

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“ I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

- John 15:5

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.

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.



Thank YOU!

Special thanks to an anonymous parishioner who donated a beautiful new funeral pall. If you would like to see it, please pop into the sacristy.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of April 21st/22nd

Offertory.....\$3,612.00
 Building Fund.....\$20.00
 Home & Foreign.....\$55.00

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,

As I mentioned last Sunday, we will have an occasional choir for a few days for people who'd like to sing, but who may not have time to make a long-term commitment. We'll plan to sing on Pentecost Sunday (5/19), Confirmation Sunday (8/18), and Christmas Day. If you would like to sing for any or all of these, we'll have a couple of practices before each. Please contact me or Annie Zimmer if you would like to sing or if you play another musical instrument and would like to join. We will have rehearsal for Pentecost at 7:30pm at the rectory on 5/1 and 5/15. Rehearsal should be pretty fun, too, with refreshments and a chance to get to know each other.

This also gives me a good chance to thank our many musicians and singers who help to make our Masses beautiful. It's a big investment of time, and our parish is very grateful!

Have a great week!

Best,
 Fr. Scott

Q. Why is the Feast of the Ascension always on a Thursday?

A. Since Easter is always on a Sunday, and since the historical ascension took place forty days after Easter, Ascension Thursday is always celebrated on the 40th day, ten days before Pentecost, the 50th.

Discernment Process

Our last session in our discernment process will be **next Sunday, May 5th after the 9AM Mass in the parish hall**. We will be discussing actionable steps to help our parish and community to continue moving forward in this time of growth. One specific topic that will be decided on will be when we begin a second Mass on Sunday. Please join us as we continue to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us during this process.

Liturgy Ministers

	Saturday, 5/4 @ 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 5/5 @ 9:00 a.m.
Greeters:	Chuck & Mary Gilmore	Iro & Mary Johnson
Lector:	Marla Kildow Sharon VanTassell	Joe Boro Larry Vacek
EMHC:	Kathleen Pratt	Amy Krance-Wendt
Singers:	Gathering Light	Junior Choir
Altar Server:		Lauren & Mason Reed

Mass Intentions

SUN 4/28	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Joseph
MON 4/29	8:00 a.m.	+ Bill & Evelyn Looby
TUE 4/30	6:45 a.m.	+ Amy Green
WED 5/1	6:45 a.m.	+ Loretta DeMarco
TH 5/2	6:45 a.m.	+ Steven Kotlarz
FRI 5/3	6:45 a.m.	+ John & Gloria Martin
	2:00 p.m.	Priest's Intentions
SAT 5/4	8:00 a.m.	Priest's Intentions
	5:00 p.m.	Rich VanTassell
SUN 5/5	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Joseph

Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, April 28th** | 10:00 a.m. | *The Eucharist is Really Jesus* book study with Deacon Terry
| 10:00 a.m. | Parish Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 1st** | 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Adoration
| 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Religious Ed. Classes (K-6th)
- **Friday, May 3rd** | 2:00 p.m. | Anointing Mass
- **Saturday, May 4th** | 8:00 a.m. | First Saturday Mass (Exposition and Benediction 45 minutes before Mass)
- **Sunday, May 5th** | May Crowning during 9AM Mass
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Final Discernment Session

First Fridays (Anointing Mass)

Fr. Scott celebrates an Anointing Mass on the first Friday of every month for those who want to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The next Anointing Mass will take place on **May 3rd at 2:00pm**.

Ascension Thursday | May 9th - Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is a holy day of obligation. Join us for Mass to commemorate Jesus joining his Father in Heaven on the vigil, **Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30pm** and **Thursday, May 9th morning at 6:45am**.

Steeplechase | Saturday, June 8th



REGISTRATION IS OPEN! St. Joseph is hosting a 5K run/1 Mile 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.



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, 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.



Works of Mercy Ministry | Walthill/Macy Service Day Trip

Parishioners from St. Joseph are invited to join Catholic Charities on **Tuesday, May 7th** in a full-day service trip to help the communities of Walthill and Macy, home to people of the Omaha tribe. We will be handing out food, clothes and essential supplies. Please reach out to Sue Knott at 402-810-2033 if you are interested in doing your part in helping those in need. If any parishioner would like to carpool, we can meet at St. Joseph church in the morning.

The Eucharist is Really Jesus by Joe Heschmeyer

Deacon Terry will be leading a book study on Joe Heschmeyer's book. Sessions have already started but feel free to pick up a free copy of Heschmeyer's book and join in the conversation at our next meeting. We will meet on the following dates: April 21st, and 28th, May 19th, and 26th, June 2nd and 9th. If you have any questions about the study, feel free to contact Deacon Terry at 402-677-5643.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The disciples were unwilling to trust that Saul (Paul) was a true believer until Barnabas offered support for Saul. How easily do you trust people you don't know well?

Second Reading

John speaks of the importance of knowing in your heart that you believe in Jesus and truly love others. How does anyone know what is in their heart?

Gospel Reading

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the importance of staying connected to Him and the Father. When do you feel close to Jesus?

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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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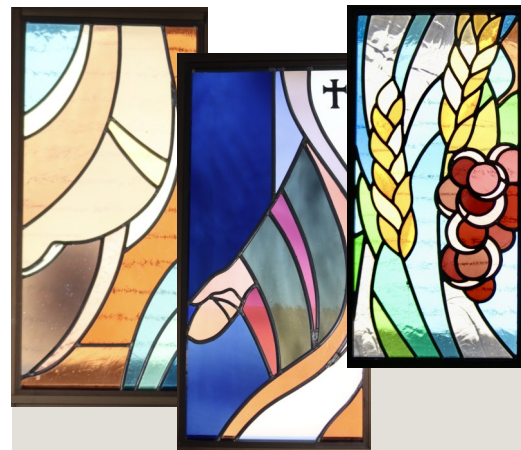
Brenda Jones	4th	Peter DeMarco	21st
Bob Davey	5th	Jerry Manzer	22nd
Karen Ficenc	5th	Margaret Pribel	26th
Bob Zielinski	10th	Gayle Hughes	26th
John Otto	12th	Teresa Meister	29th
Herb Aschtgen	18th	Denny Schmidt	31st



Sue Smith 31st
 Dorothy Foged 31st

Monthly Charity Drive ~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild~

We are collecting diapers for the Nebraska Diaper Bank, during the month of April. This is the last weekend to drop off your donations. 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.



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.