

SS. JOSEPH & CABRINI PARISH

Feb. 22 – 1st Sunday of Lent & March 1, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Lent



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WELCOME VISITORS: All visitors are welcome to share with us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Your presence with us is always a blessing. If you would like to become a registered member, forms are located at entrance of the church or please call the Parish Office, and we can send one to you.

Mass Schedule: 8:30AM, Sunday at St. Joseph Church

Sacramental Life:

- Reconciliation available before Sunday Mass (8:00-8:20AM)
- Please contact the Parish Office for baptism and marriage preparation, anointing of the sick, illness and hospitalization, deaths and funerals.

Prayer List: If you wish to be added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

Food Pantry Collection: First Sunday of the month.

Coffee & Rolls Sunday: First Sunday of the month following mass.

Mission Statement: *We, as children of God and members of Saints Joseph and Cabrini Catholic Parish, are a welcoming faith community rich in our rural heritage. Called by our baptismal commitment to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, we are dedicated to our Catholic faith and embrace all those in our world.*

✠MASS SUNDAY Feb. 22 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Sylvester & Janet Fritz
Lector: Rosemary Pacha
Eucharistic Minister: Rosemary Pacha/Don Kaska
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Pat Hagist/Karen Horras
Ushers: Phil Kurtz, Kurt Ledger, Greg Ledger,
David Pacha

AM Prayer Service Feb. 24 at 8:00 am-MC

AM Prayer Service Feb. 26 at 8:00 am-SJ

✠MASS SUNDAY March 1 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Susan Lucas
Lector: Katie Six
Eucharistic Minister: Katie Six/Lisa Clark
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Kevin/Lisa Clark
Ushers: Steve Burgmeier, Ed Drzycimski, Don
Kaska, Kevin Clark

AM Prayer Service March 3 at 8:00 am-MC

AM Prayer Service March 5 at 8:00 am- SJ

✠MASS SUNDAY March 8 at SJ 8:30 am

Mass Intention: Wayne Kneeskern
Lector: Pat Drzycimski
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Fritz/Kay Pohren
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Nancy
Anderson/Rosemary Pacha
Ushers: Phil Kurtz, Greg Ledger, Kurt Ledger,
David Pacha

CRS Rice Bowls-available at the church entrance.
Funds raised through the CRS Rice Bowl collection will
help support development projects in nearly 100 countries
overseas, and 25% of the funds stay in our diocese to
support local hunger and poverty efforts.

Abstinence: Catholics over the age of 14 years are bound to
abstinence of meat on all Fridays of Lent. Fast: Catholics,
age 18-59 in good health, are required to fast on Good
Friday.

Please Pray For:

Terry Schone, Georgia (Bush) Suzu, Helen Adam, Laurie
Moore, Anne Martin, Janice Ledger, Charlotte Kessel,
Kameron McCoy, Laverne & Judy Weber, Jim Adam,
Nathaniel Schadt, Nancy Dickinson, Richard Pepper, Joe
Adam, Linda Zelinski, Lucy Dietzman, Lloyd Thola, Mark
Hagist, Pam Horras Riley, Dan Weber, Fr. Jim Betzen,
Judy Dickey, Emily Ledger, Chuck Anderson, Doug
Howard, Juston Lamb, Bob Sobaski, Chuck Kaska, Jared
Greiner, Shirley Van Dee, Jeff Weber, Karen Morgan,
John Adam, Colleen Adam, Kathy (Fritz) Fray, Ron Fritz,
Dick Pohren, Ryan Marie, Kyle Sobaski, Roger Swanson,
Winifred Fritz.

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February Birthdays

18-Roger Swanson 26-Ron Fritz
28-Mike Adrian

March Birthdays

2-Dan Fritz 2-Connie Fritz
3-Jr. Adrian 10-Marie Kiefer
17-Ann Swanson 19-Paul Fritz
24-Karen Greiner 27-Barb Hood

February Anniversaries

24-Mitchell & Tympest Hora

March Anniversaries

5-Ed & Karen Horras

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Contributions for Feb. 8, 2026

Offertory \$1,175.00
Catholic Messenger \$90.00
Hall Rent \$100.00
Building/Maintenance \$70.00
****Attendance-Feb. 8-#48

Contributions for Feb. 15, 2026

Offertory \$2,337.00
Catholic Messenger \$60.00
****Attendance-Feb. 15-#45

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**Any items that need to be added to the bulletin for
March 8/March 15 please have to Lisa Clark at:
toots85_52654@yahoo.com or by calling 319-750-2118
by Friday, Feb. 27th. Thank you!**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 25-Stations of the Cross @ MC, 6:30

March 1-Coffee & Rolls following Mass

March 1-Food Pantry Collection Sunday

March 4-Stations of the Cross @ SJ, 6:30 pm

March 4-Parish Council @ SJ, 7:00 pm

March 8-Daylight Savings Time, clocks forward

March 10-Altar & Rosary @ SJ, 1:30 pm

March 10-Cemetery Meeting @ SJ, 7:30 pm

March 22-Cemetery clean up following Mass

MARCH ALTAR & ROSARY GROUP:

Chairperson: Patty Adam; Karen Baker/Terri Crochet, Barb Hood, Susie Drish, Cindy Adam, Karen (Ed) Horras, Amy Jones, Arlene Fritz, Nancy Anderson.

