



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 website or bulletin for times

CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses



Fourth Sunday of Lent

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come towards the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

John 3:20

NEW Parish Directory Pictures



The last chance to get your family photo taken for the new Parish Directory will be the **weekend of March 16th/17th**. If you can't make it, kindly send a family photo to stjosephdirectory2024@gmail.com. Don't forget to verify your contact information that will be in the directory also!

What is the appropriate way to discard of blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday?

1. Bring them to church and place in basket in the narthex.
2. Bury them outside
3. Burn them

Remember in our Prayers

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

Weekly Collections

Weekend of March 2nd/3rd	
Offertory.....	\$6,509.00
Building Fund.....	\$820 .00
Seminary.....	\$100.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$90.00
Easter.....	\$80.00

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,

This week, we've arrived at the halfway point of Lent. I hope that the first half has been fruitful for you. There's still plenty of time to profit from these weeks! Next week, we'll celebrate our parish feast day, the Feast of St. Joseph. Since the feast day is during the week, we'll have a special celebration on Sunday after Mass, along with our regular donut Sunday. Have a great week!

Best,

Fr. Scott

Q: Why is rose worn this weekend?

A. It's a halfway marker. It's halfway between violet and white, marking the middle of Lent.

Liturgy Ministers

SATURDAY, March 16th

Lectors: Jim Amerine
Mike Fowler

EMHC: Kathleen Pratt

Greeters: Russ & Deb Hoskins

Singers: St. Columbkille Singers

SUNDAY, March 17th

Lectors: Mike Kalen
Joe Boro

EMHC: Galen Klenda

Greeters: Mary & Iro Johnson

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 3/10	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 3/11	8:00 a.m.	+	Bessie Sturdivant
TUE 3/12	6:45 a.m.	+	Harold Starks
WED 3/13	6:45 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
TH 3/14	6:45 a.m.	+	Matthew Shepard
FRI 3/15	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Riha
SAT 3/16	5:00 p.m.	+	Henry Arens
SUN 3/17	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.

St. Joseph's FISH FRY: Mar. 15 | Mar. 22

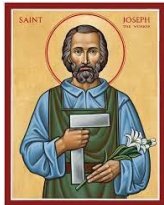
Our first two Fish Fries were a HUGE success, all in part because of you! Thank you for coming out and eating with us. Our next one will be next Friday, March 15th. We will start serving food **5 PM and end at 7:30 PM**. Beer will be available for purchase. The menu options include breaded baked or fried fish, shrimp, fries, pizza, Mac N Cheese, baked potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, and bread. Don't miss out on the delicious desserts and the soft-served ice cream! See you there!



Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, Mar. 10th** | 10am | First Communion Parents' meeting at 10am
- **Tuesday, Mar. 12th** | 7pm | Ladies Guild Meeting in Parish Hall (All women of the parish are invited!)
- **Wednesday, Mar. 13th** | NO RE classes
- **New Parish Directory Pictures** | **before and after both weekend Masses in the Parish Hall**
- **Saturday, Mar. 16th** | 7am | Baselight Men's group
- **Sunday, Mar. 17th** | Saint Joseph's Feast Day Celebration after gam Mass

Saint Joseph's Feast Day Celebration



All are invited to come celebrate our church's patron saint, Saint Joseph, on **Sunday, March 17th at Donut Sunday**. We will have our regular spread of donuts, fruit, and yogurt as well as biscuits and gravy. In the spirit of Saint Joseph's profession, we will have raffles for Home Depot gift cards and children's building kits.

We would like to decorate the parish hall tables with Saint Joseph statues. If you have one to lend, please put your name on the bottom of your statue and place it behind the altar. Kindly contact Julie Richards at 402-881-2407 if you have any questions.

Live LENT Together

Don't go at it alone when you can *Live Lent TOGETHER!* Come and grow closer to Jesus this Lent with fellow parishioners and friends! We have groups meeting on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at a variety of times. If you are interested in joining a group, contact Amanda Staroscik at staroscikamanda@gmail.com.

Work of Mercy Ministry : Service Opportunities

This Lent, why not try adding something new instead of giving up coffee or Netflix? We have two service opportunities:

1. On **Saturday, March 9th**, everyone is invited to help assemble blessing bags after the 5pm Mass in the parish hall.
2. On **Saturday, March 23rd**, volunteers can help sort and bundle diapers at the Nebraska Diaper Bank on 9th and F.

If you would like to helping with any of these service opportunities, please contact Sue Kott at 402-810-2033 or Amanda Staroscik at staroscikamanda@gmail.com.

Stephen Center Meals: 3rd Monday of every month

We would like to express our gratitude to the Meister, Carlson, and Kildow families for their generosity in preparing and serving meals at the Stephen Center on February 19th.

We still need a group of people to prepare and serve dinner at the Stephen Center on **Monday, May 20th**. The parish will reimburse for food expenses up to \$300. Please contact Angie Iverson at 402-203-0723 or Ann Kavanaugh at 402-679-0659 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

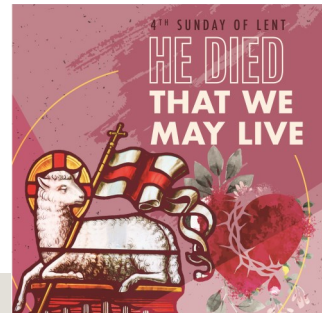
Family Music Bingo | Saturday, April 13th

Join us for a family-fun night full of good music, food/drinks and PRIZES! This is a free will donation event with all proceeds going to St. Joseph's Youth Group. Doors will open at 6PM with Music Bingo starting at 6:45PM. Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin to reserve your spot.



The Eucharist is Really Jesus by Joe Heschmeyer

Join Deacon Terry Ficencic as you read through the book by Joe Heschmeyer about the transformation that happens to us when we truly recognize Jesus in the bread of the Holy Eucharist. Sign up in the narthex and grab a book. **Classes will start Sunday, March 17th at 10am in the large RE room**. Contact Deacon Terry with any questions at 402-677-5643.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel's disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them. As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God's mercy in your life?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Ephesians that because of God's mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us. Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God's work?

Gospel Reading

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it. In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?

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Deacon Terry & Karen Ficenc
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**

Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS.....M,W,TH 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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HAPPY 70+ BIRTHDAY!

Dave Christensen.....1st	Jeannie Schiebel.....15th
Mary Beth Munsinger.....1st	Kathy Biernbaum.....15th
Al Thibault.....2nd	Pam Klenda.....15th
Laurel Zieliski.....7th	Joanne Kolar.....17th
Tom Pribil.....11th	Donna Urbanski.....17th
Gary Devine.....11th	Dennis Munnelly.....24th
	Henry Looby.....31st

Monthly Charity Corner

~Sponsored by Ladies Guild~

Join us on this **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 that 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.