

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
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SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN
First Sunday of Lent
February 22nd, 2026

ONE CHURCH: Encountering JESUS, Equipping DISCIPLES, Living MERCY

Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 7:30 PM

Confession Schedule:
Saturday: 7:00 - 7:20 PM or see
Saint Isidore Confession time

Weekend Mass Schedule
Our Family of Parishes
St. Isidore

Sat. 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

St. Bonaventure

Sat. 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 1:30 p.m.

St. Anthony

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

St. Stanislaus/Duncan

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Contact the office

Confession - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Marriage - Contact the rectory one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick - Anyone who is seriously ill, or about to undergo major surgery, is encouraged to call the rectory and schedule a time to receive the sacrament. In emergencies call immediately.

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Mass Intentions:

Thu, Feb 26, 6:30 PM † Barry Wilke
 Sat, Feb 28, 7:30 PM † Betty Rose & William Sprunk

Saint of the Day or other

Liturgical Ministers for Masses of February 26th & 28th, 2026:

Time:	Thursday, 6:30 PM	Saturday, 7:30 PM
Lectors:	Volunteers	Holly
EMHC's	Sharon	JoAnn B. & Karen
Servers:	Volunteers	Dane Soulliere Rayetta Anderson Volunteer
Organist:		See Schedule
Cantors:		See Schedule
Ushers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Greeters:		See Schedule
Offertory Gifts:		Volunteers
Church Cleaning for March:	See Schedule	
Money Counters for March:	Carrie Jaixen, Dale Jaixen, and Thomas & Leanna Jaixen	

Date: February 15 th , 2026	Gifts of Treasure
Adult	\$780.00
Loose Currency & Checks	\$342.00
Children's	\$3.00
Electric / Fuel	\$20.00
Maintenance & Repair	
Candles	
2nd Collection: Black & Indian Missions	
Rental	\$100.00
Total Money Counter Report	\$1,245.00

Automatic Deposits for the week of February 15th: \$148.00

Scripture Readings for the Week of Feb 22nd:

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 & Mt 25:31-46
 Tue: Is 55:10-11 & Mt 6:7-15
 Wed: Jon 3:1-10 & Lk 11:29-32
 Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 & Mt 7:7-12
 Fri: Ez 18:21-28 & Mt 5:20-26
 Sat: Dt 26:16-19 & Mt 5:43-48
 Sun: Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10 & Mt 17:1-9

Rosary Crusade:

1. Special Intention.
2. Elladee Ronhovde.
3. Scott Bierman.
4. For those with medical issues.
5. For the Military.
6. For the Elderly.

* Please call Elverine Pillen 402-246-2431 with Prayer Requests *

First Sunday of Lent

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him. - A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Activities for the week of February 22nd, 2026:

Date:	Location:	Activity:
Fri, Feb 27, 6:00 PM	Saint Joseph Church	Stations of the Cross

PRE Notes:

Wed, Feb 25 th , 6:30 - 7:45 PM	PRE Classes.
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Children's Offertory - We will have our children's offertory collection following the petitions. They may place their offering in the basket provided on the steps of the altar.

Mass Intentions for 2026: Now accepting mass intentions for **July through September**. These will be filled before accepting requests for October through December. \$10 per mass, mass intention and your name must accompany the request.

Thank You: We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the cards, prayers, food, help, offers of help, and the phone calls to check on our welfare. These acts of kindness really brightened our day and were greatly appreciated. Thank You All So Much, *Tom & Merline*

Lenten Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM here at St. Joseph's.

Easter Masses: Saturday, April 4th, 8:00 PM at St. Isidore's
 Sunday, April 5th, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM at St. Isidore's
Sunday, April 5th, 8:30 AM at St. Joseph's

The Word Among Us for Lent can be found on the bulletin tables.

Rice Bowls - By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to people around the world. But did you know your generosity also helps your local diocese? Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports vital Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. Thank you for your compassion and for making a profound difference globally and locally.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Days of Fasting and Abstinence: Every person between the age of 18 and 59 beginning of the 60th year must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and good Friday. The law of fasting allows a single full meal each day and two light meals at other times but no solid foods between meals. *No meat is allowed on any Friday during lent.*

Local Events Around the area:

Check out flyers on Church Bulletin Boards

1. **Come To Me 2026 Healing Retreats** - Saturday, February 28th 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM, St. Patrick Church, Tekamah, NE or Saturday, March 14th, 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM, St. Wenceslaus Hall, Omaha, NE. Register by February 17th at https://archdioceseofomaha.formstack.com/forms/2024_healing_retreat_registration or call the Victim Outreach and Prevention Office at 402-827-3798 for more information.
2. **Annual New York Strip Dinner** - Saturday, March 7th, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, Westbrook Lanes. Serving: Steak, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Salad, and a Roll. Enjoy food and fellowship while supporting the Knights of Columbus. Sponsored by all 3 Columbus Knight’s Councils.
3. **Saint Anthony Fish Fry** - Every Friday, February 20th through March 27th, 5:30 - 8:00 PM in the Social Hall. Fried/Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, macaroni salad, cole slaw, grilled cheese sandwiches, bread, tea & water. Available for purchase: desserts and soda (BYOB). Adults \$14, Seniors (60+) \$12, Children (5-11) \$7, (4 and under) free. Takeout Meals \$14, All fish \$25. Questions call Rey Jarecki 402-910-6806.
4. **Exclusive Film Screening: Triumph of the Heart** on February 22nd, 2:00 PM at St. Bonaventure Parish Center. Our Columbus Catholic Parish Family is thrilled to host a special screening of Triumph of the Heart - the moving true story of St. Maximillian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who offered his life in exchange for another prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II. Join us for this unique opportunity to encounter the heroic story of St. Maximilian Kolbe on the big screen! More about the movie at triumphoftheheart.com.
5. **CDA** - We invite all members of the Catholic Daughters Court Little Flower #988 and prospective members to our next meeting on Monday, March 9th in the St. Bon’s Parish Center. The evening will begin at 6:30. We will be recognizing the winners of our local Education Contest followed by our business meeting.
6. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com for these upcoming retreats:
A Taste of Contemplative Prayer, February 20th - 22nd, 2026
He Gave His Life to Set us Free: The Passion According to Matthew, Feb. 27th - March 1st, 2026

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal 2025 - 2026 for Saint Joseph’s Church

Goal	Gift Total	% of Goal	Participation	Part. Goal
\$6,110.26	\$4,832.00	80.45 %	21	33%