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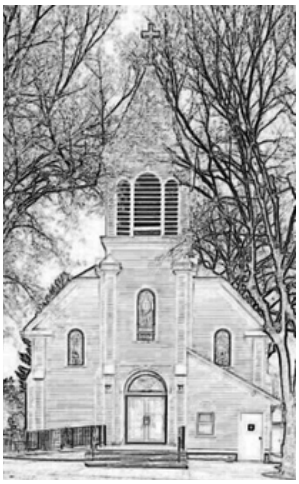
October 18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

19	Monday	NO MASS		
20	Tuesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Lois Speichinger
21	Wednesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Florence Denny †
22	Thursday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Mary Cuda †
23	Friday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Michelle Jackson †
24	Saturday	5:00 PM	@ St. Joseph's	Lucy Cuda †
25	Sunday	8:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	For the people of the parishes
		10:00AM	@ St. Mary's	Sandy Egli †

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, October 24th, 5 pm at St. Joseph
Acolyte: John Ell Lector: Volunteer Needed
Servers: Volunteers needed
SUNDAY, October 25th, 8 am at St. Joseph
Acolyte: Isaac Meduna Lector: Marie Gruenes
Servers: John Kabes & Caleb Schoeneck
SUNDAY, October 25th, 10 am at St. Mary
Volunteers needed

Sacramental News and Special Announcements

October 18th is World Mission Day. Please use the envelopes in the back to contribute.

Please turn in your pledge cards for the Bishops Appeal for Vocations.

Father's Re"Fleck"ions

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all well with the change of weather and harvest season well underway. A few notes about upcoming events:

All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year and is **not** transferred to another day. Because it falls on a Sunday, it is already part of the normal Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

All Souls Day Masses are on Monday, November 2nd. We will have morning Mass at 7:00am at St. Joseph and 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Fall Cleanup Day for St. Mary's will be on October 29th from 1:00-3:00pm. We are extraordinarily blessed to the the Senior class from Bishop Neumann coming to help do repairs, painting, and dirt-work that day. They are an incredible class of students. It is a great blessing to have them at our parish, which has supported Bishop Neumann and its mission for over 60 years! St. Joseph has already benefited from this over the last several years and will also have Bishop Neumann students come on property that day to help clean up the grounds.

Political Elections: Check out the voters' guide from Nebraska Family Alliance at nebraskafamilyalliance.org. An important Ballot Initiative will be Measure 442 for protecting men's and women's sports in the State of Nebraska. Please look into the candidates and voting measures to be well informed. Remember the words of the Lord in Jeremiah, "Seek the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you; pray for it to the Lord, for upon its welfare your own depends."

Parish Elections: As political elections are heading to the ballot box, we also will have parish elections this fall. Every two years, the parish holds elections for new parish council members.

Current members of St. Joseph: Fr. Fleck, Richard Meduna, Kae Sanderson, Bob Meduna, Kelly Meduna, John Ell, Nicole Trutna, Adam Quinn, and Marie Gruenes.
Current members of St. Mary: Fr. Fleck, Steve Callahan, Max Heisterkamp, Kim Jirovsky, Randy Pike, Mary Osterloh

The Parish Council acts as an advisory body to the pastor. It concentrates on the parish's mission, "To foster Sacrament-nurtured disciples of Christ who live a bold and extraordinary faith, first in the family, then flowing out into our community." It further focuses on evangelization, catechesis, liturgy, and pastoral priorities. It helps the pastor identify pastoral needs in the parish, help him plan pastoral programs, improve pastoral ministries, and evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs and services. It is not a legislative body that enacts policy or issue decrees. We will be voting on two new members for each parish. Please feel free to provide me with names of people of people you think would be good at going on mission for our parish.

I am grateful to all our members of St. Joseph and St. Mary's parish councils and want to personally thank Bob Meduna, Kelly Meduna, Kim Jirovsky, and Randy Pike for their years of service to the parishes!

Keep fighting Evil, Fr. Luke Fleck

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	$ 1,219	$ 1,477	$ 19,007	$ 22,149
St. Joseph's	$ 2,461	$ 3,584	$ 45,261	$ 53,756

Local News

St. Joseph's Work Day: Saturday, October 24th at 9am. The north side of the church basement is leaking. We need help moving rocks and adding dirt. Contact Matt Wesch 402-443-2753 for more information.

