

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
155 A Street, PO Box 155
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SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN
Third Sunday of Lent
March 8th, 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, Mar 12, 6:30 PM

Sat, Mar 14, 7:30 PM

Saint of the Day or other

L&D Family Members of Don & Anna Mae Hamling

† Harvey, Martha & Greg Gill

Liturgical Ministers for Masses of March 12th & 14th, 2026:

Time: Thursday, 6:30 PM

Saturday, 7:30 PM

Lectors:

Colleen

EMHC's

Cindy

Janet & Mary

Servers:

Volunteers

Rayetta Anderson

Hayden Jarecki

Volunteer

Organist:

See Schedule

Cantors:

See Schedule

Ushers:

Volunteers

Volunteers

Greeters:

See Schedule

Offertory Gifts:

Volunteers

Church Cleaning for March: Sharon W.

Money Counters for March: Carrie Jaixen, Dale Jaixen and Thomas & Leanna Jaixen

Date: March 1 st , 2026	Gifts of Treasure
Adult	\$1,270.00
Loose Currency & Checks	\$228.00
Children's	
Maintenance & Repair	
Electric / Fuel	\$20.00
Seminary	\$25.00
2nd Collection: Black & Indian Missions	\$30.00
Flowers	\$86.00
Total Money Counter Report	\$1,659.00

Automatic Deposits for the week of March 1st: \$148.00

Scripture Readings for the Week of Mar 8th:

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab & Lk 4:24-30
 Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43 & Mt 18:21-35
 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9 & Mt 5:17-19
 Thu: Jer 7:23-28 & Lk 11:14-23
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10 & Mk 12:28-34
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6 & Lk 18:9-14
 Sun: 1 Sm 16:6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14 & Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Rosary Crusade:

1. Safety for Travelers.
2. Special Intention.
3. Scott Bierman.
4. Nathan Goering.
5. Repose of the soul of Norma Jaixen - mother of Merline Sprunk.
6. Special Intention.

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" –For Jews, use nothing in common with Samaritans. –Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father 'Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?'" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one (who is) speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Activities for the week of March 8th, 2026:

Date:	Location:	Activity:
Fri, Mar 13, 6:00 PM	Saint Joseph Church	Stations of the Cross

PRE Notes:

Wed, Mar 11, 6:30 - 7:45 PM **NO PRE Classes - Spring Break.**

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.

General Church Cleaning - Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 AM we are asking all parishioners, men and women to come help with general cleaning of our Church. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Any questions, please contact Lisa at 402-276-7912. Remember, many hands make light work.

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.

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

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. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Fellowship Dinner & Dessert Evenings** - You are invited to Saint Stanislaus’ Fellowship, Dinner and Dessert Evenings on March 11th and 18th from 6-7:30 PM in the Saint Stanislaus Parish Hall. The Crux Lenten program from Asension is being followed. Please RSVP to Kathy Slusarski @ 402-276-0799. All are welcome.
4. Our **Catholic Daughters Court #988** is celebrating our 100th Anniversary this year. Our local Catholic Daughters Court Little Flower #988 is 100 years old 2026! We are holding an Anniversary Banquet on Thursday, April 9th. We will begin with Mass at St. Bonaventure at 5:00 and then gather at the VFW for a cash bar social hour, meal and program. Meal price is \$10.00 prepaid for a delicious 2-meat buffet. Spouses and family members are welcome to attend. Please send your registration and payment to Vice Regent Mari Melcher (402-270-1477) at 27318 340 Avenue, Monroe, NE. 68647. Please join us for a memorable evening celebrating our CDA history!
5. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com for these upcoming retreats:
Discovering the Joy of Forgiveness, March 21st - 22nd
“Kissing the Feet of Jesus” - A silent preached retreat for woman, March 26th - 29th
“On the Third Day He Rose Again”, April 1st - 5th

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

Goal	Gift Total	% of Goal	Participation	Part. Goal
\$6,110.26	\$6,178.00	102.48 %	24	33%

Congratulations on reaching our monetary Goal for 2025 - 2026!!



The St. Isidore Knights of Columbus will be bringing the Eucharistic Miracles of the World to St. Isidore’s March 7th through March 18th. The miracles will be available for viewing from 6am to 9pm in the St. Isidore Parish Center (with the exception of times there is an event in the parish center). Check with Kathy Wright at 402-564-8993 if you have any questions about the schedule.