Easter Flower Donations --- If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one toward the Easter Flower Decorations, please submit your donation of \$13.00 along with the name(s) of those in an envelope labeled "In memory of" via the weekly collection or mail to the parish office by Sunday, March 15th.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

-Confessions will be heard every Sunday before Mass from 8:00-8:20 am.

-Stations of the Cross—Wednesday’s at 6:30 pm per following schedule:

-Feb. 25 @Mother Cabrini, Richland

-March 4 @St. Joseph, EPP

-March 11 @Mother Cabrini, Richland

-March 18 @St. Joseph, EPP

-March 25 @Mother Cabrini, Richland

-April 1 @St. Joseph, EPP

-Personal Prayer—The Words Among Us-daily mass readings and meditations; copies at church entrances.

-CRS Rice Bowl—Please take a rice bowl home and during this Lenten season place it in the center of your dining table, as a daily reminder of those who are poor and hungry, who need our financial and prayer support.

-Morning Prayer Services—held twice weekly

Tuesday at 8:00 am at MC

Thursday at 8:00 am at SJ

Readings for week Feb. 22 thru March 8

Sunday: Gn2:7-9;3:1-7/Ps51:3-4,5-6,12-13,12-13,17/Rom5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19/Mt4:1-11

Monday: Lv19:1-2,11-18/Ps19:8,9,10,15/Mt25:31-46

Tuesday: Is55:10-11/Ps34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19/Mt6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon3:1-10/Ps51:3-4,12-13,18-19/Lk11:29-32

Thursday: Estc:12,14-16,23-25/Ps138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8/Mt7:7-12

Friday: Ezi8:21-28/Ps130:1-2,3-4,5-7a,7bc-8/Mt5:20-26

Saturday: Dt26:16-19/Ps119:1-2,4-5,7-8/Mt5:43-48

Sunday: Gn12:1-4a/Ps33:4-5,18-19,20,22/2Tm1:8b-10/Mt17:1-9

Monday: Dn9:4b-10/Ps79:8-9,11,13/Lk6:36-38

Tuesday: Is1:10,16-20/Ps50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23/Mt23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer18:18-20/Ps31:5-6,14-16/Mt20:17-28

Thursday: Jer17:5-10/Ps1:1-4,6/Lk16:19-31

Friday: Gn37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Ps105:16-21/Mt21:33-43,45-46

Saturday: Mi7:14-15,18-20/Ps103:1-4,9-12/Lk15:1-3,11-32

Sunday: Ex17:3-7/Ps95:1-2,6-9/Rom5:1-2,5-8/Jn4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS-MARCH

The month of March you may donate anything that will go towards food or supplies, as there is a large need this time of year. **The food pantry is now located in The H.U.B. in Brighton. There are many that utilize the food pantry for items. Checks can now be made out to THE HUB, with “pantry” in the memo; cash donations will also be accepted. We are continuing to be a drop off site as we have in the past and donated items will be taken to the food pantry at The H.U.B. Please see Lisa Clark for any questions.**

The Annual Diocesan Appeal theme is, “Celebrating Our Faith, Lifting Our Voices.” This year our parish assessment for the ADA is \$11,279.00, to date pledged is \$13,095.00 which is 116.10% of the goal. All gifts are important and supports the missions and ministries that serve parish communities across our diocese.

Thank you for your contributions!

Washington Co. Right to Life will be having a baked goods fundraiser at St. James KC Hall Fish Fry on Feb. 27th.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

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GROW CLOSER TO GOD-LENT 2026 ISSUE

Pick up a copy of the devotional publication “The Word Among Us” and spend time reflecting on the word of God for your life. The Lent issue will promote a new joy and gratitude to the Lord for his love for you. You will be transformed into the image of the Lord—an image that grows stronger within you “from glory to glory” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

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Marriage is a Journey! April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help couples enrich their marriage and journey. For more information call Denise at 563-920-9419 or register at wwme.org.

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Upcoming Washington KC Fish Fry dates:
Feb. 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27. Drive-through or dine-in;
Catfish, tilapia, breaded shrimp and sides. Adults \$15 and kids \$7.00.

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Upcoming Fairfield KC Fish Fry dates:
Feb. 27; March 13, 20. Serving 5-7:00 pm; \$12.00 a meal @ St. Mary’s in Fairfield.

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Upcoming Mt. Pleasant Fish Fry dates:
Each Friday during Lent at Manning Hall, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church; 5:30-7:00 pm.

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Upcoming Knights of Columbus, Harper:
Dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3. 5:00-7:00 pm, \$15.00 Adults, \$7.50 children.

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Why do Catholics do that?

Fish on Friday

Question: Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer: For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays—under pain of sin—grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council. In the 1960’s, there was a shift in the Church’s thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on “why we do what we do” among the Church’s pastors. Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others. Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

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Parish Council Officers for 2026:

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Sunday from 8:00AM to 8:20AM, before Sunday Mass

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Dept of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator (563)349-5002; vac@diodav.org or P.O. Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004

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