



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



Palm Sunday

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

- Mark 11:7-8

NEW Parish Directory



Thank you to everyone who has helped during our last couple Donut Sundays to get pictures taken and contact information verified for our new parish directory. If you were not able to get your picture taken or have not emailed it yet, kindly send a photo to stjosephdirectory2024@gmail.com.

If you have not yet verified your contact information for the new parish directory, please do so by scanning the QR code and filling out the online Google form.



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.

The Easter Candle was donated to St. Joseph's Church in memory of Steven Kotlarz. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen"

Weekly Collections

Weekend of March 16th/17th

Offertory.....\$5,338.00
 Building Fund.....\$50.00
 Catholic Relief.....\$25.00
 Easter.....\$300.00

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 enter into the holiest time of the year. We recall the saving work of Jesus, which is on full display in our liturgies. On Thursday, we remember the institution of the Eucharist, the priesthood, and the arrest of Jesus. On Friday, we remember His Passion and death. On Saturday, we wait next to the tomb. On Sunday, we remember again that the One Who was dead is alive! I encourage you warmly to participate in the celebrations of Holy Week and to set aside time these days for a fruitful and peaceful encounter with the Lord who is risen.

Have a great week!

Best,
 Fr. Scott

Q. Why does the Easter Vigil start so late?

A. The vigil begins with the service of light, which means a fire and the lighting of the new Paschal Candle. Once we have passed civil twilight, the drama of the fire and the entry into the pitch-black church begins the evening. At 5:00pm, that drama would be washed out.

Liturgy Ministers

We are in need of ministers to fill in the empty spots below during Holy Week. Please sign up in the narthex or reach out to Father Scott.

3/28, Holy Thursday, 7:00pm, Mass of our Lord's Last Supper

Lector: Marla Kildow & Corey Osborn

Altar Server: Dominic Cacka & _____

Singers: Brenda Jones, Kathy Kaiser, Anne Riha, & Candy Connery

3/29, Good Friday, 7:00pm, Celebration of the Passion (with Communion)

Lector: Sharon VanTassell

Altar Server: Dominic Cacka & _____

Singers: Brenda Jones, Kathy Kaiser, Anne Riha, & Mary Iverson

3/30, Saturday, 8:30pm, Easter Vigil

Lector: Ken Patry & _____

Greeters: Sharon VanTassell & _____

Altar Server: Dominic Cacka & _____ & _____

Singers: Amy Krance-Wendt

3/31, Sunday, 9:00am, Easter Sunday Mass

Lector: _____ & _____

EMHC: Donna Devine & Galen Klenda

Altar Server: Thomas Sciba & _____

Greeter: _____ & _____

Singer: Men's Group & Mary Iverson

Mass Intentions

SUN 3/24	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 3/25	8:00 a.m.	+	Kenny Grove
TUE 3/26	6:45 a.m.	+	Era & Curtis Maxwell
WED 3/27	6:45 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
TH 3/28	7:00 p.m.	+	Susan Korte
SAT 3/30	5:00 p.m.	+	Charlie Bacon Sr.
SUN 3/31	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

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

Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, Mar. 24th** | 10am –11:30am | Discernment Meeting Part 4
| 11:45am | Parish Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, Mar. 27th** | 6:15pm - 7:30pm | Religious Education Classes K-6th
| 6:15pm - 7:30pm | 7th/8th Parent meeting with Father Scott

Holy Week

SACRED TRIDUUM

MARCH 28TH - MARCH 31ST

Holy Thursday 7PM

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
-Adoration and Confessions to follow

Good Friday 3PM
7PM

Stations of the Cross

Passion

-Confessions to follow

Holy Saturday 8:30PM

Solemn Mass of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9AM

Mass

Easter Egg Hunt | Wednesday, April 3rd @ 7:30pm

The Knight of Columbus will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 3rd after religious education classes. All children are invited to participate and hunt for candy-filled eggs on the lawn around the rectory.

Music Bingo | Saturday, April 13th



Join us for a night full of good music, food/drinks and PRIZES ! This is an **ALL AGES**, free will donation event with all proceeds going to St. Joseph's Youth Group. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, candy, and beverages (water, pop, beer, & seltzers) available for purchase. Doors will open at 6PM with Music Bingo starting at 6:45PM. RSVP by scanning the QR code and filling out the form. Any questions, contact Amanda Staroscik at staroscikamanda@gmail.com



The Eucharist is Really Jesus by Joe Heschmeyer

Deacon Terry will be leading a book study on Joe Heschmeyer's book about the transformation that occurs within us when we truly recognize Jesus in the bread of the Holy Eucharist. The first session was March 17th but you can still join them. The next session will be **Sunday, April 14th at 10am in the large RE room**. If you have any questions about the study, feel free to contact Deacon Terry at 402-677-5643.



Vacation Bible School | June 24th-28th

VBS is coming to St. Joseph's June 24th-28th and will run from 1:30pm-4:30pm each day. Kids, 4 years old to 6th grade, can come and enjoy a week long adventure growing deeper in love with Jesus. To register kids for VBS, go to our website www.stjosephspringfield.org and fill out the registration form. To help, click the "Volunteer" button on the VBS page. For more information, please email Sherry at shuntwork@msn.com.

Stephen Center Meal



A big THANK YOU to Ann and James Kavanaugh and their family who help prepare and serve food at the Stephen Center this last Monday. If you would like to get involved with this service opportunity, reach out to Angie Iverson at da_iverson@yahoo.com or Ann Kavanaugh at cannkava@gmail.com.

CRS Rice Bowl and old Palms

Baskets have been placed beneath the stainless window of St. Joseph to collect the CRS Lenten rice bowls and old palms. If you have blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday, you need to discard them appropriately. You can either bury them outside, burn them, or bring them back to the church.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

Second Reading

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

Gospel Reading

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?

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DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
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

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Happy 70+ Birthday!

Genene Bowen.....April 23rd	
Dennis Kelly.....April 26th	
Nancy Heideman.....April 1st	JoAnn Kelly.....April 27th
Charlotte Vodicka.....April 18th	

Monthly Charity Drive

~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild~

In the month of April, we will be collecting diapers for the Nebraska Diaper Bank. The organization collaborates with various agencies and organizations in Omaha and across Nebraska to provide diapers to families in need. They will accept diapers of any size, but they are in need of size 5 and 6 the most.



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.