

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



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.— Mk 16:19-20

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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.

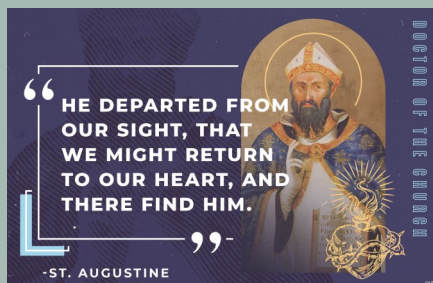
Remember in our Prayers

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.

Sunday Mass Attendance Count:

April 2023: 401
July 2023: 356
October 2023: 376
January 2024: 383
April 2024: 424

Our next Mass count will be July 2024.



Weekly Collections

Weekend of May 4th/5th

Offertory.....\$3,520.00
Building Fund.....\$405.00
Home & Foreign.....\$60.00
Ascension.....\$15.00

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.

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Last Wednesday, we had our end of the year Mass and party for religious education. Thank you to everyone who makes this program possible. Thanks especially to Sherry Huntwork, our DRE, and to all of our catechists, aides, and volunteers. This is a key part of our parish, and it takes many, many people to make it go well. Thanks to everyone who lends a hand!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

Liturgy Ministers

	Saturday, 5/18 @ 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 5/19 @ 9:00 a.m.
Greeters:	Scott & Jane Ferrin	Justin & Julie Nieveen
Lector:	Linda Christiansen Jim Amerine	Jeff Needels Beth Anderson
EMHC:	Laurie Fowler	Shelley Cacka
Singers:	Special Choir	Special Choir
Altar Server:		Liam Sciba & Dominic Cacka

Mass Intentions

SUN 5/12	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Joseph
MON 5/13	8:00 a.m.	+
TUE 5/14	6:45 a.m.	+
WED 5/15	6:45 a.m.	+
TH 5/16	6:45 a.m.	+
FRI 5/17	6:45 a.m.	
SAT 5/18	5:00 p.m.	+
SUN 5/19	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.

Q & A about the Catholic Faith

Do you ever wonder the reason why Catholics do the things we do in Mass or believe the things we do? Every week, Father Scott has been answering questions from parishioners about the Catholic faith. If you would like an answer to your questions, reach out to Father Scott or email your question to info@stjosephspringfield.org.

Friendly Reminder

Please note: St. Joseph's Parish Hall will be used as a polling place for the Nebraska presidential primary election on **Tuesday, May 14th**. Please be aware that there may be increased traffic in our parking lot.

Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, May 12th** | Mother's Day Brunch after 9AM Mass
- **Tuesday, May 14th** | 7:00pm | Ladies Guild Meeting in the RE building
- **Wednesday, May 15th** | 7pm | Religious Education catechists/volunteer Appreciation Dinner in parish hall
- **Sunday, May 19th** | Donut Sunday after 9am Mass

Mower for the week of May 12th -



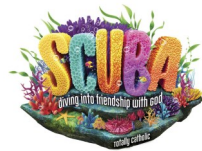
Steeplechase | Saturday, June 8th

REGISTRATION IS NOW 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 16th 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 learning about God's love and His Son. 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.

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.

We are looking for new Liturgy Ministers!

Starting in July, we will be adding another Sunday Mass to our schedule at St. Joseph's parish. Therefore, we are on the lookout for more people who can serve as EMHCs, Lectors, and Greeters. If you are interested in serving our parish in any of these roles, please feel free to email Sharon VanTassell at secretary68059@gmail.com.

Food Booth Volunteer Sign-ups

Be sure to mark your calendar to help us at the Knights FOOD BOOTH during the Sarpy County Fair, Wednesday, July 31st thru Sunday, August 4th. The sign-up process for volunteering will be available next weekend through a link provided in the Parish Notes on Flocknote. If you have any questions about how to sign up or about volunteering, kindly reach out to Amanda Staroscik by email at staroscikamanda@gmail.com.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture
~selection from Ascension Thursday

First Reading

Luke closes his Gospel and opens Acts of the Apostles with the Ascension of Jesus, indicating Luke saw this event as critically important to the early Church. Can you think of events that have shaped or defined your life?

Second Reading

Paul says that the believers in Ephesus came to fully understand what God has accomplished in Jesus and in the Church. What do you find yourself praying for??

Gospel Reading

Mark tells us that even after Jesus ascended into heaven, he continued to work through those who believed in him. Have you ever felt Jesus at work through you?

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DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
Deacon Terry & Karen Ficenec
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.
 PHONE.....402.253.2949
 EMAIL.....info@stjosephspringfield.org
 FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....SPRINGFIELD to 84576
 FACEBOOK.....facebook.com/stjoseph

Monthly Charity Drive

~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild~

The May Charity Drive will be supporting a variety of organizations and charities with a *Garden of the Senses*.

Ideas for donations include:

Sight—used eye glasses, new and used readers, reading lights

Hearing—used hearing aids

Taste—Baby formula, baby food

Touch—fidget toys, "taggy" blankets, baby blankets

Smell—soap, shampoo, deodorant

All donations can be dropped off in the narthex by our monthly charity display. Thank you to all who donate!



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.