



# SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.”

-Mark 1:2

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2023

### WELCOME

Welcome to our community! Together we share a deep love and reverence for God, which we express through liturgy, prayer, and service. We invite you to join us in experiencing the joy and fulfillment that come from being part of something greater than ourselves.

### OUR MISSION

Our parish is a stable Eucharistic group of disciples of Jesus, under the leadership of our pastor, formed within the community to accept the great commission of Jesus, and equipped by the Holy Spirit to witness the Gospel to our neighbors.

### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY.....	5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY.....	9:00 a.m.
MONDAY.....	8:00 a.m.
TUESDAY-FRIDAY.....	6:45 a.m.
FIRST FRIDAY ANOINTING MASS.....	2:00 p.m.
FIRST SATURDAY MASS.....	8:00a.m.
HOLY DAY MASSES .....	Check the bulletin for times

Confessions are 30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses

### PARISH OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS.....	M,W,TH 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
PHONE.....	402.253.2949
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FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....	SPRINGIFLED to 84576
FACEBOOK.....	facebook.com/stjosf

## Remember in our Prayers

Let us pray for Margaret Wilson, Eileen Stock, Ricky Becker, and Brenda Jones. Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.

"Heal me, Lord, and I'll be healed. Save me and I'll be saved, for You are my heart's desire."

—Jeremiah 17:145



Our parish has already donated \$22,737.28 to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which is 80% of our goal of \$28,090.26. If you haven't contributed yet, you can do so by visiting [www.archomaha.org/appeal/](http://www.archomaha.org/appeal/). Your donation will have a direct impact on the parishes, schools, and ministries throughout northeast Nebraska.

## Weekly Stewardship Report WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 12th

Weekly Collection:	\$6,174.00
Building Fund:	\$1465.00
Catholic Charities:	\$10.00
Priests' Retirement:	\$110
Immaculate Conception:	\$30
Christmas:	\$50

If you would like to submit an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please send it to [bulletin@stjosephspringfield.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephspringfield.org) by Monday at 8a.m.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,  
Next Saturday evening, we'll have our second parish, even-month potluck. Since Deacon Dave and Linda Christensen have announced their decision to retire from active ministry—but to stay in the parish—we will have a reception for them along with the potluck next week. Please join me in gratitude for their many years of faithful service!

Thanks to all who helped with the living nativity last Sunday. This is part of the Eagle Scout project of Drew Luethje, grandson of Ralph and Teresa Meister. Thanks to all who lent a helping hand!

Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scott

## Mass Intentions

<b>SUN 12/10</b>	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 12/11</b>	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
<b>TUE 12/12</b>	6:45 a.m.	Communion Service
<b>WED 12/13</b>	6:45 a.m.	Communion Service
<b>TH 12/14</b>	6:45 a.m.	Communion Service
<b>FRI 12/15</b>	6:45 a.m.	Communion Service
<b>SAT 12/16</b>	5:00 p.m.	+ Sandra Bottger
<b>SUN 12/17</b>	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Joseph

To request a Mass intention, stop by the Parish Office to schedule. A minimum of \$10 per Mass is requested.

## Liturgy Ministers

<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th</b>	<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th</b>
<b>Readers:</b> Jim Amerine Mike Fowler	<b>Readers:</b> Larry Vacek Corey Osborn
<b>EMHC:</b> John Cronican	<b>EMHC:</b> Galen Klenda
<b>Greeters:</b> Sharon VanTassell Teresa Starks	<b>Greeters:</b> Justin/Julie Nieveen
<b>Singers:</b> Brenda Jones Kathy Kaiser Candy Connery	<b>Singers:</b> Amy Krance-Wendt
	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Lauren/Mason Reed

## Christmas Mass Times

Join us for Mass to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**Sunday, December 24th | 4:00pm**  
**Monday, December 25th | 9:00am**



