

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."

- John 15:10

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This Thursday, we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This is a holy day of obligation for us. Please note the Mass schedule. This will be--time flies!--40 days after Easter.

Next weekend, we will have our Mother's Day brunch after the Sunday Mass. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for putting this celebration together!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

Q. A couple of weekends ago, you mentioned that new kids can start to help with altar serving, starting in May. Can you give some more details?
A. Anyone who has received First Communion and who would like to serve can shadow the experienced servers at any Sunday Mass in May. If families would like to sign up for regular serving, the next quarterly schedule will start in July. Those shadowing should be in the sacristy at least ten minutes before Mass starts to get ready.

Discernment Process

Our last session in our discernment process will be **this 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, 5/11 @ 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 5/12 @ 9:00 a.m.
Greeters:	Dave & Linda Christensen	Donna Devine & Kathy Irvin
Lector:	John Cronican Ken Patry	Amy Krance-Wendt Corey Osborn
EMHC:	Ted Boro	Ron Cacka
Singers:		Men's Choir
Altar Server:		Peter & Thomas Sciba

Mass Intentions

SUN 5/5	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Joseph
MON 5/6	8:00 a.m.	+ Harold Starks
TUE 5/7	6:45 a.m.	+ Riley Briganti
WED 5/8	6:45 a.m.	+ Loretta DeMarco
	5:30 p.m.	Priest's Intention
TH 5/9	6:45 a.m.	+ Amy Green
FRI 5/10	6:45 a.m.	Meister Family
SAT 5/11	5:00 p.m.	+ Gary Scheibel
SUN 5/12	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.

The Eucharist is Really Jesus by Joe Heschmeyer

Deacon Terry will be leading a book study on Joe Heschmeyer's book. We will meet on the following dates: May 19th, and 26th, June 2nd and 9th. Feel free to contact Deacon Terry at 402-677-5643.

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.

Thank YOU!

Special thanks are in order to two anonymous parishioners. One parishioner donated the altar missal stand which is used on solemnities. Another parishioner donated the refinishing of the stand. Both add to a beautiful celebration on the high feast days.

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 April 21st/22nd

Offertory.....	\$3,642.00
Building Fund.....	\$175.00
Home & Foreign.....	\$600.00

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.

Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, May 5th** | May Crowning during 9AM Mass
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Final Discernment Session
- **Tuesday, May 7th** | 7:30AM - 4:30PM | Walthill/Macy Service Trip
| 7:00PM | Knights of Columbus Council 10984 Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 8th** | 5:30PM | End of the Year RE Mass/ Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension
- All are invited after Mass to eat pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, fruit/veggies
- **Sunday, May 12th** | Mother's Day Brunch after 9AM Mass

Mower for the week of May 5th - Dan Craney

2024 Senior Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to the seniors who have been awarded the scholarships

\$1,000 Jim Belter Ladies' Guild Scholarship

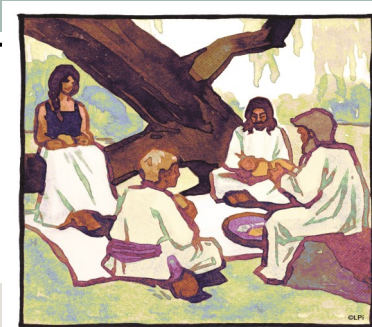
Veronica Cacka, Home School

\$1,000 Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Carter Grosdidier, Reed Patera and Elizabeth Welsh, Platteview

\$1,000 Ladies' Guild Scholarships

Lily Rosser and Hannah Tagel, Platteview



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We learn how Peter and the apostles prayed for guidance from the Lord in choosing the right successor to Judas. What difficult decision in your life could you turn to the Lord for help in deciding?

Second Reading

John teaches us that God's love remains in those who acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God. When are you most comfortable sharing your faith with others?

Gospel Reading

Jesus prays to the Father to keep his followers united in faith, protected from the evil one, and consecrated in the truth. Have you ever thought that Jesus actually prays these things for you?

Ascension Thursday | May 9th - Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on the vigil, **Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30pm** and **Thursday, May 9th morning at 6:45am**. After the vigil Mass on Wednesday, join us in the parish hall for pulled pork, baked beans, fruit/veggies and dessert as we celebrate the end of the Religious Education year and Jesus's ascension into Heaven!

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.



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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.

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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.
 PHONE.....402.253.2949
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 FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....SPRINGFIELD to 84576
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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.