



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### MAY 22 THRU MAY 28

Mon.	Communion Service	8:00 a.m.
Tues.	Communion Service	6:45 a.m.
Wed.	Communion Service	6:45 a.m.
Thur.	Scurto Family	6:45 a.m.
Fri.	Rich VanTassell +	6:45 a.m.
Sat.	Gary Schiebel +	5:00 p.m.
Sun..	People of St. Joseph	9:00 a.m.



### REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Sally Leyden, Jerry Martin, Frank Riha, Margaret Wilson, Dennis Folkers, Eileen Stock

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

No events this week.



### SATURDAY, MAY 27, 5:00 P.M.

EMHC: Amy Krance-Wendt  
Lectors: Sharon VanTassell-Linda Christensen  
Deacon: Dave Kreuger  
Greeters: Al Thibault-Frank Kolar  
Singers: Kathy K.-Brenda J.-Candy Connery

### SUNDAY, MAY 28, 9:00 A.M.

EMHC: Donna Devine  
Lectors: Joe Boro-Corey Osborn  
Deacon: Terry Ficene  
Servers: Lauren Reed-Dominick Cacka  
Greeters: Mick Kreifels-Jeff Kreifels  
Singers: Ralph & Co.-Mary Iverson

### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

A special word of welcome to Fr. Scott Schilmoeller, who will be offering the weekend Masses this weekend. Fr. Scott is our director of vocations and resides at the St. John Paul II Newman Center in Omaha. If you're unfamiliar with JPII Newman, head online to check it out. A number of our college-age parishioners are active there, and it has a great presence at UNO.

Just by way of reminder, please review the letter included with today's bulletin. Also, please note that we'll be moving tables and chairs--as well as Christmas decorations—next Sunday after Mass. Many hands make for light work; if you are able to help, it would be a big help!

Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scot



### MOWER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22:

Dan Craney

### OFFERING

#### Weekend of May 14, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4137.00
Building Fund	\$ 320.00
Ascension	\$ 40.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 25.00

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

-Anne Frank

**SPIRIT FILLED - BELONGING HEART TO HEART**

Experience Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) Summer 2023 weekend – Men’s, JUNE 9-11 or Women’s, JUNE 23-25.

A life-changing weekend, talks, new friends, conversation, reflection, worship, and a faith-filled community.

Held at Columban Fathers Retreat Center, Bellevue, NE. Cost, \$100 for food, lodging & materials. Pre-registration required.

You owe it to yourself!

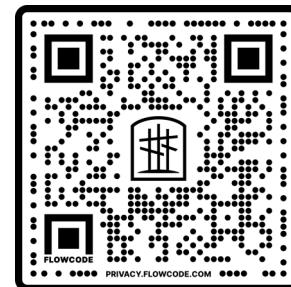
Call Corey Osborn if you might be interested. 402-660-8356, Fr. Scott , 402-679-4977 or Deacon Terry Ficenecc, 402-677-5643.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY IN ACTION**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 20th and get ready for some "Fast N' Furious Fellowship". More details will follow.

**FOOD BOOTH SIGN UPS ARE HERE!**

The Knights of Columbus, with the support of St. Joseph's parish, run a food booth at the Sarpy County Fair every August. The proceeds allow the Knights to support the parish and local community in many different ways. Mark your calendars for August 2nd - 6th and help make this year a success by volunteering your time. You can sign up on the credenza or by scanning the QR code below!



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Bill Williams	June 1
Iro Johnson	June 7
Karen Strasheim	June 11
Dan Schram	June 13
Joyce Kurtz	June 17
Myron Ondracek	June 20
Gary Bunnell	June 25
Karen Schmidt	June 27
Bob Carmichael	June 28



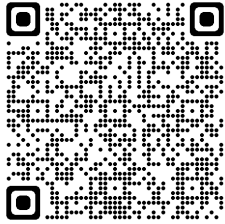
**IN MEMORY**

Please remember in your prayers, Marjorie Bauman, whose funeral was this past week. Condolences to her family.

Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to a **Eucharistic Encounter** June 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Wenceslaus Church in Omaha! This Archdiocesan event will celebrate and deepen our Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Hear from speaker **Fr. Malachy Napier**, CFR, and **Archbishop George Lucas**. Participate in adoration, eucharistic piety, dynamic teaching, and powerful sacred music. View the Vatican International Exhibition, Eucharistic Miracles of the World display created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, who was named patron of the National Eucharistic Revival initiative, and watch a video about his life. Doors will be open for Eucharistic Events from 5 - 10pm, and the Liturgical Program will take place from 6:45 - 9pm. The event is free, and registration is not needed. Visit [spiritcatholicradio.com/encounter](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/encounter) for details.

## NEW ST. JOSEPH T-SHIRTS

Show your St. Joseph's pride with a new t-shirt! Sign-up and get your name on the list for our branded, sport wicking t-shirt (perfect for those hot nights in the Knights of Columbus fair booth). You can sign-up via the Google Form or on the credenza. The cost is only \$8.50 a t-shirt. Get your order in by Memorial Day!



## LEAST OF MY BRETHREN

Least of My Brethren serves the homeless and near homeless and those able to transition into housing, and has a need for two volunteers on Tuesday mornings from 7:30-10:30; this can be an ongoing or occasional opportunity to pick-up furniture from five or so locations (truck provided). Some lifting is involved. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave at Least of my Brethren at 402-681-5424.

## MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for a special Mass to Pray for Vocations at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 22, at the John Paul II Newman Center, 1221 S. 71st Street in Omaha, to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life within the Archdiocese of Omaha. Mass will be celebrated by Father Frank Baumert, Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha. Following Mass, we will enjoy an in-person, one-hour Meeting & Mixer with our speaker, Will Targy, a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Omaha currently in his Pastoral Year at St. Margaret Mary. Learn about Will's vocation story, his religious formation experience at seminary, and his service at the parish. Light refreshments, pizza, and sweet treats provided at no cost. To ensure we have enough servings, kindly RSVP here for all guests in your party: <https://serrawestomaha.org/event/mass-meeting-mixer-3/>. All are welcome! If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact Bruce Jefferies, Serra VP, at [westomaha@serrainternational.org](mailto:westomaha@serrainternational.org). Learn more at [serrawestomaha.org](http://serrawestomaha.org) and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.



### PICTURES ON THE LEFT:

Top: Father blessing the crown.

Bottom: Teresa Meister crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary.



# SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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17 May 2023

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

I am writing as we come to the close of the academic year and the fiscal year. While I will provide my “Annual Parish Report” in July, a few things are worth noting now.

## **Gratitude**

I’d like to express my gratitude to the parish. We are in a time of growth and expansion, and everywhere I look, I see people pitching in to make our parish go. There are simply too many people and too many items to name here, but everyone’s generosity is striking and beautiful.

## **Long-Term Parish Growth**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, there was a joint meeting of the Parish Council, Finance Council, staff, trustees, and clergy. We met to visit with our archdiocesan CFO to talk about future planning. After conversations with Springfield Platteview Community Schools and the City of Springfield, we can say with a high level of confidence that our community is set to significantly expand in the coming years. We can count on about eighteen months before a large number of new houses are built in the immediate Springfield vicinity, but nearby construction is easy to see. Also, in the last eighteen months, our average Sunday Mass attendance has increased by 33%, which is really wonderful news.

As a result of this, we will put together a long-term planning team to assess our building needs. While we will not need any new construction in the next year and a half, it is essential that we begin to plan now for what the community may look like in 2025 and beyond. We have a few volunteers for this team already from the group that met on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have professional experience and competence in the area of strategic planning and would like to be involved, please let me know directly. Alternatively, if you have another area of experience and competence that you think would add to the discussion, I’d be very open to visiting. The team will likely first meet in midsummer. To round out our current volunteers, we would benefit from some female voices and from some voices of those under 40.

