# DECEMBER 31st, 2023

The Feast of the Holy Family

# **BAINT JOSEPH**

# ~WELCOME~

Christ was born to save each and every person. 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.

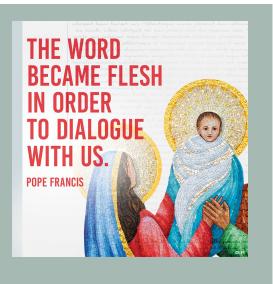
SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. **MONDAY:** 8:00 a.m. **TUESDAY-FRIDAY:** 6:45 a.m. **FIRST FRIDAY** ANOINTING MASS: 2:00p.m. FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 8:00a.m. HOLY DAY MASSES: Check the bulletin for times **CONFESSIONS:** 30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses



# The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him.

-Luke 2:40



#### **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

#### **Weekly Collections** Weekend of the 24th & Christmas

| Offertory:             | \$4,933 |
|------------------------|---------|
| Christmas:             | \$5,955 |
| Priest Retirement:     | \$50    |
| Building Fund:         | \$405   |
| Immaculate Conception: | \$30    |

#### **Bulletin Submissions**

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

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As we come to the close of this year, we have much to be thankful for in our growing community. I hope that 2024 gets off to a great start for each of you!

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this Christmas season bright, especially to all who helped to decorate the church and all who gave the gift of music over the Christmas weekend.

Have a great week and great new year!

Best, Fr. Scott

| Mass Intentions |           |   |                      |
|-----------------|-----------|---|----------------------|
| SUN 12/31       | 9:00 a.m. |   | People of St. Joseph |
| MON 1/1         | 8:oo a.m. | + | Becki Lefler         |
| TUE 1/2         | 6:45 a.m. | + | Harold Starks        |
| WED 1/3         | 6:45 a.m. | + | David Boro           |
| TH 1/4          | 6:45 a.m. | + | Frank Vidmar         |
| FRI 1/5         | 6:45 a.m. | + | Riley Briganti       |
|                 | 2:00p.m.  |   | Priest's Intention   |
| SAT 1/6         | 8:ooa.m.  | + | Fr. Stephen Gutgsell |
|                 | 5:00 p.m. | + | Rich VanTassell      |
| SUN 1/7         | 9:00 a.m. |   | People of St. Joseph |

#### **Liturgy Ministers**

| SATURDAY   | , JANUARY 6th    | SUNDAY, JAI       | NUARY 7th             |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Lectors:   | Marla Kildow     | Lectors :         | Amy Krance-Wendt      |
|  | Mike Fowler      |                   | Jeff Needels          |
| EMHC:  | Laurie Fowler    | EMHC:             | Jeff Needels          |
| <b>Greeters</b> :  | Scott            | <b>Greeters</b> : | Nathan                |
|  | & Jane Ferrin    |                   | & Amanda Staroscik    |
| Singers:   | Amy Krance-Wendt | Singers:          | Emerson Osborn        |
|  |                  |                   | Annie Zimmer          |
|  |                  | Altar Server      | <b>s</b> : Liam Sciba |
| Dominic Cacka  |                  |                   |                       |
| If you are interested in serving as a lector, EMHC, greeter or altar |                  |                   |                       |

is a lector, EIVINC, greeter server at St. Joseph's, please contact the parish office.

| 70+ January Birth | days | Galen Klenda  |
|-------------------|------|---------------|
| Mary Mines        | 3rd  | Ce Ce Kastens |
| Frank Kolar       | 5th  | Candy Conner  |
| Bart Rath         | 8th  | Jan Redding   |
| Rita Munnelly     | 12th | Marlene Wern  |
| Frank Novotny     | 12th | Dave Kulm     |
| Claudia Burchard  | 12th | Vickie Hartz  |
|                   |      |               |

| Ce Ce Kastens  | 14th |
|----------------|------|
| Candy Connery  | 17th |
| Jan Redding    | 26th |
| Marlene Werner | 26th |
| Dave Kulm      | 27th |
| Vickie Hartz   | 28th |
| David Grossman | 31st |
|                |      |

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### **Parish Events and Formation**

- Tuesday, January 2nd | 7p.m. | Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Wednesday, January 3rd | 7a.m. 8p.m. | Eucharistic Adoration | NO Religious Education Classes
- Friday, January 5th | 2p.m. | Anointing Mass
- Saturday, January 6th | 8a.m. | First Saturday Mass

#### **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.

#### **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 90th 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 to sign up.

#### **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 if you are willing to lend a helping hand.



#### Questions of the Week Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### **First Reading**

Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

#### Second Reading

Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?

#### **Gospel Reading**

In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news? PAGE 4

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|                             | Deacon Terry & Karen Ficenec        |
|                             | Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger     |
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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 LEADERSKelly          | Johnson & Julie Nieveen |
|                                   |                         |

## **Parish Office**

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

# **Monthly Charity Corner**

~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild ~

During the month of January, we will be collecting donations to help the ENOA (Eastern Nebraska Office On Aging). The ENOA supports older adults seeking ways to be involved in the community through volunteer programming as well as information and assistance with caregiver support. The items that are most needed are: Laundry soap (small containers), Dish soap, Hand soap, Hand sanitizer, Disinfectant wipes, Walmart or HyVee gift cards.

We are grateful for the consistent support and generosity shown. Thank you for your ongoing commitment.



#### 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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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.