



# 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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things."

- Luke 24:44, 48

## NEW Parish Directory



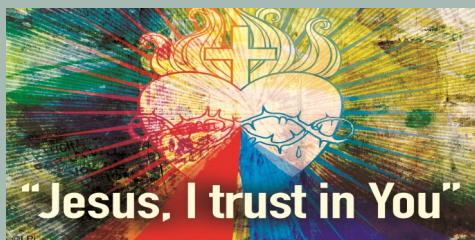
We are in the final stages of gathering pictures and information for our new directory. If you were not able to get your picture taken or have not emailed it yet, kindly send it to [stjosephdirectory2024@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephdirectory2024@gmail.com).

If you have not yet verified your contact information for the 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.



## Greeting Cards

Free greeting cards with religious sentiment for Baptism, First Communion, Graduation, and Confirmation are available at the parish office. Please see Sharon VanTassell to get one.

## Weekly Collections

Weekend of March 30th/31st

Offertory.....\$4,390.00  
 Building Fund.....\$715.00  
 Easter.....\$380.00  
 Home/Foreign Mission.....\$15.00

## Bulletin Submissions

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

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

For the rest of this Easter season, we'll be hearing from the Acts of the Apostles in place of an Old Testament reading, as we do each year during the Easter season. This book, written by St. Luke, tells us the story of the first thirty years or so of the Church, starting with the ministry of St. Peter and then describing the ministry of St. Paul. I'd encourage you to read through the text in a sitting or two to get a sense of just how similar things were then to what we experience now.

Have a great week!

Best,  
 Fr. Scott

Q. Why is the Easter candle a big deal?

A. At the Easter Vigil, the Easter candle is blessed and lit for the first time. It happens in the night, next to the Easter fire. The candle is a symbol of Jesus. Just as the candle is consumed to give light, Jesus is the light and gives Himself. When we are baptized, we receive the light of Christ, lit from the same candle. It is an ancient symbol.

## Discernment Process

As we move forward with our discernment sessions, it is important to recap what we have come to already. During the first two sessions, we identified several areas where we have the potential for growth. These areas were discussed and deliberated upon by all participants. In our third session, we voted on which of these areas should be our primary focus. The results are as follows: **158** - Spiritual Growth/Transformation, **129** - Develop Ministries/Cultivating Leaders,

## Liturgy Ministers

	Saturday, 4/20 @ 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 4/21 @ 9:00 a.m.
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sharon VanTassell Teresa Starks	Kevin and Angie Carlson
<b>Lector:</b>	Ken Patry Linda Christiansen	Mike Kalen Teresa Belter
<b>EMHC:</b>	Leigh Ann Amerine	Corey Osborn
<b>Singers:</b>	Men's Choir	Tollivers & Annie Zimmers
<b>Altar Server:</b>		Lauren & Mason Reed

## Mass Intentions

<b>SUN 4/14</b>	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 4/15</b>	8:00 a.m.	+	Bob & Dorothy Maxwell
<b>TUE 4/16</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Shirley Ross
<b>WED 4/17</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
<b>TH 4/18</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Earnest & Viola Stengel
<b>FRI 4/19</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
<b>SAT 4/20</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Jerrold Bunnell
<b>SUN 4/21</b>	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

- **Saturday, April 13th** | 6:00 p.m. | Music Bingo
- **Sunday, April 14th** | 10:00 a.m. | The Eucharist is Really Jesus Book study with Deacon Terry in the RE building
- **Tuesday, April 16th** | Finance Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, April 17th** | 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Senior Game Day  
| 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Religious Ed. Classes (K-6)  
| 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | 7th and 8th grade (8th grade Parents) in Parish Hall
- **Sunday, April 21st** | 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. | ENOA presentation in the Large RE room  
| Donut Sunday after gam Mass

### ENOA Presentation | Sunday, April 21st

On **Sunday, April 21st**, 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 services available for older adults and caregivers that live in their five county area: Cass, Sarpy, Douglas, Washington, and Dodge. The program will take place in the **large room in the Religious Ed. Building from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Grab a pastry and a cup of coffee and join us! If you have any questions, please 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. The next session will be this **Sunday, April 14th at 10am in the large RE room**. The rest of the dates are as followed: April 21st, and 28th, May 12th, 19th, and 26th. 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](http://www.stjosephspringfield.org), print and fill out the registration form. Please return the registration form and payments to the RE office. To help, click the "Volunteer" button on the VBS page. For more information, please email Sherry at shuntwork@msn.com.



### Springfield Days Steeplechase



### Steeplechase | Saturday, June 8th

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** St. Joseph's is hosting a fun run/walk as part of the annual Springfield Days event this summer. The race is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th, and is open to all. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the First United Methodist Food Pantry. Register by May 16 to receive a race T-shirt. Event details and registration can be

found on St. Joseph's website at <https://stjosephspringfield.org/springfield-days/> or you can scan the QR code. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us for this charitable event.



### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

This is a friendly reminder that the correct way to exit our parking lot is through the south driveway. We kindly request that you avoid using the Main St. exit to prevent traffic congestion. Our priority is to ensure the safety of all drivers and pedestrians. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a smooth and safe traffic flow.



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

#### Second Reading

John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

#### Gospel Reading

The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?

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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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 FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....SPRINGFIELD to 84576  
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**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. Drop off your diaper donations in the charity corner in the narthex. If you would like to make a monetary donation directly, scan the QR codes.

**DONATE TODAY!**



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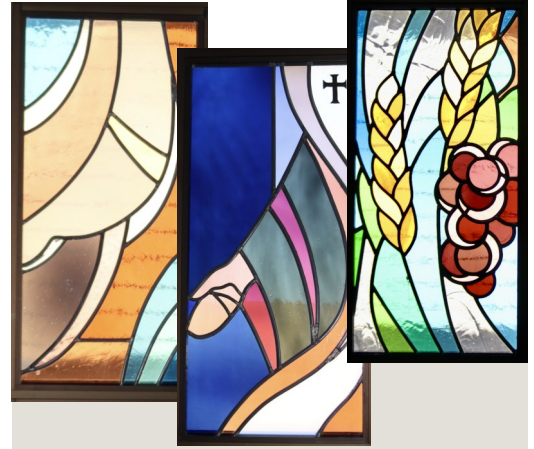


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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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.