## **Facilities: Looking Ahead**

Our parish facilities are visited each year by our insurance company, Catholic Mutual Group. An onsite walkthrough is done of the buildings and grounds at our parish location, around the farmland owned by the parish to the east and southeast of the church, and the food booth at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds. We are given feedback on issues of safety, building condition, accessibility, and any other topics related to insurance. We also have an annual walkthrough by the Parish Council, going through each room of every building with the same concerns as the insurance walkthrough.

In terms of annual planning, we distinguish between routine maintenance issues—for example, replacing lights in the church chandeliers and replacing an air conditioning unit as we did this year—and capital improvement projects. Our projects for the 2022-2023 fiscal year included the parish hall bathroom renovation, updating of the church sound system, and the nearly completed installation (delayed for supply chain reasons) of security cameras. In order to approach these projects in a systematic way, the Finance Council asked the Parish Council to rank needs by timeline. That timeline is:

1. Ongoing Issues:
  - a. HVAC Equipment: The campus has sixteen HVAC units, and these are in need of routine repair.
2. Next Projects:
  - a. Parish Hall: The flooring, chairs, and painting of the social hall and offices will take place after Memorial Day of this year.
  - b. Rectory Windows and Doors: Some doors and windows in the rectory are in need of replacement due to age and weather damage. This project will be completed this summer.
3. 1-2 Years:
  - a. Church External Bell System: The bell system cuts in and out when in use. It will need an evaluation for repair.
  - b. Storage Area: If a feasible location can be determined, it may be possible to add an additional shed or storage space. The rectory basement, which is currently empty, is also available for storage and will begin to be utilized this summer.
4. 5-10 Years:
  - a. Campus Roofs, Gutters, and Church Skylight: These items are all in their last decade of usable life.
5. 10-15 Years:
  - a. Church Space Expansion: Should the Springfield area continue to grow, expansion of the church building may be necessary.

Our current building fund has just over \$190,000. In order to carry out the long-term projects above, part of the long-term planning team's charge will be to help us to identify a good target for that fund, given our parish assets and projected future growth. The Parish Council and Finance Council will also have a voice in that discussion. We receive regular donations to our building fund, thanks to your constant generosity in support of our parish both now and into the future. This fund enables us not to operate in the red and to be able to stably and transparently plan for the future. Relatedly, we continue to run year-by-year in the black, and we are committed to living responsibly within our means.

### **Facilities: Current Projects**

Parish Hall: Starting Memorial Day weekend, the parish hall will be effectively closed until Father's Day. During that time, the carpet will be replaced and the walls will be repainted. (Vendors: Flooring, Inc., Mighty-Lite Chairs, professional parishioner painters) New chairs have been ordered and should arrive later this summer. When they arrive, we will seek to find a new

home for our current chairs. We bid out this project with a number of vendors and chose the lowest bid, which was also the preferred bid by the Parish Council. Here are the costs:

Flooring (Removal, Install, and Extra Carpet Squares):	\$18,375
Chairs (300 units and 12 storage carts):	\$15,427
Painting	\$2,500
Total:	\$36,302

Parish Security: This project is nearly completed. (Vendor: Prime Secured) On the advice of our insurance company, we added a camera on the north part of the parish hall, given increased traffic there because of the new grade school. Given the age of our system, a number of components, including two cameras, needed to be replaced. The camera system connects also to the electronic door access. All of these items were updated to current industry standards. We may yet have to replace a switch in our server room (<\$1000), but we should have this project completed in the coming weeks. Here are the costs:

Camera Installation	\$15,674.85
Backup Battery Replacement	\$426.93
Door Rewiring	\$1,267.86
Total:	\$17,369.64

This project ended up being 25% over the initial estimate. The reason for this was the initially unanticipated need of upgrades to some of our outdated equipment.

### Looking Ahead

Once we get through June, we'll be into fair season, elections for new council members, and planning for the next academic year. We'll also have a number of new activities and places to get connected to our community, so please keep checking the bulletin and reading our weekly *Parish Notes* through Flocknote.

Again, thank you for your generous support of our parish. If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. As ever, I would like our projects and planning to be straightforward and transparent.

Sincerely,



Fr. Scott Hastings  
Pastor