

## St. Joseph's Colon, NE

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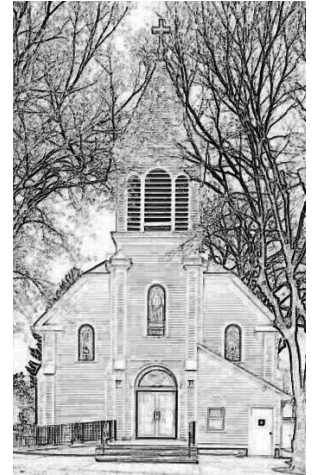
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## St. Mary's Cedar Bluffs, NE

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Sacramental Emergency: (402)786-8655

**June 14, 2026**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Mass Schedule

15 Monday	NO MASS
16 Tuesday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Special Intention
17 Wednesday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Bryce & Elizabeth Lund family - both living & deceased
18 Thursday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's The repose of the souls of Jim and Rose Keese
19 Friday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Michael Fleck †
20 Saturday	5:00 PM @ St. Joseph's Jim Fujan †
21 Sunday	8:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Fathers of our parishes
	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:

Saints of the Month: The Irish Martyrs

The Irish Catholic Martyrs were the 24 Irish men and women who have been beatified or canonized for both a life of heroic virtue and for dying for their Catholic faith between the reign of King Henry VIII and the Catholic Emancipation in 1829. But the full number of those who died for the faith is far greater. In 1992, a representative group of 17 Irish martyrs, chosen from a list of almost 300 who died for their faith in the 16th and 17th centuries, were beatified by Pope John Paul II.

Religious persecution of Catholics in Ireland began under Henry VIII, when the English Parliament adopted the Acts of Supremacy, which established the king's supremacy over the Church, independent of the pope. In England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, bishops, priests, and laypeople who continued to recognize the pope were tortured and killed. Further legislation laid down that any act of allegiance to the pope was to be considered treason. Religious houses were suppressed. Their property seized by the crown and the monks tortured and killed if they did not acknowledge Henry as the supreme head of the Church of England. Famous among these are the 18 Carthusian monk martyrs of London. The more than three century-long religious persecution of the Catholic Church in Ireland came in waves, caused by an overreaction by the State to certain incidents and interspersed with intervals of comparative respite. Interestingly, these persecutions followed here to the United States with the foundation of the 13 colonies and English Protestant fears of Catholic influence. Here below are three of these martyrs, who died for Jesus Christ and His Bride.

By far the most famous martyr remains Archbishop Oliver Plunkett. Following a show trial during the anti-Catholic witch hunt masterminded by Lord Shaftesbury and Titus Oates, Oliver was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn on 1 July 1681. Plunkett's execution following a show trial was motivated solely "in odium fidei" (out of hatred of the Faith).

For our next Martyr, we should note that the Irish were given a choice to become Protestant. If they did, they would keep their ancestral lands and gain possession of those who refused to convert. Born Margaret Bermingham about 1515 in Skreen. Margaret married Bartholomew Ball, a prosperous merchant in Dublin. Her eldest son, Walter, however, became a Protestant and an opponent of the Catholic faith. Margaret provided 'safe houses' for bishops and priests passing through Dublin and would invite Walter to dine with them, hoping for his re-conversion. When Walter was elected Mayor of Dublin. He had his mother arrested and drawn through the streets on a wooden hurdle, as she could no longer walk to Dublin Castle. Here she remained imprisoned for the rest of her life. If she had renounced her faith she could have returned home, but she refused and died in prison aged 70 in 1584.

