



Leaving Room for the Unexpected

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The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?

[God said,] So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11



St. Anselm
Anselmo, NE

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sargent, NE

St. Joseph
Broken Bow, NE

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Monday- Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 PM

Parish Staff

Fr. Joe Hannappel, Pastor
Keegan Clark, Office Manager
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Directors or Religious Education

Linly Schmidt - Anselmo
Jill Thompson - Anselmo
Laura Kipp - Sargent
Molly Ryan - St. Joseph

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

Reconciliation 3:00-3:30
or anytime by appointment
4:00 PM Broken Bow
6:00 PM Sargent

Sunday

8:30 AM Anselmo
10:30 AM Broken Bow

Events This Week: July 13th - July 19th 2026

Monday 5:00 PM Mass at Anselmo
Tuesday 9:00 AM at Broken Bow
Wednesday 5:00 PM Mass at Sargent
Thursday 6:30 AM Mens Bible study at Broken Bow
9:00 AM Mass at Broken Bow.
Friday No Mass
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM Reconciliation at Broken Bow
4:00 PM Mass at Broken Bow
Servers: Ryker Wolfe & Kaleb Bergren
6:00 PM Mass at Sargent
Sunday 8:30 AM Mass at Anselmo
Servers: Hazen and McKenna Clark
10:30 AM Mass at Broken Bow
Servers: Lily Fick & Tiana Hurlburt

Mass Intentions

Isabelle McCandless †
Louise Holeman †
Miguel Angel Castellon Pineda †
Sigmund Kalinowski †
Waschak Family
Joyce, Edna and Martin Piskorski †
People of the Parishes
Ed Oxford †

REMINDERS AND NOTICES

Adjusted Office Hours

Keegan will be gone from July 18 - August 16.
During this time, Lance Bristol will be filling in at the office.
Office Hours from July 20 - August 14 will be 9:00am - 1:00pm,
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Contribution Envelope Changes for 2027

Starting in January 2027, we will begin a bi-monthly mailing for contribution envelopes. Please make sure the Church has your current, correct address before July 31.

We will send out mailers as reminders this summer.

Envelopes themselves will not be different except for minor reformatting for mailing.
Envelope numbers will not change unless requested.

The Bulletin for July 26 will be printed a week early.

If you have an announcement or information you would like included that week, please get it to Keegan or Fr. Joe by Thursday, July 16 to have it included in the Bulletin.

Ministry Schedules for St. Joseph are in the back of the Church.
The new schedule begins on July 25

Stewardship

Last Weekend's Collection

St. Joseph

Regular: \$3,416.05
Peter's Pence: \$482.00
Playground: \$100.00
Mission Fund: \$60.00

St. Anselm

Regular: \$727.00
Peter's Pence: \$100.00

Assumption of the Blessed Birgin Mary

Regular: \$647.00
Peter's Pence: \$80.00

Diocesan Appeal

St. Joseph

Parish Goal: \$18,446.00
Total Raised: \$18,599

St. Anselm

Parish Goal: \$6,799.00
Total Raised: \$6,900

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Goal: \$5,103.00
Total Raised: \$5,257.00

This week St. Joseph met its
financial goal for the 2026
Diocesan Appeal.

All three of our Parishes have now
completed both their financial and
household goals for the Appeal.

**Thank you very much for
your generosity!**

When I was growing up, we prayed the rosary almost every night at our house. The directive came every evening when Dad finished supper; he would say, "get your rosaries, go to the living room and kneel down; we're saying the rosary."

Many people are not aware of the history of the rosary. The rosary is intended as a meditative prayer and it is intentionally connected to the Psalms. In every rosary there are five sets of ten Hail Marys (each set of ten is called a decade). Traditionally there are three "Mysteries of the Rosary." These are called the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. Each mystery contains five decades (sets of ten Hail Marys). When the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary are prayed, the prayer we call the "Hail Mary" will be prayed 150 times. This is designed to connect with the same number of 150 Psalms in the Old Testament.

The Hail Mary prayer is a combination of Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel and her cousin Elizabeth in Luke chapter one with a concluding reflection about her role in the life of the Church. "Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

I'm the third of six children and the first five of us arrived in only seven years. My youngest sister appeared seven years later when I was ten. Every night each of the older five were assigned to lead one decade (10 Hail Marys) of the five decades of one of the three mysteries.

