com

DEADLINE: Bulletin announcement/additions should be requested before noon on Thursday of each week. Please email Ann Borer at annreneej@gmail.com



Scan to sign-up for the e-bulletin



Scan to tithe to St. Mary's



Scan to tithe to St. Joseph's