

**Saint Joseph's Catholic Church**  
**155 A Street, PO Box 155**  
**Platte Center, NE 68653-0155**



**SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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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**Parish Weekly Bulletin On-Line:** [saintisidorechurch.com](http://saintisidorechurch.com) *Click on Saint Joseph Bulletin Tab*

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**Mass Intentions:**

Thu, Mar 19, 6:30 PM

Archdiocesan Priests

Sat, Mar 21, 7:30 PM

† Kevin Jarecki

**Saint of the Day** or other

*Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Liturgical Ministers for Masses of March 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026:**

Time: Thursday, 6:30 PM

Saturday, 7:30 PM

Lectors:

Holly

EMHC's

Bernie

Barb & Chris

Servers:

Volunteers

Charlie Krienert

Kamryn Sprunk

Volunteer

See Schedule

Organist:

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

<b>Date:</b> March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	<b>Gifts of Treasure</b>
<b>Adult</b>	\$695.00
<b>Loose Currency &amp; Checks</b>	\$165.00
<b>Children's</b>	
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>	
<b>Electric / Fuel</b>	\$5.00
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$40.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Relief Services</b>	
<b>Hall Rent</b>	\$100.00
<b>Total Money Counter Report</b>	<b>\$1,005.00</b>

**Automatic Deposits for the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>: \$103.00**

**Scripture Readings for the Week of Mar 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Mon: Is 65:17-21 & Jn 4:43-54  
 Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12 & Jn 5:1-16  
 Wed: Is 49:8-15 & Jn 5:17-30  
 Thu: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 & Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 & Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Sat: Jer 11:18-20 & Jn 7:40-53  
 Sun: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11 & Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Rosary Crusade:**

1. Roger Streblov.
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 \*

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” –which means Sent–. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him. “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

## **Activities for the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
Thur, Mar 19, After 6:30 Mass	Saint Joseph Parish Hall	Finance Meeting
Thur, Mar 19, 7:30 PM	Saint Joseph Parish Hall	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri, Mar 20, 6:00 PM	Saint Joseph Church	Stations of the Cross
Sat, Mar 21, 9:00 AM	Saint Joseph Church	Spring Cleaning

### **PRE Notes:**

Wed, Mar 18, 6:30 - 7:45 PM                      PRE Classes.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM at St. Isidore’s  
     Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM at St. Isidore’s  
     *Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM at St. Joseph’s*

## Local Events Around the area:

### Check out flyers on Church Bulletin Boards

1. **Saint Anthony Fish Fry** - Every Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Fellowship Dinner & Dessert Evenings** - You are invited to Saint Stanislaus' Fellowship, Dinner and Dessert Evenings on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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.
3. 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!
4. Register now at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) for these upcoming retreats:  
*Discovering the Joy of Forgiveness*, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*"Kissing the Feet of Jesus"* - A silent preached retreat for woman, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
*"On the Third Day He Rose Again"*, April 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2025 - 2026 for Saint Joseph's Church**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Gift Total</b>	<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>Part. Goal</b>
\$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 7<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

"By this novena (of chaplets, before the Feast of Mercy), I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796)

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy as a Novena begins on Good Friday, April 3 thru Saturday, April 11. "On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father..." "On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls."

(Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, each day, for the following daily intention.)

**FIRST DAY** - "Today bring to Me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS."

**SECOND DAY** - "Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS."

**THIRD DAY** - "Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS."

**FOURTH DAY** - "Today bring to Me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN ME AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME."

**FIFTH DAY** - "Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF THE SEPARATED BRETHERN."

**SIXTH DAY** - "Today bring to Me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN."

**SEVENTH DAY** - "Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY."

**EIGHTH DAY** - "Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY."

**NINTH DAY** - "Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM."