

SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

~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.

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



First Sunday in Lent

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- Mk. 1:14-15



NEW Parish Directory Pictures

Stop by and get your family photo take for the new Parish Directory this weekend before or after Mass! If you can't make it, kindly send a family photo to stjosephdirectory2024@gmail.com. The next chance to get your family photo taken will be the weekend of March 16th & 17th.

Parish Discernment Process

Our next discernment session is scheduled for March 3rd after the 9am mass. We invite everyone to join us as Deacon Dave Krueger leads the parish in prayer and small group discussion to determine what the future holds for us at St. Joseph's. The rest of the meeting dates are March 24th, April 7th, and May

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.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of the February 10th/11th

Offertory: \$10,368.00
Building Fund: \$355.00

Bulletin Submissions

If you would like to submit an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please send it to bulletin@stjosephspringfield.org by Monday at 8:00 a.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Michael Voithofer this week. Fr. Michael is a priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha who is in fulltime ministry with Ablaze Worship Ministry. Their offices are located within our parish territory, just a few miles east on Fairview Rd. The parish mission this weekend is based in a longstanding practice of listening to some extended preaching to till up the soil of our hearts for a fruitful Lent.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

Did You Know? Catholic Q & A

Q: During the Our Father, some people open their hands and others have them closed. Any guidance?

A: The priest is instructed to keep his hands open. The deacon and the congregation have no instruction at that time except to be standing. Different parishes have different communal practices, but there is no hard and fast rule. Search on the internet, and you'll find lots of opinions, though! While the priest must hold his hands open, others may do as they wish.

Liturgy Ministers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

Lectors: Mike Fowler
John Cronican

EMHC: Julie Masters

Greeters: Chuck & Mary Gilmore

Singers: Junior Choir

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

Lectors: Teresa Belter
Lin Kulm

EMHC: Deb Vacek

Greeters: Donna Devine & Kathy Irvin

Singers: Amy Krance-Wendt

Altar Servers: Liam Sciba &
Dominic Cacka

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

Mass Intentions

SUN 2/18	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 2/19	8:00 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
TUE 2/20	6:45 a.m.	+	Evelyn & Bill Looby
WED 2/21	6:45 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
TH 2/22	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Riha
FRI 2/23	6:45 a.m.	+	Fr. Stehen Gutgsell
SAT 2/24	5:00 p.m.	+	Jerod Bunnell
SUN 2/25	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

If you would like to schedule a Mass for the intention for someone special, contact the parish office. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, Feb. 18th** | Donut Sunday & Parish Directory Family Photo Opportunity
| 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. | Parish Mission with Fr. Michael Voithofer; Soup Potluck @ 4:30p.m. in Parish Hall
- **Tuesday, Feb. 20th** | 7p.m. | Finance Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, Feb. 21st** | 1p.m. | Senior Game Day
| 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m. | RE clases (K-6)
- **Friday, Feb 23rd** | 5p.m. - 7:30p.m. | Fish Fry
| 5:15p.m. | Stations of the Cross
- **Sunday, Feb. 25th** | Parish Council Meeting

Live LENT Together

Live Lent Together (LLT) is a 6-week Lenten study where small groups read through scripture and reflect on what God is drawing their heart to in that moment. We have four groups that are open to join. Come and grow closer to Jesus this Lent with fellow parishioners and friends!

1. Monday Evenings @ 7p.m. in the Parish Hall (Women's Group)
2. Tuesday Evenings @ 5:30p.m. in the Parish Hall (Men's/Women's Group)
Potluck @ 5:30p.m., Small Groups @ 6p.m.
3. Thursday Mornings @ 7:30a.m. in Parish Hall (Men's/Women's Group)
4. Thursday Evenings @ 6p.m. in the Parish Hall (Women's Group)

Parish Mission with Fr. Michael Voithofer

Join us this **Sunday, February 18th** at St. Joseph's for our parish mission. The event will start with a **Soup Potluck at 4:30pm** in the parish hall, followed by Fr. Michael's enlightening **talk at 5:30pm** on the topic of Eucharistic Revival in our daily lives. The night will end with exposition and benediction. There will be a sign up on the credenza for the Soup Potluck. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for a spiritually uplifting experience!

St. Joseph's FISH FRIES!

Feb. 23 | Mar. 1 | Mar. 15 | Mar. 22

Mark your calendars for this year's Fish Fries! We invite you to join us for a delightful evening of great fish, delicious desserts, face painting, and community bonding. We will start serving food **5 PM and end at 7:30 PM**. Beer will be available for purchase. The menu options include baked or fried fish, shrimp, fries, baked potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, and bread. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to enjoy great food and connect with your community!



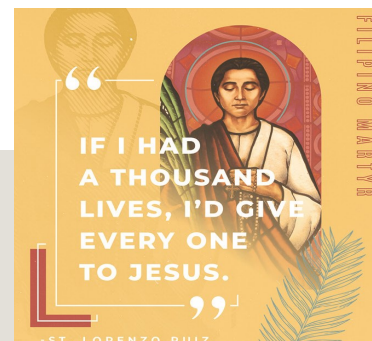
Volunteers Needed For the Fish Fries



We are seeking volunteers to assist us in making our Lenten Fish Fries a success. There are various roles available, including cook, food server, busser, cashier, alcohol attendant, and more. To sign up, please scan the QR code. Thank you!

Work of Mercy Ministry : Walthill/Macy Day Trip

Instead of giving up chocolate or TV this Lent, try something new? We will travel up to the communities of Walthill and Macy on **Tuesday, March 5th** to help Catholic Charities assemble food boxes and distribute them to those that need them. Kindly contact Sue Kott at 402-810-2033, if you would like to join us!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

God used a rainbow as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures to never again flood the earth. Are there some additional signs in your life of God's love for us?

Second Reading

Peter taught that baptism serves as an appeal or pledge to God for a clear conscience. What leads you to an examination of conscience?

Gospel Reading

After a brief report of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the desert, we hear the first words of Jesus at the launch of his public ministry in Galilee: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As we begin the Lenten journey, what are some temptations you plan to face this Lent?

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Parish Groups & Ministry Leaders

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....**Jim Amerine**
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 GRAND KNIGHT.....**Kevin Schuster**
 LADIES GUILD PRESIDENT**Deb Hoskins**
 MUSIC MINISTRY & YOUTH CHOIR
 COORDINATOR.....**Candy Connery**
 YOUTH GROUP LEADERS.....**Kelly Johnson & Julie Nieveen**

Parish Office

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Monthly Charity Corner

~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild ~

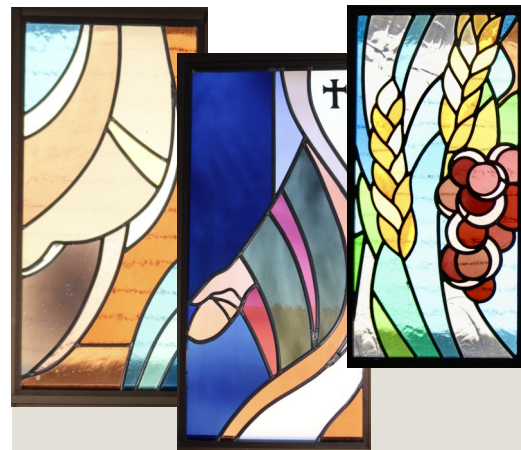
During the month of February, we will be collecting **New/Unused travel-sized items** to assemble blessing bags for the homeless.

Items needed: toilet paper, individual snack sized mixed nuts, granola bars, chapstick, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, men's and women's underwear, and socks.

Scan the QR code to purchase items off an Amazon Wishlist and have it delivered straight to St. Joseph's.



Join us on **Saturday, March 9th after the 5pm Mass** to assemble the blessing bags. The blessing bags will be donated to Least of My Brethren, an organization the works directly with those experiencing homelessness.



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.