

St. Joseph's Colon, NE

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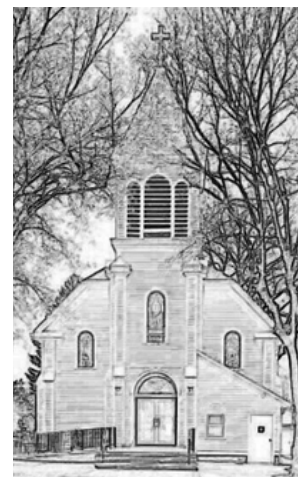
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St. Mary's Cedar Bluffs, NE

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September 20, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

21	Monday	NO MASS
22	Tuesday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Leonard Chapek †
23	Wednesday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Ernie & Dee Mascarello
24	Thursday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Eleanor Wallace †
25	Friday	7:00 AM @ St. Joseph's Paul & Jackie Ridder
26	Saturday	5:00 PM @ St. Joseph's Wilma Simone †
27	Sunday	8:00 AM @ St. Joseph's For the people of the parishes
		10:00AM @ St. Mary's Bonnie Kadavy

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 times at St. Joseph:
Saturday 4:00 - 4:50pm
Sunday 7:00 - 7:50am
Wednesday 7:00am - 1:00pm

SATURDAY, September 26th, 5 pm at St. Joseph

Acolyte: John Ell Lector: Bob Rezac
Servers: Jadon Rezac & Volunteer needed
SUNDAY, September 27th, 8 am at St. Joseph
Acolyte: Chris Meduna Lector: Jesse Dunavan
Servers: James & Matthew Dunavan
SUNDAY, September 27th, 10 am at St. Mary
Volunteers needed

Sacramental News and Special Announcements

Condolences to the family and friends of
Duane "Doc" Maly 5/8/49 - 9/7/26

Father's Re"Fleck"ions

When St. Francis of Assisi was praying before the crucifix in the little church of San Damiano, he heard Christ say to him, "Francis, go and repair my house, which, as you see, is falling into ruin." Francis initially understood those words in a very practical way. San Damiano was in poor condition, so he began repairing the physical church with his own hands. But eventually Francis came to understand that Christ was asking something much greater of him: to help rebuild the Church—the living Body of Christ.

We learn something critical from that lived experience of Francis. St. Joseph's is not simply a building. It is our spiritual home. It is where generations of Catholics have come to encounter Jesus Christ. It is where we celebrate the Eucharist, receive the sacraments, baptize our children, celebrate marriages, mourn our dead, teach our faith, and gather together as a parish family.

Our parish mission is: *"To foster Sacrament-nurtured disciples of Christ who live a bold and extraordinary faith, first in the family, then flowing out into our community."* That mission begins with Christ. We are formed as disciples through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. From that encounter with Christ, our faith is meant to enter our homes and families and then flow outward into our community.

Our buildings exist to serve that mission, which brings me to our current situation. Our Facilities Committee has identified two immediate needs: repairing the roof of our bell tower and improving our narthex restroom so that it is more accessible and welcoming. These may seem like ordinary maintenance projects, but they are part of something much larger. Repairing the roof protects the church entrusted to us. Addressing the restroom allows us to better welcome parishioners and visitors, including those who have difficulty with accessibility. These improvements help ensure that our physical surroundings continue to support the work of evangelization, worship, fellowship, and the sacraments.

We should be careful, however, not to confuse the building with the mission. A repaired roof does not make a disciple. A beautiful restroom does not make a person holy. A well-maintained church cannot replace prayer, the Eucharist, or the life of faith. But the condition of our physical home communicates something about what happens within it. We want our church to reflect the dignity of the worship offered here and welcome people who come through its doors.

This is also an opportunity to think about stewardship. We are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us—not simply so that we can preserve an old building, but so that current and future generations can continue to encounter Christ here. We are called to rebuild more than walls and roofs. We are called to rebuild families. To renew our parish. To form disciples. To deepen our love for the sacraments. To foster a bold and extraordinary faith that begins in the family and flows out into our community. The physical work we undertake should always serve that greater work of our mission. Your support of these projects will provide a groundwork for that mission.

