



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.

~Rooted in Faith
Grounded in
Community~

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY.....5PM
SUNDAY.....7AM & 9AM
MONDAY.....8AM
TUES.-FRI..... 6:45AM
FIRST FRIDAY
ANOINTING MASS..2PM
FIRST SATURDAY
MASS.....8AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:
Check the website/bulletin for times.

CONFESSIONS:
30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:67-69

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

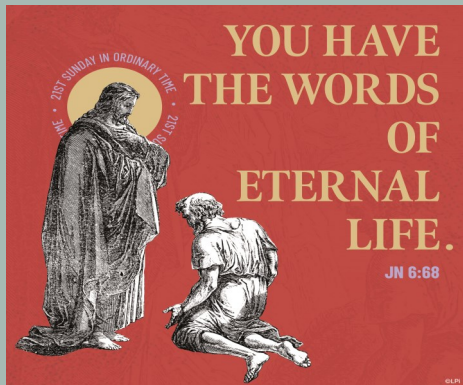
We are still in need of some volunteers both for RE on Wednesdays and Family Formation monthly on Thursday evenings. The Thursday volunteering would be for childcare from 5:30PM - 7:30PM for those children not of school-age yet.

Next weekend, Fr. Scott Schilmoeller will be offering the Masses, as I will be away on vacation. He serves as our archdiocesan vocations director and lives at the UNO Newman Center. I am grateful for his help.

Have a great week!
Best,
Fr. Scott

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.



Ladies' Guild Annual Soup Supper - November 9th

SAVE THE DATE! The St. Joseph Ladies' Guild Soup Supper, Raffle and Silent Auction will be Saturday, November 9th. If you are interested in donating a silent auction item, please contact Karen Pelchat at 402-672-8874. If you are interested in donating a raffle item or a gift card for the raffle, please contact Lois Dalton at 402-679-2189. Silent auction items will be needed by October 16th for early bidding after masses. We are only accepting new items for the silent auction and raffle items. Thank you for supporting the Guild's largest fundraiser of the year!



Weekly Collections

Weekend of Aug 17th/18th

- Offertory.....\$6588.00
- Building Fund.....\$1500.00
- Assumption.....\$450.00

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.

Weekly bulletins can be found on our website www.stjosephspringfield.org or by joining our weekly Parish Notes group on Flocknote. Text **SPRINGFIELD to 84576** and sign up to receive Flocknote messages from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springfield, NE.

Care Packages for College Students

St Joseph's Ladies Guild is excited to send care packages to our young adults again this year. If you have a college student, young adult in the military, or newly entering the workforce, we want them to know we are thinking of them and praying for their new adventure. Please send your young adult's name and address to Julie Nieveen at Julie.nieveen@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

SUN 8/25	7:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
	9:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph's
MON 8/26	8:00 a.m.	+	Evelyn & Bill Looby
TUE 8/27	6:45 a.m.	+	Communion Service
WED 8/28	6:45 a.m.	+	Communion Service
TH 8/29	6:45 a.m.	+	Communion Service
FRI 8/30	6:45 a.m.	+	Communion Service
SAT 8/31	5:00 p.m.	+	Jerod Bunnell

If you would like to schedule a Mass for the intention of someone special, contact the parish office. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 8/30 @ 5:00 p.m.
Greeters: Shawn Kavanaugh/Kathleen Pratt
Lector: Mike Fowler/Sharon VanTassell
EMHC: Carrie Cronican
Singers: Sandy R./ Candy
Altar Server:

Sunday, 8/31 @ 7:00 a.m.
 Bob Green
 Mike Kalen

 No Music

Sunday, 8/31 @ 9:00 a.m.
 Justin & Julie Nieveen
 Joe Boro/Larry Vacek
 JoAnn Swanson
 Ralph/Mary Iverson
 Peter & Liam Sciba

If you are interested in serving St. Joseph parish as a greeter, EMHC, or lector, please contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office at 402-253-2949 or secretary68059@gmail.com.

