



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 14 THRU AUGUST 20

Mon.	Lois Beck +	8:00 a.m.
Tues.	Priest's Intention + Jim Werner	6:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Dudley & Iris Kotlarz +	6:45 a.m.
Thur.	Rudy & Joan Lesac +	6:45 a.m.
Fri.	Wes Erhart +	6:45 a.m.
Sat.	Gerry Patry. +	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, Louise Greco



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Aug. 16, Senior Game Day, 1 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 12, Spanish Class, 9 a.m.

Sat., Aug. 12, Confirmation Practice, After Mass

Sun., Aug. 13, Confirmation Practice, After Mass



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 5:00 P.M.

EMHC: None

Lectors: Linda Christensen-Sharon VanTassell

Greeters: Mary Mines-Donna Urbanski

Singers: St. Columbkille-Candy Connery

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 9:00 A.M.

EMHC: None

Lectors: Bob Zielinski-Jeff Needels

Servers: Confirmation Servers

Greeters: Russ & JoAnn Swanson

Singers: Ralph & Co.-Mary Iverson

MOWERS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14:

Al Thibault



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph's Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who worked at and supported the fair booth this year at the Sarpy County Fair. So many people donated huge amounts of time and energy to make it go, before, during, and after. Thanks to the KCs who converted our dry storage into cold storage, working their Saturdays to get us ready. Thanks for those who planned and ordered the food, to those who got the booth cleaned up and those who got it cleaned out afterwards. Thanks to everyone who worked a shift and who bought a meal. Thanks to the businesses that donated and worked with the KCs to make this a successful year. Thanks to Amanda Staroscik and Ralph Meister who kept us all on track. This was a banner year, which will help our KCs turn profits into coats, scholarships, heating assistance, and a laundry list of other opportunities to help those in need.

Have a wonderful (and restful!) week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

OFFERING

Weekend of August 6, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 5048.00
Building Fund	\$ 1030.00
Assujption	\$ 15.00

THANK YOU

Thank you Gary and Lorraine Bunnell, Art and Linda Galloway, Karen Pelchat, Jo Rasmussen, Carol Kasal and Darla McDonald for preparing and serving the meal at the Stephen Center on August 4th. Your service is greatly appreciated!

HOLY DAY REMINDER

Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on that day at 6:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



AUGUST CHARITY DRIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

To assist the students in Macy and Walthill Communities

Supplies to Donate:

Notebooks Markers Pens Pencils
 Glue stick Backpacks Erasers Highlighters
 Colored Pencils Expo Markers

FREE SPANISH WORKSHOP

¡Hola! Free Spanish Workshop, weekly, one-hour sessions, starting on Saturday, August 19th from 9 to 10am. Materials provided. No prior Spanish knowledge required. We'll learn simple phrases, as well as figure out meaning through context while learning about the culture. To register, contact Indy Engel via email at iiiisaacs@gmail.com or call/text

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in need of catechists and aides in grades 3-6 this upcoming RE year. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about what being a catechist entails, please contact Sherry at shuntwork@msn.com

GATHERING HOPE

Gathering Hope is a ministry that connects women to resources and community after pregnancy and infant loss. With one in four pregnancies ending in a loss, this experience affects a large portion of our community. We saw a need in Nebraska for hope and healing surrounding baby loss, so we have joined with Gathering Hope to bring this impactful event, Gathering Nebraska, to our state for a second year. We are a collection of people who have committed ourselves to connect moms to the available resources and support structures to help bring about healing and comfort. Igniting hope by sharing hope in Christ with moms who have survived miscarriage and infant loss is the foundation of our mission. Gathering Hope's website can fill you in on our story and social media pages can help give a bigger picture, as well.

Time: October 7, 10-1:00

Gathering Hope Website: www.GatheringHope.net

Gathering Hope Social Media: www.facebook.com/gatheringhopedfw

Gathering Hope Instagram: www.instagram.com/gathering_hope

Gathering Nebraska 2023's Website: <https://www.gatheringhope.net/gathering-nebraska>

THANK YOU

We would like to say thanks to all the volunteers and those of you who supported our food booth at the county fair this year, without you it: **WOULD NOT HAPPEN!**

Just a few facts of interest!

We served: 2940 hamburger patties, 110 pounds of Philly Steak meat, nearly 400 pounds of chicken tenders, 13 cases of hotdogs (app. 400 dogs), 57 cases of French Fries (1700 Pounds), 525 Italian Sausage's, 120 pounds of pulled pork along with over 4000 buns, 110 Cases of water, and 150 cases of Soda, Lemonade, Tea, and Gatorade.

I don't even want to figure the number of volunteers hours worked. I am afraid it would scare everyone.

Once again, thanks to all! St Joseph Knights of Columbus



Cleaning the grill!



The Dostal Family

'Happy Faces'



Order up!



Lemonade Please!