## Parish Events and Formation

- **Weekend Masses (9th/10th)** | Bring your bags filled with donated non-perishable food item
- **Tuesday, December 12th** | 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m. | Advent WRAP  
| 7:00p.m. | Ladies' Guild Meeting in Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, December 13th** | 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m. | RE class (K-6)  
| 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m. | 7th & 8th graders meet in the Parish Hall
- **Saturday, December 16th** | 7:00a.m. | Men's Group meets at the Rectory  
| 6:00p.m. | Saturday Night Potluck in the Parish Hall
- **Sunday, December 17th** | Donut Sunday

### Advent WRAP

We are one week into Advent, but you can still join us for our Advent WRAP series. We will meet Tuesdays on Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th from 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m. in the parish hall. We will share a potluck from 5:30p.m.-6p.m. and then work in small groups from 6p.m.-7p.m. Feel free to come to all or just part. If you are interested in participating, please sign up in the narthex or text/call Julie Richards at 402-881-2407.

### Giving Tree

The Ladies Guild organizes a "Giving Tree" during the holiday season to support families in need around the community with Christmas presents.

1. Please select an ornament/s from the tree.
2. Write your name on the ornament that says "Donated By" and put it in the box.
3. Return the unwrapped gift/s with the other copy of the ornament attached to it **by Friday, December 15th.**

### We want to say THANK YOU!

There are so many ways that parishioners at St. Joseph are giving back to their community and those in need, from the generous donations to our monthly charity and food drives to the volunteers who help serve the less fortunate.

This month the Boyle, Farris and Kavanaugh families helped prepare and serve at the Stephen Center on December 1st.

Ten parishioners also helped pack and handout food to the citizens of the Walthill and Macy on December 5th.



### Advent

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents PEACE. Like the first candle, it is also violet. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace.



### Read and Reflect

- *The Annunciation of the Angel to Mary*  
- Luke Chapter 1:26-38  
How can you be more like Mary in saying "yes" to God's plan for you?
- *The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth*  
- Luke Chapter 1:39-50  
How can you be more open to receiving the good news of Jesus?
- *The Birth of Jesus and the Adoration of the Shepherds*  
- Luke Chapter 2:1-20  
How can you share the joy of the birth of Jesus with someone?

### Pray

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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**Deacon Terry & Karen Ficenc**  
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**Parish Groups & Ministry Leaders**

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....**Jim Amerine**  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.....**Steve Callicutt**  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10894  
 GRAND KNIGHT.....**Kevin Schuster**  
 LADIES GUILD PRESIDENT .....**Deb Hoskins**  
 MUSIC MINISTRY & YOUTH CHOIR  
 COORDINATOR.....**Candy Connery**  
 YOUTH GROUP LEADERS.....**Kelly Johnson & Julie Nieveen**

**Monthly Charity Corner**

**“FILL A BAG FOR HUNGER”:** The Knights of Columbus conducts a food drive every holiday season to help families enrolled in the Energy Assistant Program through OPPD. Brown paper bags were distributed last weekend after masses. If you haven't returned your bags filled with non-perishable food items, please do so by Wednesday, December 13th. Thank you to all who generously donated during this food drive.



**“Giving Tree”:** Every year, the Ladies Guild organizes a giving tree during the holiday season. This tree is set up to allow parishioners to buy Christmas gifts for families in need within the community. We will be wrapping all presents donated on Monday, December 18th from 4p.m.-7p.m. If you are willing to help please join us. Any question, contact Angie Carlson 402-669-5378.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Father will hear confessions 30 minutes before daily masses and 45 minutes before weekend masses.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Registered parishioners will need to contact the parish office to schedule a meeting for their baptism class. After the class is complete, you can schedule a date. Baptisms can take place during a weekend mass or after.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Six months of marriage preparation prior to your wedding is required by the Archdiocese. Contact the parish office to schedule your wedding date and marriage instruction.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut in, and would like a visit from the Pastor or Deacon, please call the parish office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. To sign up for an hour, contact the parish office.