May St. Francis inspire us to hear Christ's words, "Rebuild My Church," and to see that caring for our church also means caring for the people who gather here, creating a place where Christ can continue to form disciples and build His Church for generations to come.

In Christ, Fr. Fleck

Parish Contact Information

Sacramental Emergency: (402) 786-8655

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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	\$ 1,646	\$ 1,477	\$ 14,460	\$ 16,242
St. Joseph's	\$1,772	\$ 3,584	\$ 34,812	\$ 39,421

Local News

St. Anne's Altar Sodality: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of September are Sara Buck, Molly Meduna, Becky Meduna, Dawn Moser, Lisa Swartz, and Katie Meduna. Sodality Group 2 members please coordinate for the hall cleaning prior to the parish dinner. See the work list for Group 2 contact information.

Volunteers Needed: Bishop Neumann and our Catholic grade schools are an extension of the Wahoo Deanery parishes and have a long history of parish support and volunteer service. We especially ask those with children or grandchildren in Saunders Catholic Schools to consider volunteering at your parish's assigned Bishop Neumann football games this year. It's a great opportunity for a parish family to come together as a community to serve our children.

Use the link <https://manager.gobound.com/worker/school/ne/bishopneumann> or QR Code to create a Bound account and sign up, or contact your parish chairperson to get involved. Thank you for supporting our Catholic schools!

Brian Sanderson – (402)443-7081 bsanderson1@gmail.com
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St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Chicken & Ham Dinner— Sunday, September 20th, 11am-2pm in the school gym. Kids Games, Raffle, Bake Stand. Mark Vyhldal Polka Band in the Beer Garden. Serving Pan-Fried Chicken, Ham, Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, fresh vegetables & fresh baking! Adults: \$20; Children 5-12: \$10; Under 5: Free.

St. Wenceslaus Church – Wahoo Fall Festival 2026: Sunday, September 27th at Bishop Neumann High School Roast Beef Dinner 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Adults: \$20.00 Children (12 and under): \$10.00 (includes 4 free game tickets) Preschool: FREE. Carryout is available. Join us for games, raffle, cake walk, silent auction, and more!

Catholic Daughters: will meet Mon. September 28 at 6:30 at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start with Father Hunt saying Mass, then we will enjoy our wonderful potluck meal. The meeting will follow. We would love to have some ladies join us as guests and learn more about Catholic Daughters. Dues will be \$22 plus \$5 for 2027.

Life Chain — Join Us in Prayer: Please join us for a peaceful hour of sidewalk prayer for the sanctity of human life on Sunday, October 4, from 2–3 PM at the Saunders County Courthouse parking lot, 433 N. Chestnut St., Wahoo. Everyone is welcome! Ice cream cups will be served afterward by Saunders County Right to Life.

Diocesan and National News

Pray for Vocations: Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in our diocese.

Sept 20 - Sept 26 we are praying for Gretchen Kleinschmit, Postulant with the School Sisters of Christ the King AND Thomas Rajewski, Theology 3 at Mount Saint Mary Seminary.

Fall MAGNIFICAT Prayer Meal - October 17 - 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Sacred Heart Parish Facility in Lincoln with Speaker Sarina Stokes sharing her Magnificat! Bring a friend to share the Joy of the Holy Spirit through the Mystery of the Visitation as Our Blessed Mother Mary proclaimed her FIAT with Saint Elizabeth! Contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at [402.525.6396](tel:402.525.6396) for further information. Please Register by Monday October 12.

<https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/sarina-stokes-october-17>

40 Days for Life — Join Us in Prayer: Please consider joining us for an hour of peaceful prayer for mothers, babies, and families during **40 Days for Life, September 23–November 1, 7 AM–7 PM**, at Planned Parenthood, **5631 S. 48th St., Lincoln**. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/Lincoln. Need help signing up? Call/text **Cathy Turner** at [\(402\) 202-1614](tel:402.202.1614).

St. Gregory The Great: Come And See Weekend October 3-4 for high-school juniors, seniors, and college-aged men. Begins Saturday morning and concludes Sunday after morning Mass. Meet priests, seminarians, and other Catholic young men who want to grow in the faith and explore a call to the priesthood. Register at sggs.edu/come-and-see



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