

# SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ~WELCOME~

Christ was born to save each and every person and we're so glad you chose to celebrate his birth at St. Joseph Catholic Church today. We pray that this will be a special time of inspiration and reflection for you. Whether you are new to the area or new to our church, we welcome you to our community.

## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY:

5:00p.m.

### SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m.

### MONDAY:

8:00 a.m.

### TUESDAY-FRIDAY:

6:45 a.m.

### FIRST FRIDAY

### ANOINTING MASS:

2:00p.m.

### FIRST SATURDAY

### MASS:

8:00a.m.

### HOLY DAY MASSES:

Check the bulletin for



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."

-Luke 2:11

## Parish Office

### OFFICE HOURS:

M,W,TH 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### PHONE:

402.253.2949

### EMAIL:

info@stjosephspringfield.org

### FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN:

SPRINGFLED to 84576

### FACEBOOK:

facebook.com/stjosef

## Remember in our Prayers

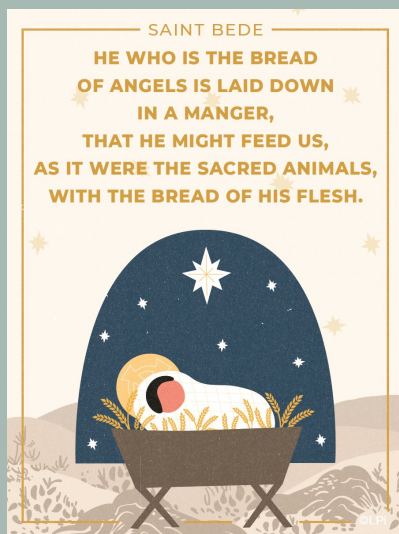
Let us pray for Margaret Wilson, Eileen Stock, Ricky Becker, and Brenda Jones. Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.

"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

## Bulletin Submissions

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



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As we close out this year, I am filled with gratitude for all that is going on at our parish. It is a joy to see our community grow, and to still have the involvement of many of our founding parishioners. We have good reason to give thanks to God for these days.

Looking forward to the new year, please look forward to new opportunities--especially for adults--to grow closer to Christ. We will place particular emphasis on faith sharing in small groups. We will also work on discerning how our parish will grow. Everyone will be invited to participate in a discernment process in the first half of the new year. More details to come. Finally, as we grow, we will need supportive tools, like broader, safe, environment, training, and a new parish directory. So, we have lots to anticipate.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone for your prayerful and welcoming spirit here at St Joseph. In the meantime, please count on my prayers for you and yours for a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year!

Warmly,  
Fr. Scott

## Mass Intentions

<b>SUN 12/24</b>	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	4:00 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
<b>MON 12/25</b>	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>TUE 12/26</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
<b>WED 12/27</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Riley Briganti
<b>TH 12/28</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Vidmar
<b>FRI 12/29</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Vidmar
<b>SAT 12/30</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Paul & Mary Wenzl
<b>SUN 12/31</b>	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

## Liturgy Ministers

<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th</b>	<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st</b>
<b>Lectors:</b> Ken Patry Sharon VanTassell	<b>Lectors :</b> Bob Zielinski Joe Boro
<b>EMHC:</b> Kathleen Pratt	<b>EMHC:</b> Corey Osborn
<b>Greeters:</b> Dave & Linda Christensen	<b>Greeters:</b> Kevin & Angie Carlson
<b>Singers:</b> Amy Krance-Wendt	<b>Singers:</b> Ralph & Friends Mary Iverson
	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Peter & Thomas Sciba

If you are interested in serving as a lector, EMHC, greeter or altar server at St. Joseph's, please contact the parish office.