Parish Events and Formation

- **Monday, August 26th** | Rosary– Making @ 6:30PM in the RE meeting room
| Baselight Women's group @ 7:30PM
| GriefShare @ 7PM in the parish hall
- **Saturday, August 30th** | Men's Baselight Group @ 7AM
- **Wednesday, September 4th** | Eucharistic Adoration from 7AM - 9PM
| RE Beginning of the Year Mass & Celebration @ 5:30PM

Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) - Starting this Fall



Register by August 28th! St. Joseph start a Preschool CGS program this fall. It will be held on **Wednesdays mornings from 9:30 am to 11:00 am** in the kindergarten room of the RE building. Children aged three to five, as well as six-year-olds who are not yet in kindergarten, are invited to join. For more information and registration, go to St. Joseph's website at www.stjosephspringfield.org.

Religious Education 2024-2025

Register by August 28th! For the coming academic year, St. Joseph will be offering 2 different options for Religious Education for kids. They are tradition RE weekly on Wednesday evenings and Family Formation once a month on a Thursday evening. More information about each option can be found on our website under Religious Education. Feel free to contact Sherry Huntwork shuntwork@msn.com or Father Scott sahastings@archomaha.org if you have any questions.

Join us for the Beginning of the Year RE Mass & Celebration on Wednesday, September 4th at 5:30PM. After celebrating mass together, parents and children will have the opportunity to meet their Religious Ed. teachers in the classrooms. Followed by pizza in the parish hall.

Rosary Making Event

You're invited to a special Rosary-Making Event **every fourth Monday of each month at 6:30PM in St. Joseph's parish hall.** This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, share in a meaningful activity, and create beautiful, handcrafted rosaries for personal use or for a special cause.

Whether you are experienced in rosary making or trying it for the first time, all are welcome! We will provide all the necessary materials and instructions, so you only need to bring your enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Light refreshments will be served, and we encourage you to bring a friend or family member. **Join us this Monday, August 26th!** We look forward to seeing you and sharing this special experience together.

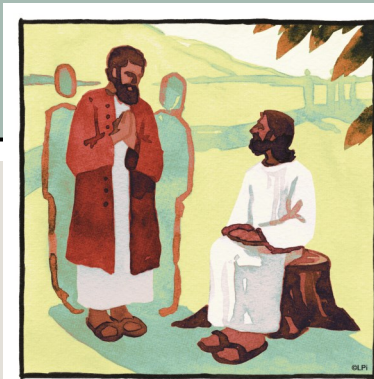
Works of Mercy Ministry: Service Opportunity

Walthill/Macy Day Trip with Catholic Charities

The first Tuesday of every month, Catholic Charities organizes a group of volunteers to help package and distribute food boxes to the residents of Walthill and Macy in northeastern Nebraska. Join fellow St. Joseph parishioners in a day of service to others. **Note that our next day of service will be September 10th.** We meet at 7:30AM and carpool from church. Kindly contact Sue Knott at 402-810-2033 if you would like to come along and do your part.

Stephen Center

Thank you to Gary & Lorraine Bunnell, Art & Linda Galloway, Carol Kasal, Karen Pelchat, Jo Rasmussen and Ann Ross for preparing and serving the meal at Stephen Center on July 19th. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, kindly contact Angie Iverson by email at da_iverson@yahoo.com.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

(Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b)

Upon entering the Promised Land and remembering the Exodus from Egypt, both Joshua and all twelve tribes of Israel pledged their faithfulness to God alone. What has God done in your life that you can acknowledge and celebrate?

Second Reading

(Eph 5:21-32)

Toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual respect and love. What do you add as key parts for a successful marriage?

Gospel Reading

(John 6:60-69)

John tells us that many of Jesus's disciples stopped following him because they found some of his teachings too hard to accept. What keeps you following Jesus?

Announcements

GriefShare

GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. **The GriefShare Group began their meetings on August 19th from 7PM - 8:30PM and will meet every Monday through November 11th.** We will meet in the parish hall. Feel free to attend all or some of the meetings. A signup is available in the vestibule. If you have questions or would like to attend, you may also contact: Bob Green: 402-990-9944, Deb Hoskins: 402-699-0049 dahoskins1980@icloud.com, Ann Kavanaugh: 402-679-0659 cannkava@gmail.com.

Join Junior Choir

Junior Choir kicks off its year by singing for the opening RE mass on Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30 PM. If you are new to the parish, or your children have an interest in joining choir, please come up and sing with us!

Our first practice will be 5:30 - 6:00 on Wednesday, September 25, followed by mass on Saturday, September 28 at 5:00. Normally, our schedule runs as follows: Practice before Wed. RE 5:30pm - 6:00pm, sing for masses on the second Sunday and fourth Saturday of each month. Questions? Contact Candy Connery 402-661-4214.

