


**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**
**SEPT. 5 THRU SEPT. 11**

Monday	Priest's Intention	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Bill Urbanski +	6:45 a.m.
Wed.	Loretta DeMarco +	6:45 a.m.
Thur.	Max & Vivian Bowen +	6:45 a.m.
	Priest's Intention	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Steven Kotlarz +	6:45 a.m.
Saturday	Rich VanTassell +	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	People of St. Joseph	9:00 a.m.

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

For the sick: Sally Leyden, Jerry Martin, Wes Erhart, Marjorie Bauman, Frank Riha, Margaret Wilson, Paul Nitsick, Dennis Folkers

- Please let us know if a person needs to be removed from our Prayer List.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed., Sept. 7, RE Mass & Party, 5:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 5:00 P.M.**

EMHC: Julie Masters  
Lectors: Mike Fowler-Ken Patry  
Deacon: Dave Krueger  
Greeters: Scott & Jane Ferrin  
Singers: Kathy K.-Brenda J.-Candy Connery

**SUNDAY SEPT. 11, 9:00 A.M.**

EMHC: Donna Devine  
Lectors: Teresa Belter-Corey Osborn  
Deacon: Terry Ficenecc  
Servers: Easton & Oakley Osborn  
Greeters: Bob Davey-Connie Manzer  
Singers: Emerson Osborn-Candy Connery

**OFFERING****Weekend of August 28**

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3307.00
Building Fund	\$ 215.00
Assumption	\$ 50.00

**MOWERS FOR THE WEEK OF:**

September 5 Dan Craney

**MINISTRY FAIR**

St. Joseph's will have a Ministry Fair in the social hall on September 17th and 18th to highlight the ways parishioners are serving the church and greater community. If you would like to share how you are serving, please complete the sign up in the entryway. You can also contact Ann Kavanaugh:

[cannkava@gmail.com](mailto:cannkava@gmail.com) 402-679-0659.

**DAY TRIP TO TRINITY HEIGHTS**

Come join Father Scott, as he hosts a bus day trip to Trinity Heights in Sioux City. Trinity Heights was the dream of Fr. Harold Cooper. There is a 30 foot statue of Mary and a 33 foot statue of Jesus, as well as several others. They each weigh 5 tons. There is also a life size wood sculpture of the Last Supper. In addition, there is an impressive wall hanging of the head of Jesus.

The trip will be on Monday, October 17 from 9 a.m-4:30 p.m. Please call Sharon to register. The registration deadline is September 16. The bus has a 50 person limit. Non-parishioner friends are welcome. The cost is \$50 per person, payable by October 1.

If you are considering going, please sign up early as the invitation is now being extended to St. Patrick and St. Charles Borromeo in Gretna.



Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

At last Sunday's meeting of the parish council, the council decided to begin to publish an outline report of topics discussed at each month's meeting. In the future, this will be published as a separate item in the bulletin. For this first time, however, I will use this space. Here is what we discussed:

1. Overview of council meeting procedure for new members
2. Postponement of elections of officers to September, due to absence of three members
3. Determination of destination of recent, non-Sunday-giving donations given to the parish
4. Discussion and approval of beginning a MagnifiKid subscription for a weekly family worship aid
5. Discussion and approval of providing a Sunday Mass journal for First Communion students
6. Discussion of ADA requirements for bathroom accessibility and resulting security concerns
7. Discussion of a need for a meeting with Springfield grade school administration regarding parking lot use

Please let me know if you would like more detailed information. In the coming months, minutes from the parish council meetings will be available on the parish website.

Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scott



Wondered what exactly the Catholic Church teaches? Wondered if you should dig deeper into your faith? Wondered if your spouse, who is not Catholic, would like to know more about your faith practices and why you do some of the things

you do in and around Church? Wondered if you could lead someone you know to be interested in discovering Truths of the Catholic Church?

WONDER NO LONGER! Now is the time. If you want to grow in your faith, have a spouse who doesn't share the Catholic faith with you but is willing to "Come and See" without obligation, or know of someone who has expressed interest in learning what the Church teaches with the possibility of joining, now is the time to act. We will start with a "Come and See" session one evening to give an overview of the program. Those who come are there to determine if they wish to continue with the sessions that will last until the Easter Vigil in 2023. Please contact Deacon Terry Ficenece at 402-677-5643 for more info or to register. Or let our parish secretary, Sharon, know, and she can pass it on. Peace and Blessings to all!



### Calling all 9th-12th graders: Join St. Joe's Youth Group!!

All 9th-12th grade youth are invited to our St. Joseph's Youth Group. Join in a lot of fun and fellowship...and always food! The Year-at-a-Glance schedule is below. We will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm as a group and serve in the community on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Please contact Kelly Johnson with any questions at [tkjohnson2223@gmail.com](mailto:tkjohnson2223@gmail.com) or 402-880-8724. Please join the YG Flocknote to get reminders and updates.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/19HmKN-cnU9LfQ3nuPyzBh3WU\\_siOziVNHqTGs240d4E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19HmKN-cnU9LfQ3nuPyzBh3WU_siOziVNHqTGs240d4E/edit?usp=sharing)

### REMINDER

Please observe the enter and exit signs posted in our driveway. Enter on the North side and exit ONLY on the South exit please. This prevents traffic tie-ups by the stop sign at 9<sup>th</sup> and Main.

### JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir will sing for the Religious Ed mass on September 7. If your child is in grades 3-8 and wants to join choir, please encourage them to come to the front and join us! This year choir practice will resume in November.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAYERS & PROCESSIONS**

October 13th, there will be a 6:00pm Latin Solemn Mass and 7:00pm procession at Immaculate Conception Church at 24th and Bancroft in Omaha, with refreshments to follow. This will be in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and is an annual event. A group of parishioners hopes to have a few people from our parish in attendance. To prepare, there will be special devotions at the First Saturday Masses on September 3rd and October 1st. Those special devotions are the traditional "First Saturday" devotions and involve special prayers to Our Lady of Fatima. Handouts will be provided. All are welcome to participate.

**SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY "OFFICIAL" GRAND OPENING**

All are welcome to come on September 30th, 4:00-6:00p.m. to see our new school. Take a look at the beautiful new space we have and how the kids' classrooms look!



**ST. JOSEPH'S FAMILY NIGHT AT THE STROM CHASERS BASEBALL GAME**

Come watch some baseball with us on Saturday, September 24th at Werner Park. The first pitch is at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 each, cash or check. Please sign up in the Narthex or scan the code below. We will hand out tickets after Mass on Sept 17th and 18th.



**GARDENING HELP**

We have a homebound parishioner in Villa Springs who is looking for some hired help with gardening around his home. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Scott or Sharon.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Ladies' Guild Soup Supper will be October 22, 2022 from 5-7:30pm in the social hall. This year's event will include dinner, raffle tables, kids' games and a silent auction. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in giving a raffle or silent auction donation, or a monetary donation to purchase items, please contact Julie Richards at 402-881-2407, or any Guild member you know. All raffle items must be NEW. Gift card donations of \$20-25 are also needed for the raffle tables. Thank you for your support and see you in October!

**FUN AT SENIOR DAY!**






*Come join us!*

after mass for the

## St. Joseph Ministry Fair

- Explore 10+ Ministry tables
  - Meet members who share similar interest (fellowship, service, teaching, decorating, and more!)
  - See where your gifts can serve the parish and community
  - Enjoy fellowship and refreshments
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Saturday September 17

Charcuterie and  
Beverages

Sunday September 18

Pastries and coffee





*St. Joseph's*  
*night at the*

**STORM CHASERS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
**6:30PM WERNER PARK**

**\$10 PER TICKET**

SIGN UP BY SCANNING THE CODE  
OR IN THE NORTHEX BY SEPT 14



WE WILL HAD OUT TICKETS AFTER MASS ON SEPT 17-18

PAY VIA CASH OR CHECK

## TAX PLANNING OPPORTUNITY

From the St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee

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- 1) Are you over age 70 ½?
- 2) Are you currently taking distributions from your IRA?
- 3) Do you claim the standard deduction on your income tax return?
- 4) Do you no longer receive a tax benefit for your charitable contributions, due to the increase in the standard deduction?

If the answer to all these questions is “yes”, you are a candidate to utilize a special provision in the Tax Code, called a “Qualified Charitable Distribution.” You can make charitable contributions directly from your IRA to charity. Instead of an itemized deduction, this technique allows you to reduce your taxable IRA distribution. Because of a cap of \$10,000 on state and local taxes and an increase in the standard deduction (\$25,900 in 2022 for a married couple, plus \$2,800 if both spouses are over 65, or \$12,950 for a single taxpayer, plus \$1,750 if the taxpayer is over 65), most people no longer itemize their deductions, and therefore, no longer get a tax benefit for their charitable donations.

With this technique, you still claim the full standard deduction, but reduce your gross income for the qualified charitable distribution, instead of itemizing it as a charitable contribution. So, you get a tax benefit, even if you don’t itemize. It only works if the charitable donation goes directly from the IRA to the charity. You cannot take a distribution and then pay it over to charity, even if done immediately.

This technique also works for itemizers, but the benefit is greatly reduced. If you do itemize, a reduction of your gross income lowers the floor for medical deductions, and may also reduce the amount of your social security benefits subject to tax (which can also benefit non-itemizers).

You can even use all or a portion of your “required minimum distribution” (for those over 72, you are required to withdraw, and pay tax on, a percentage of the funds in your IRA.) This technique is available only to IRA distributions and not distributions from other qualified plans, such as company pension or 401(k) plans. It is not effective for Roth IRA distributions, since those are not generally taxable anyway.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Patry at [Kpatry@krugcomm.net](mailto:Kpatry@krugcomm.net) or at 402-490-2380.