

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
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SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 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, Mar 26, 6:30 PM All Souls of the Faithful Departed
Sat, Mar 28, 7:30 PM † Thelma Schumacher

Saint of the Day or other

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

Time:	Thursday, 6:30 PM	Saturday, 7:30 PM
Lectors:	Lisa	Lisa
EMHC's	Lisa	Holly & Lauren
Servers:	Volunteers	Cooper Niedbalski Hunter Niedbalski 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 15 th , 2026	Gifts of Treasure
Adult	\$825.00
Loose Currency & Checks	\$137.00
Children's	\$10.00
Maintenance & Repair	
Electric / Fuel	
Seminary	
2 nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services	\$311.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Total Money Counter Report	\$1,303.00

Automatic Deposits for the week of March 15th:	\$103.00
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Scripture Readings for the Week of Mar 22nd:

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 & Jn 8:1-11
 Tue: Nm 21:4-9 & Jn 8:21-30
 Wed: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10 & Lk 1:26-38
 Thu: Gn 17:3-9 & Jn 8:51-59
 Fri: Jer 20:10-13 & Jn 10:31-42
 Sat: Ez 37:21-28 & Jn 11:45-56
 Sun: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11 & Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Rosary Crusade:

1. Roger Streblov.
2. Special Intention.
3. Scott Bierman.
4. Repose of the soul of Dave Macken.
5. Repose of the soul of Michael Gill.
6. Barb Jarecki.

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

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The sisters (of Lazarus) sent word to Jesus saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench’ he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone, And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man come out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Activities for the week of March 22nd, 2026:

Date:

Fri, Mar 27, 6:00 PM

Location:

Saint Joseph Church

Activity:

Stations of the Cross

PRE Notes:

Wed, Mar 25, 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Family Activity Night.

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.

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 10:30 AM at St. Isidore’s

Sunday, April 5th, 8:30 AM at St. Joseph’s

GOOD FRIDAY A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE - Every person between the age of 18 & 59

(beginning of the 60 year.) must fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday. The law of fasting allows a single full meal each day & two light meals at other times but no solid foods between meals.

Rice Bowls - Please return your rice bowls by Good Friday, April 3rd.

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. 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!
3. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com for these upcoming retreats:
“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!!

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.”

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