According to our birth order I always had the third decade. The third decades of all the mysteries are still my favorites. The Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of Jesus. The Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns. The Third Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit. Every decade (set of 10) begins with recalling an event in the life of Jesus except the last two Glorious Mysteries that reflect on the honor given to Mary as the "first disciple" in the early church.

At the end of every fifteen-minute praying of one of the Mysteries my Mom would conclude by praying the Magnificat (also known as the Canticle or Song of Mary) from Luke 1: 46-55. It is called the Magnificat because it begins "My soul magnifies the greatness of the Lord."

I pray that every domestic church finds a rhythm of prayer at home and joins in communal worship each week. Whether you live alone or with others, consider praying the Psalms, the Sunday or Daily Mass readings, the rosary or another form of reading, devotion or meditative practice. I hope our families, communities and all people pray together and share what is joyful, sorrowful and glorious with each other in faith.

Praying alone and together truly our souls will "magnify the greatness of the Lord."

"I am Joseph your Brother!" Genesis 45:4

Ongoing Parish Improvement

St. Anselm's Rectory

Roof and Porch Brick repair

We are currently getting bids for necessary repair

St. Anselm Sidewalk Replacement

Cost \$20,984

Donations \$2,250

Needed \$17,634.

St. Joseph Sidewalk / Parking Lot Replacement

Cost \$25,914

Donations \$2,190

Needed \$23,724

St. Joseph Playground

Cost \$30,338

Donations \$26,043

Needed \$4,295

New Parish Website

We have modernized our website and updated it to represent all three of our parishes. You can visit the website by going to **www.stjoecatholic.org**.

We encourage all parishioners to utilize this resource as we have added many new features. If you have any ideas for improvements to the new site, please contact Keegan in the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign

Please turn in your baby bottle if you have not yet. You may bring them to your church or the Parish Office for the Knights to pickup.

Remember in your prayers

Helen Lindly

July 28, 1940 — July 1, 2026

Vigil Service: 7/7/26 @ 6pm at St. Anselm's
Funeral Mass: 7/8/26 @ 11am at St. Anselm's

Paul Schmitz of College Park, Maryland

passed away on April 27, 2026 at age 82

He is survived by his wife June
and children, Luke & Stephanie.

A Memorial Service was held July 11, 2026
at St. Joseph Church in Broken Bow.



*May the joy of the Resurrection bring comfort
to those who mourn and hope to all who grieve.*

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

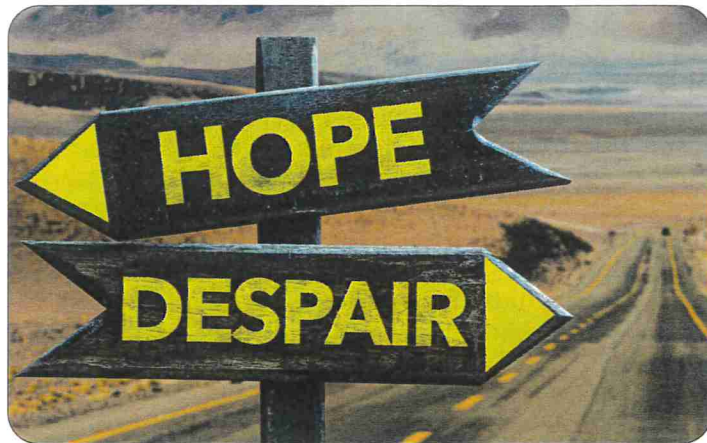
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ministry schedules are now available
on the church website. Visit
www.stjoecatholic.org/ministry.

Dear Padre,

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●

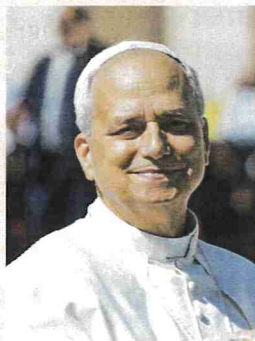


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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about "departing," but instead "remaining" in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



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Monday

July 13
Weekday
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 16
Weekday
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 17
Weekday
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

July 19
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–3 or
13:24–30