

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



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your fingers here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving but believe.” - John 20:27

NEW Parish Directory



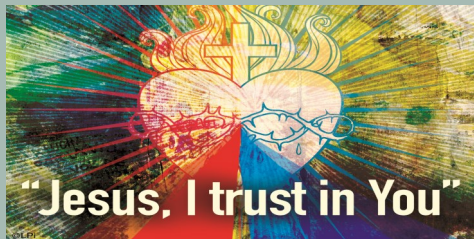
We are in the final stages of gathering pictures and information for our new directory. If you were not able to get your picture taken or have not emailed it yet, kindly send it to stjosephdirectory2024@gmail.com.

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.



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.....\$2,308.00
 Building Fund.....\$110.00
 Easter.....\$3,910.00

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 weekend, we have Divine Mercy Sunday. The point of this celebration is to call to mind that God loves us so much that He would give His life for us. This Mercy is like a parent who gives their life for their child in danger, like the firefighter who runs into a burning building, or a soldier who sets hostages free. This is the *very best of us*. The danger, the fire, what holds us hostage is the power of sin. We all feel it and live in it. But, Jesus has the final answer. That answer is Mercy, a life for all life, that we might be free. What a gift!

Have a great week!

Best,
 Fr. Scott

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, **77** - Religious Education & Space, **66** - Service/Community Outreach, **57** - Maintaining the Small Town/Family feel, **49** - Evangelizing/Inviting, **49** - Welcoming/Accepting Others, **38** - Sunday Experience, **4** - Marketing.

In our fourth session this **Sunday, April 7th at 10am**, we will dive deeper into those areas that received the most votes. We will explore the challenges and opportunities in these areas and come up with actionable steps. Please join us as we continue to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us during this process.

Liturgy Ministers

	Saturday, 4/13 @ 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 4/14 @ 9:00 a.m.
Greeters:	Mike & Erin Patera	Justin & Julie Neiveen
Lector:	Sharon VanTassell John Cronican	Jeff Needels Beth Anderson
EMHC:	Julie Masters	Galen Klenda
Singers:	Brenda & Kathy	Jr. Choir
Altar Server:		Liam Sciba & Dominica Cacka

Mass Intentions

SUN 4/7	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Joseph
MON 4/8	8:00 a.m.	Kari Cronican
TUE 4/9	6:45 a.m.	+ Harold Starks
WED 4/10	6:45 a.m.	+ Lorette DeMarco
TH 4/11	6:45 a.m.	Carmella Briganti
FRI 4/12	6:45 a.m.	+ Steven Kotlarz
SAT 4/13	5:00 p.m.	+ Steven Bacon
SUN 4/14	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, April 7th** | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Discernment Meeting
- **Tuesday, April 9th** | 7:00 p.m. | Ladies Guild monthly meeting (All women of the parish are invited!)
- **Wednesday, April 10th** | 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Religious Ed. classes (K-6) / 7th and 8th grade in Parish Hall
- | Special Discernment Meeting for parents with kids in Religious Ed. and younger
- **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

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 April 11th* by scanning



the QR code and filling out the form. Any questions, contact Amanda Staroscik at staroscikamanda@gmail.com.



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 **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, 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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Steeplechase | Saturday, JUNE 8th

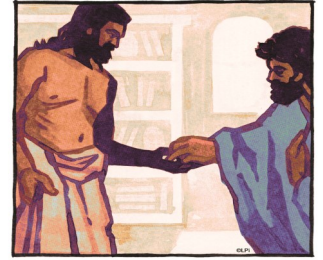
Springfield Days Steeplechase



St. Joseph's will host 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. Registrations will start soon, so make sure to mark your calendars and join us for this charitable event.

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

We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community with friends. Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community

Second Reading

John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us "conquer the world." What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?

Gospel Reading

The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

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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

OFFICE HOURS.....M,W,TH 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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 EMAIL.....info@stjosephspringfield.org
 FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....SPRINGFIELD to 84576
 FACEBOOK.....facebook.com/stjosf

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.

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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.