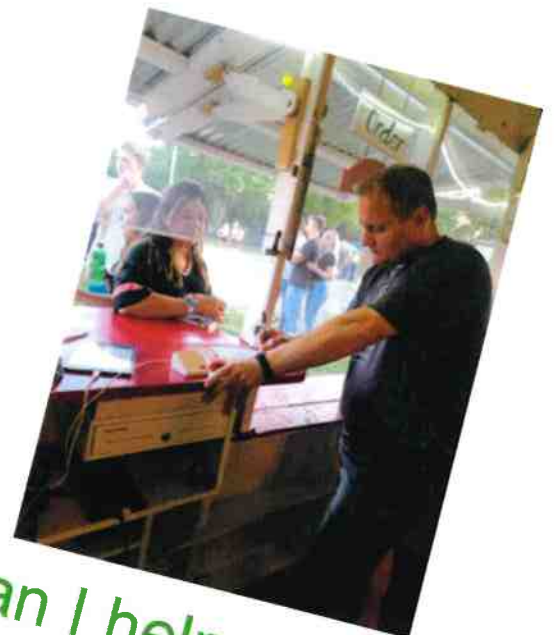
K of C Fair Booth 2023



So many dishes!



Burger, anyone?



Can I help you?

St. Joseph Parish: Annual Parish Report

I. Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year of July 2022 through June 2023 (FY22-23), with the new budget in the final column:

	Budgeted FY22-23	Actual FY22-23	Budgeted FY23-24
Total Income	306,650	367,792	361,550
Sunday Collections	225,000	276,894	275,000
Total Expense	233,869	270,282.49 ¹	268,778
Surplus/(Deficit)	+72,781	+97,510	+72,772
Debt	0.00		
Cash Savings	98,252		
Investments	777,587		
Building Fund (Part of investments)	202,019.67		

II. Mission Report

The following measurements are what we track for sustainable growth. They are Sunday Mass Attendance, Program Participation, and RCIA Participation. These are all indicators of an active, engaged, and growing community.

Historic and This Year Sunday Mass Attendance²

← Historic							This Year →		
Oct. '10	Oct. '12	Oct. '14	Oct. '16	Oct. '18	Oct. '20	Oct. '22	Jan. '23	Apr. '23	July '23
362	313	341	410	327	141	351	382	401	356

RCIA Participation

We had no formal RCIA program this year. We had one person enter into Full Communion with the Church who had previously completed RCIA.

III. Sacraments and Registration Report³

Sacraments & Funerals

Baptism	First Communion	Confirmation ⁴	Marriage	Funeral	Hours of Confession
Last Year: 6 This Year: 12	Last Year: 11 This Year: 20	Last Year: 24 This Year: 1	Last Year: 2 This Year: 5	Last Year: 5 This Year: 7	5 hours per week

Registrations

New Families
Last Year: 22 This Year ⁵ : 18

¹ This number includes the expenditures for capital improvements for the parish hall bathrooms, sound system, and security system. These were not all budgeted. Those budget exceptions and inflation are the reason for the overage on expenses vs. budget.

² All parishes across the diocese do an official count in October, averaging the first two weekends of October. We do a quarterly count, averaging the first two weekends of a given month.

³ Data Range from 7/1/22 to 6/30/23.

⁴ Parish practice has been to have Confirmation only every two years.

⁵ This number does not include two families who were already here, but who had simply never registered.

IV. Mission Alignment

Our parish efforts and programming should all be aligned for mission. Each parish in the Archdiocese of Omaha has been given a mission by Archbishop Lucas. That mission is that, by 2026, every parish will be a missional community. So, here's our mission: By 2026, St. Joseph in Springfield will be a missional community. A missional community is a parish that is directed both inwardly and outwardly, which communicates the message of Christ in its entirety, and which draws all people closer to Christ through relationship with him. By experience, missional communities have some common characteristics:

1. *Collaborative Leadership*: Pastors should seek competent, co-responsible persons to lead in all aspects of parish life.
 - At St. Joseph's: In addition to clergy and staff, this includes the parish council, finance council, trustees, and the Communications, Growth, and Community team. These groups all provide counsel and subject matter competence for the tasks entrusted to them.
2. *A Clear Path of Discipleship*: Any person at any place on their faith journey should find an opportunity for spiritual growth in the parish.
 - At St. Joseph's, we are working our path of fellowship, small groups, opportunities for practical charity, and participation in the Christians Encounter Christ retreats.
3. *A Culture of Generosity*: A community of people maturing in faith will necessarily grow in charity and outreach, since these are the inevitable outcomes of a deepening relationship with Christ.
 - At St. Joseph's, this has included an increase in three primary areas. First, the Ladies' Guild has sponsored monthly drives with high levels of participation for a variety of groups in need and agencies, as we all see from week to week as we come into the church. Second, specific opportunities for collaboration with Catholic Charities have been undertaken, particularly trips up to the Macy, NE, area. Third, we have also seen a significant number of new volunteers for our music ministry, which is a huge commitment of time and talent.

The big question for us is how we will be prepared to receive what will likely be a significant increase in parishioners after 2025. This will be due to demographic changes in our area. Already underway is a long-range planning team for the physical plant, which has grown out of a collaboration of those serving above in the "Collaborative Leadership" section. 2024 will also necessitate a purposeful time of discernment for how to be prepared to receive and to attract those moving into our area. Stay tuned.

V. Our Family of Parishes

We are in the fastest growing part of the Archdiocese. We are grouped in the Gretna-Springfield Family of Parishes with St. Patrick and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes in Gretna. As we have already seen and will continue to see, we actively promote their parish activities, as they do ours. We will also look for some common formation opportunities for people of all ages. There has also already been some clergy collaboration for the sake of fraternity and friendship, and this will increase over the coming years.

VI. Lots of Gratitude

First, we must give thanks to God for His generosity in this time of growth. Second, there are so many thanks to so many kind, generous, and talented people who make St. Joseph's a beautiful community.

Thanks to all!