Saturday Morning SPANISH classes

Have you ever wanted to learn Spanish? Join Indy Engel as she leads introductory classes on Saturday mornings from 9AM to 10AM throughout the school year. The classes will introduce fundamental aspects of the Spanish language, focusing on essential phrases, pronunciation, and fluency. It will include authentic materials and explore Spanish culture and Catholic traditions like patron saint celebrations. The classes will start on **September 7th**. Sign ups are on the credenza in the narthex at St. Joseph.

Sunday Morning Book Study

Deacon Terry will be leading a book study on Sunday mornings after the 9AM mass. He will be using a book by Bert Ghezzi titled: The Sign Of The Cross. It is a fascinating read about the most basic of the singularly Catholic tradition. It will last 8 weeks. More information will follow next week.



3-Day Silent Directed Ignatian Retreats

If you have been on retreats before and looking for a more personal retreat experience, consider one of the dates below. These retreats start with check-in between 4:00-5:00pm for the 4pm supper and conclude at 5pm the final day. You would be assigned a spiritual director who you would meet with each day. Directors are guided with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

*** Creighton UNIVERSITY *
Retreat Center**

**Thurs-Sun Oct 17-20, 2024
Thurs-Sun Dec 5-8, 2024
Thurs-Sun Jan 23-26, 2025**

Dates through summer 2025 are set and registration will open the first week of December. Sign up for our newsletter.

The cost is \$375 for room, all meals and private sessions. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 would be requested at registration. Register at creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats or scan code.

Terri Lou Duggan
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"Do Whatever He Tells You"

Eucharistic Rosary Congress

October 5-12, 2024

Eucharistic Adoration

Sign up to attend an hour (or more) of Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel. Contact the Parish Office if you are a registered parishioner and need key card access for night hours. If you are not a registered parishioner at St. Patrick, you can access the Chapel through the Church during the day. Sign up for an hour at stpatricksgretna.org.

Holy Rosary – Every Hour on the Hour

Participants are encouraged to pray the rosary aloud at the beginning of the hour. A Rosary Binder with the prayers will be provided.

Special Events

- We will begin on Saturday, October 5 with a procession at 4:15 PM around several city blocks arriving back at St. Patrick in time for the 5 PM Mass.
- On Wednesday, October 9 we will have a special Holy Hour to Pray for Families at 6:30 PM with a talk by Fr. Jeff Loseke and a reception to follow at 7:30 PM.
- We will close the week with 5 PM Mass on Saturday, October 12.

Location

All events will take place at St. Patrick Church Gretna (508 W. Angus St.)

For more information contact Colleen Karmazin, colleen.karmazin956@gmail.com or Kathy Dauner, kathydauner@gmail.com.

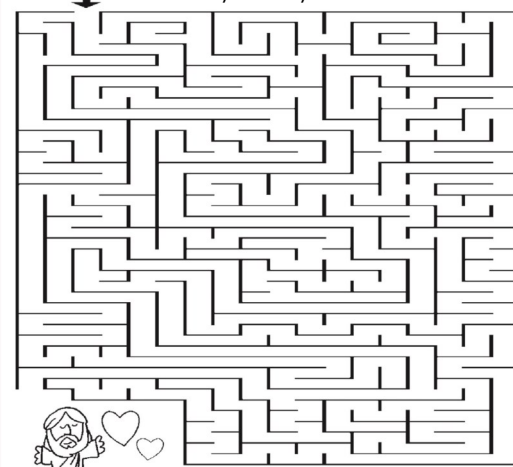
Kid's Corner

Sharing the Gospel: After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.

Mission for the Week: Have you ever learned something out God that as hard to understand. Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.

Prayer: Dear God, give me the faith to trust Jesus always, Amen.

Find your way to God's love.



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 402.881. 2407

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 Callicut**
 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

~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild~

We will be collecting men, women, and children's underwear for the August charity drive. All donations will be delivered to the Siena Frances House. They will distribute the underwear to those in need.

New Parish Directory

Now Available!

The parish directory is now available to download. You can find the link in the weekly Parish Notes on Flocknote. If you have not been able to download it yet, kindly contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office at secretary68059@gmail.com or 402-253-2949. Thanks to everyone who took part. If there are updates or corrections, please let us know.



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.