Dominic Collins was born into a leading Catholic family in Youghal in 1566, both his father and brother serving as mayor in the town. After the failure of the Desmond Rebellion he went to France and served with honor in both the French and Spanish armies. He entered the Jesuits in Spain as a late vocation in 1589 and in 1601 came back to Ireland as a professed Jesuit brother with the Spanish fleet sent by King Philip III to assist the O'Neills and the O'Donnells. After the Battle of Kinsale he retreated with O'Sullivan Beare to Dunboy Castle in west Cork, where after a siege he was captured, bribed to change his religion and tortured. Eventually he was hanged in his own town of Youghal. Before his execution he spoke to the crowd saying he longed for a martyr's death. The hangman refused to execute him and the soldiers forced a passerby, a poor fisherman, to do the work. He died with the words of the psalm on his lips: "Into your hands I commend my spirit." His fame quickly spread in Ireland and through Europe.

Irish Martyrs, pray for us! Fr. Luke Fleck

**NEXT SATURDAY, June 20, 5 pm at St. Joseph**

**Acolyte: John Ell Lector: Bernie Borer**

**Servers: Volunteers Needed**

**NEXT SUNDAY, June 21, 8 am at St. Joseph**

**Acolyte: Nate Meduna Lector: Sam Lombardo**

**Servers: John Kabes & Caleb Schoeneck**

**SUNDAY, June 21, 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

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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	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,518	\$ 69,100	\$ 74,385
St. Joseph's	\$ 3,476	\$ 3,384	\$ 145,922	\$ 165,827

## Local News

**St. Joseph's:** Cleaning the Church in June: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of June are Anne Marie Kabes, Patty Swanson, Lou Ann Noonan, Emily Mascarello, & Ann Lombardo.

**Life Choices - Baby Bottle Boomerang :** On Mother's Day, baby bottles will be placed in the vestibule for you to take home and fill with cash, a check or change. The money collected will go to Life Choices, a pregnancy resource center located in Fremont that is dedicated to providing Christ-centered services to those who have pregnancy related needs or concerns. Their free services include: pregnancy testing, ultrasound for qualifying clients, peer coaching, post abortion help, prenatal/parenting classes and a diaper program. Their goal is to communicate God's plan for the sanctity of life and the hope that is only found in Christ. Please return filled bottles to the vestibule by Father's Day weekend.

**St. Wenceslaus**-There will be a Used School Uniform Sale for St. Wenceslaus, Bishop Neumann and St. John Nepomucene at the St. Wenceslaus School cafeteria on Weds, July 1st from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. (there will be no early sales) Please bring small bills for purchasing items as there will be limited change. Beginning at 1:00 that day you may drop off items you would like to sell. Each item should have an envelope attached with the seller's name and the sale price clearly marked. All items brought in must be according to the current school dress codes. The sale will last until 7:00 p.m. or until all clothing is sold, whichever comes first. Unpurchased clothing as well as your proceeds should be picked up at 7:00 p.m. Volunteer help is needed and Service Hours can be obtained. You may call or text Jessica Pearson at (402) 277-6590 or email her at [jessicacarolpearson@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicacarolpearson@yahoo.com) if you need to drop off your clothing items early.

**St. Joseph's:** We are also seeking a part-time cleaner for the rectory. Hours are flexible. For more information or to apply, contact the parish office at 402-647-4901 or Fr. Luke Fleck at [fr.luke-fleck@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.luke-fleck@cdolinc.net)

**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.

**We are currently in need of an adorers for hours 6pm—11pm.** Please see the website for open hours or contact Ryan Mascarello for more information. [rjmascarello@gmail.com](mailto:rjmascarello@gmail.com). **There will also an open hour from 9am—10am Starting on July 29th.**

## Diocese and National News

**Marriage Encounter Experience**-Sept. 18-20 in Grand Island. Open to all couples across Nebraska.

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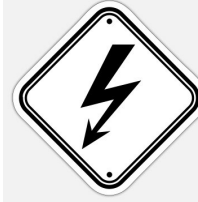
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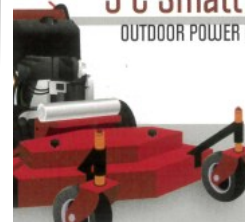
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