Men's Group Breakfast: All are invited for breakfast burritos after the 8am Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday, October 25th.

St. Mary's Coffee and Rolls: All are invited to attend after Mass on Sunday October 25th. Mary Tenopir's Group 3 will be serving.

St. Anne's Altar Sodality: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of October are Nicole Trutna, Emily Meduna, Amy Rezac, and Kate Casale. October and November groups will host a breakfast in November.

St. Anthony de Padua (Bruno) Duck and Pork Dinner: Sunday, October 18th, 2026, 11am--2pm. Dine-In Buffet, Carry-Out, and Drive Thru. Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Cranberries, Roll, Pie, and Drink. Cake Walk, Country Store, Silent Auction, Cash Raffle. Live Auction begins at 2pm. $25 adult; $10 children (12 and under - pork only).

St. Mary's Church (Davey) Soup Supper: Sunday, October 25th from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Davey Community Hall. Chicken Noodle Soup or Chili, Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, Homemade Desserts, Raffle, Bake Sale. Free Will Donation.

WDCCW Meeting: The next meeting of the Wahoo Deanery Council of Catholic Women (WDCCW) will be held October 27th, 2026 and hosted by St. Mary's Church in Cedar Bluffs, NE. The Mass will be at 6:00 pm. We will have a presentation from John Soukup with Catholic Social Services, following with lunch and a meeting. All ladies are invited to a night of information sharing and fellowship with others from the Wahoo Deanery. Please let Mary Osterloh know if you plan to attend at 402-708-0284.

Catholic Daughter's Meeting: Monday, Oct. 26th at 2:00 at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. Members need to bring items for the silent and live auctions. There will not be mass, but we will say a rosary after the live auction and before the start of the meeting. We need a good turnout so we have auction items.

Silent and Live Auction Fundraiser: Catholic Daughters of the Wahoo Deanery are hosting an afternoon of silent and live auctions on Mon. Oct. 26th at St Wenceslaus church basement. The silent auction will go from 2:00 to 2:30 followed with refreshments. The live auction will start around 2:45-3:00. This is open to the public. There will be an assortment of baked items, decorating items, home canned items, to name a few. Come and bring a friend or two.

St James Church (Mead) 46th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast: Nov. 1st – 7:30 am to 12 pm All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and eggs. Adults $10, Kids (2-12) $5, Under 2 free St James Parish Hall, Mead. RAFFLE PRIZES: Handmade Queen-sized Quilt, $250 Arbor Day Farm gift card, Pit Boss Grill. Silent Auction, Craft and Bake Sale. Mass is celebrated at 7 am and 9 am.

All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance: Monday, November 2nd at 1:45 p.m. Bishop Neumann Catholic High School
Join us as we prayerfully remember and honor our deceased alumni. There will be reserved seating for families and a reception following Mass. Please RSVP to the Bishop Neumann front office by October 30th.

LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive: The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring the 17th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocesan parishes. A baby in one year will use approximately 2,100 diapers, that's an average of only 6 diapers per day. The LDCCW goal is to collect 125,000 diapers. Size 6 diapers are the most needed. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you to those that have already donated.

October is Respect Life Month: Pray the annual Respect Life Month Novena. respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena

Diocesean and National News



Pray for Vocations: Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in our diocese.
Oct 18 - Oct 24 we are praying for Sr. Mary Francis, Jr. Sister with the School Sisters of Christ the King and Patrick Gutierrez, College 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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.

Spirit Catholic Radio welcomes Catholic Answers apologist and author Joe Heschmeyer to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lincoln on November 3rd at 6:30 PM. Joe will speak on "The Faith of the Early Christians," exploring what the first Christians believed and how their faith continues to shape the Catholic Church today. Get your tickets today at https://spiritcatholicradio.com/joe/! Catch Joe on Catholic Answers Live weekdays at 5 PM CT on Spirit Catholic Radio at 102.7 FM in Lincoln and surrounding area.

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