

St. Joseph's Colon, NE

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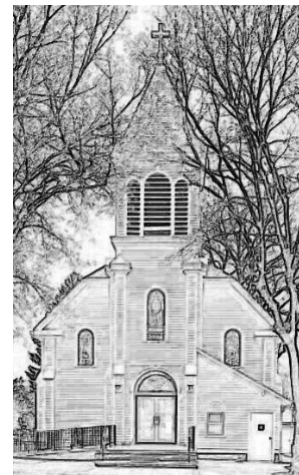
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St. Mary's Cedar Bluffs, NE

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Pastor: Fr. Luke Fleck

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Sacramental Emergency: (402)786-8655

July 26 - August 2, 2026

17th & 18th Sundays in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

27-31 Mon-Fri	NO MASS
1 Saturday	5:00 PM @ St. Joseph's Holy Souls in Purgatory
2 Sunday	8:00 AM @ St. Joseph's St. Ann Sodality members
	10:00 AM @ St. Mary's For the people of the parishes
3-7 Mon-Fri	NO MASS
8 Saturday	5:00 PM @ St. Joseph's Bryce & Elizabeth Lund family - both living & deceased
9 Sunday	8:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Jim Fujan †
	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 & 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: 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.

SATURDAY, August 8th / 16th, 5 pm at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Brandon Henkel / John Ell

Lector: Volunteer needed / Bernie Borer

Servers: Henry Henkel & Volunteer / Volunteers needed

SUNDAY, August 9th /16th, 8 am at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Zach Meduna / Jeremy Vrana

Lector: Jon Swanson /Jon Swanson

Servers: James & Sean Quinn / Phillip & Nicholas Vrana

SUNDAY, August 9th / 16th, 10 am at St. Mary

Volunteers needed

Sacramental News and Special Announcements

Father Fleck will be on vacation from July 27-August 7. Please contact St. Wenceslaus for any Sacramental emergencies (402) 443-4235

Father's Re"Fleck"ions

Dear Parishioners,

"To foster Sacrament-nurtured disciples of Christ who live a bold and extraordinary faith, first in the family, then flowing out into our community."

Over the last six months our parish has been discerning what the Lord is asking of us as a parish family. This began as an earnest desire to surrender the good of Christ's parish of St. Joseph and St. Mary back to him. What ultimately came out of these sessions before the Blessed Sacrament was a strong desire from our Lord to form you through His Heart. Our Lord's strategy for His parishes here is to encounter you, so you may be transformed by this love. This was brought into focus through our new mission statement, prayerfully considered, gives a core purpose to our parish family for all our present and future activities and decisions. A mission statement defines an organization's core purpose, its current day-to-day operations, and who it serves. It acts as a compass to guide strategic decision-making, unite people under a common goal, and communicate our values to parishioners and visitors.

I am very excited to live out this mission here at our parishes. Ultimately, this comes from Christ's great commission to "Go and Make Disciples of All Nations." Our mission statement is the specific way in which our Lord is asking us to live out the great commission. Key to incorporating this will be to come at this from a place of trust rather than suspicion. Often the enemy seeks to divide us from our Lord and each other by creating and fostering an atmosphere or culture of suspicion. He convinces us to fear what I might lose if I change or the things around me change. Often this takes the form of anxiety named Catastrophizing. Catastrophizing is, at its spiritual root, a failure of trust. It is the imagination running ahead of grace. It projects the worst possible outcome onto every uncertain situation. The enemy doesn't need to invent a catastrophe. He just needs to whisper: "But what if...?" and an unhealed wound does the rest. In a parish setting, catastrophizing often sounds like:

"If we change the Mass time, people will leave."

"If we try that ministry, it will fail like it did before."

"If we invest in evangelization, we'll go broke."

Every one of those is a "what if" dressed up as prudence but actually driven by fear. It is a wound that tells a person that the mission will fail before it begins. Jesus commands "Do not be afraid" more than any other instruction in the Gospels. The reason is not motivational. It is diagnostic. Fear is the enemy's preferred tool. Our parish has received an invitation to trust from Christ to "not be afraid." Christ desires His parish and we His Sons and Daughters to flourish. As Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; in all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths." Please join me in praying for our parishes as we begin to live out this invitation from Christ.

On another exciting note, I will be leaving this Sunday after Masses to journey to the far reaches of Scotland! It will be an adventure to hike in the Highlands, explore the Isle of Skye, crash through a castle, eat Scottish Salmon, and wrestle with Nessy at Loch Ness! A few years back I did some ancestry digging and found I was part Scottish. Now I will be returning to the homeland to get my kilt and toss a caber or two. I am most excited to visit the Tyburn Convent in Largs near Glasgow. They have a history of martyrs during the reign of Henry VIII and Elizabethan times. I will be praying for you all as I spend time with the Martyrs!

Also, if you have any Sacramental Emergencies, please call St. Wenceslaus at 402-443-4235.

In Christ, Fr. Luke Fleck

Jn 3:30 "He must increase, I must decrease."

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
St. Joseph's**

**\$ 1,092
\$ 2,348**

**\$ 1,518
\$ 3,384**

**\$ 3,614
\$ 9,019**

**\$ 4,554
\$ 10,153**

Local News

St. Anne's Altar Sodality: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of July are Kae Sanderson, Maura Meduna, Paige Meduna, Tanya Brabec, and Kelly Meduna.

Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of August are Kim Heller, Leslie Chmelka, Nicole Henkel, Samantha Grummert, and Cyndy Bohaty.

St. Mary's: St. Mary's Catholic Church of Cedar Bluffs donated \$233.00 to Saunders County Right to Life in honor of our mothers and fathers both living and deceased. Thank you all!!

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.

Men's Day of Rest: All men are invited to the 4th Annual Men's Day of Rest featuring Fr. Dale Alder and Deacon Pat Burke. Fathers, sons, grandfathers, and grandsons are especially encouraged to attend, with a morning session for young men (18 and under) and their fathers/grandfathers, followed by an afternoon session for adult men. Breakfast and lunch are included (breakfast only for those under 19), and a Eucharistic procession after the morning talk. Scan the QR code to register or contact Bob Sullivan at 402-469-5149 (call or text) or bobsullivan402@gmail.com for more information.

When: August 15, 2026 at 8:00am

Where: St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo



Diocesan and National News

Retrouvaille Weekend: Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. For more information, 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org. **Upcoming weekend, August 7-9, 2026. Registration deadline Sunday, July 26.**

Pray for Vocations: Please pray for new entrants in our Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses.

July 26 - Aug 1 we are praying for Sr. Juanita Marie, Professed Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sister.

Aug 2 - Aug 8 we are praying for Sr. Mary Angelis, Professed Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sister.

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.



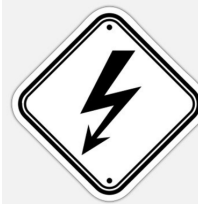
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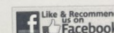
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