## Parish Events and Formation

**Make note of these upcoming opportunities to strengthen your faith and spread it to others.**

- **Live Lent Together Small Groups** - a 6-week series focused on the gospel readings during Lent
- **Fish Fries** - Mark your calendar for Feb. 23rd, Mar. 1st, Mar. 15th, Mar. 22nd
- **Parish Mission** - February 18th with Fr. Michael Voithofer from ABLAZE worship

### ENOA Program

On **Saturday, January 20th**, Diane Stanton and Mary Ann Eusebio from the Eastern Nebraska Offices on Aging (ENOA) will be at St. Joseph's to provide a brief program about the available services for older adults in their five-county area. The program will take place from **3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.** in the parish hall. Additionally, an ENOA resource table will be available to individuals after both weekend masses. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

### Safe Environment Training

Are you looking for opportunities to lend a helping hand at our Fish Fries or join in the fun at the Sarpy County Fair food booth this summer? Just a quick heads up - if you're an adult, you'll need to be Safe Environment certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha to volunteer at any of our parish events. St. Joseph parish will be holding a training session on **Sunday, January 28th from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.** in the parish hall. Go to <https://cmgconnect.org/> to register.

### Nebraska Diaper Bank

On **Saturday, January 27th from 9:30a.m. to 11a.m.**, parishioners from St. Joseph are invited to volunteer their time to help sort and bundle diapers at the Nebraska Diaper Bank on 10th and F Street. The Nebraska Diaper bank partners with multiple charities and organizations to provide diapers to those in need throughout the state. If you wish to participate, kindly contact Amanda Staroscik by email at [staroscikamanda@gmail.com](mailto:staroscikamanda@gmail.com) to sign up.

### Small Group Leaders Meeting

Father Scott will be conducting a training session for individuals interested in leading a small group during Lent. The session will be held on **Wednesday, January 17th from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** If you are interested in leading a small group, please contact Amanda Staroscik by email at [staroscikamanda@gmail.com](mailto:staroscikamanda@gmail.com).

### NEW Parish Directory Help

We are in need of 6 volunteers who can assist us before and after both weekend masses on January 20th and 21st. Your role will be to help our parishioners check their information that will be included in the directory. Kindly contact Amanda Staroscik via email at [staroscikamanda@gmail.com](mailto:staroscikamanda@gmail.com) if you are willing to lend a helping hand.



### VENEZUELA

Every year, roads are closed to traffic in the city of Caracas to let people participate in *las pantinatas*— "the skating" where everyone roller skates to Christmas Mass.

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## HOLIDAY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



### NEW ZEALAND

On the island, Christmas trees look a little different. Residents use the native pōhutukawa tree, with its bright crimson flowers, as their symbol for Christmas.

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**Deacon Terry & Karen Ficenec**  
**Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger**

## Parish Groups & Ministry Leaders

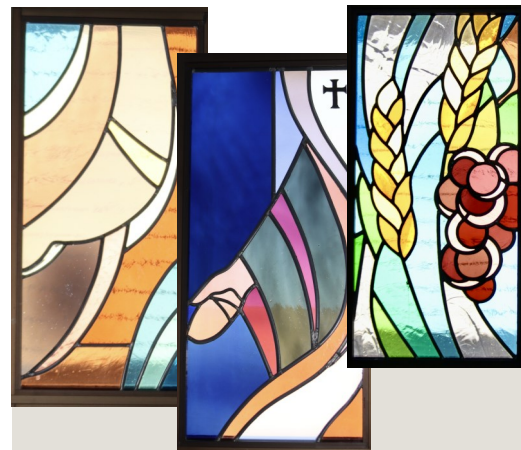
PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....**Jim Amerine**  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.....**Steve Callicutt**  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10894  
 GRAND KNIGHT.....**Kevin Schuster**  
 LADIES GUILD PRESIDENT .....**Deb Hoskins**  
 MUSIC MINISTRY & YOUTH CHOIR  
 COORDINATOR.....**Candy Connery**  
 YOUTH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

## Monthly Charity



The Knights of Columbus and Ladies' Guild at St. Joseph would like to express their sincere gratitude to all those who participated in the "Fill a Bag for Hunger" food drive and the Giving Tree. It was a humbling experience to witness so many parishioners coming

together to help provide for the less fortunate during the holiday season. The Knights were able to provide 20 families enrolled in the OPPD Energy Assistant Program with food baskets, \$200 towards their energy bill, and a \$50 gift card. The Ladies Guild were able to help provide Christmas gifts to 5 local families and multiple students from the surrounding high schools. Thank you for your generous support in their efforts to share the Christmas spirit with those less fortunate.



## 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.