

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



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

At the time, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mark 9:38-39

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As we head this week into October, we head into the month of the Rosary. We'll have the recitation of the Rosary before weekend Masses, but it's also a good time for us to pray this individually. There's just something particular about the Rosary, and so, so many people find that it brings them peace and a keener sense of God's will for them. I know that I do, for sure. If you have some time this month, see if it's the same for you!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

Rosary-Making Ministry

We are excited to invite you 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.

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. **Mark your calendar for Monday, October 28th for our next event.**



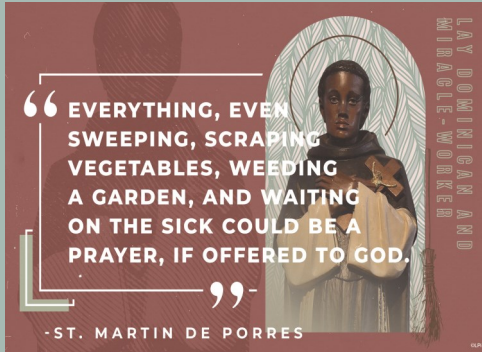
Mass Intentions

SUN 9/29	7:00 a.m.	+	Earl Rudolph
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 9/30	8:00 a.m.	+	Paul & Mary Wenzl
TUE 10/1	6:45 a.m.	+	Amy Green
WED 10/2	6:45 a.m.	+	Rev. John Lynch
TH 10/3	6:45 a.m.	+	Parker League
FRI 10/4	6:45 a.m.	+	Mike Welsh
	2:00 p.m.		Priest's Intention
SAT 10/5	8:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
	5:00 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
SUN 10/6	7:00 a.m.	+	Leroy & Joan Sorensen
	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.

Remember in our Prayers

Let us pray for Margaret Wilson and Eileen Stock. Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.



Weekly Collections

Weekend of September 14th/15th
 Offertory.....\$3,280.00
 Building Fund.....\$260.00

Prayer for Priest

Priesthood Sunday - September 29th

Gracious and loving God, We thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 10/4 @ 5:00 p.m.

Greeters: Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks
Lector: Marla Kildow/Ken Patry
EMHC: Leigh Ann Amerine
Singers:
Altar Server:

Sunday, 10/5 @ 7:00 a.m.

Bob Green
 Mike Kalen
 Julie Masters

Sunday, 10/5 @ 9:00 a.m.

The Staroscik Family
 Larry Vacek/Amy Krance-Wendt
 Sophie Davey
 Thomas & 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

- **Sunday, September 29th** | Sunday Morning Adult Formation w/ Deacon Terry @ 10:15a.m. in the St. Bernadette Rm
- **Monday, September 30th** | Baselight Women's group @ 7:30p.m.
| GreifShare @ 7p.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Tuesday, October 1st** | Walthill/Macy Service Trip with Catholic Charities
| Knights of Columbus Monthly meeting @ 7p.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, October 2th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30 a.m. – 11a.m.
| Junior Choir Practice @ 5:30 p.m.
| TRE (K-6th) @ 6:15p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, October 4th** | Anointing Mass @ 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 5th** | Baselight Men's Group @ 7a.m.
| First Saturday Mass @ 8 a.m. (Exposition starts at 7 a.m.)
| Intro to learning Spanish class @ 9a.m. in the St. Bernadette Rm
| Knights of Columbus Presentation on Ballot Initiatives @ 6pm in the Hall
- **Sunday, October 6th** | Right to Life Prayer Chain @ 2pm - 3pm
| Sunday Morning Adult Formation w/ Deacon Terry @ 10:15a.m. in the St. Bernadette Rm

Knights of Columbus Respect Life Sunday Gathering October 6th | 2pm-3pm

Respect Life Sunday is Oct 6. The Knights of Columbus Council 10895 will gather for a National Life Chain from 2 to 3 p.m. along Highway 50 in Springfield. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Parking will be available at Wild Willy's Fireworks. Pro-Life signs will be available to hold. Parishioners are welcome to bring a chair and join us for an hour of prayer dedicated to the pro-life cause.

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!

Works of Mercy Ministry: Service Opportunity Walthill/Macy Day Trip with Catholic Charities

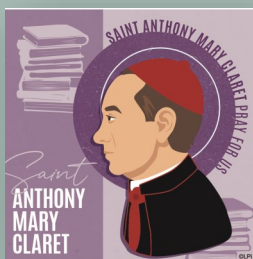
The first Tuesday of every month, Catholic Charities organizes a group of volunteers to help package and distribute food boxes to the residents of Walthill and Macy in northeastern Nebraska. Join us on **Tuesday, October 1st for a day of service to others.** We meet at 8AM and carpool from church. Kindly contact Sue Knott at 402-810-2033 if you would like to come along for this full day of service and community.

Stephen Center Meals

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for preparing and serving the meal at Stephen Center on September 16th.

Eucharistic Adoration | Wednesday, October, 2nd

Experience a profound sense of peace and spiritual renewal by spending time in the serene presence of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition starts after 6:45am Mass and Benediction ends at 9pm.



Saint of the Week

Saint Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), sometimes called the "spiritual father of Cuba," was a priest and popular preacher with a missionary heart. He founded the Claretians missionary order and the Religious Publishing House and reformed the Archdiocese in Cuba.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

(Numbers 11: 25-29)

Moses hoped the Spirit of the Lord would be bestowed on all the Israelites, not limited just to the seventy elders. What are you hoping for this week?

Second Reading

(Jas 5:1-6)

James holds the rich in low regard, warning them against the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. How are you generous toward others with your resources?

Gospel Reading

(Mark 9:28-43, 45, 47-48)

Jesus taught his disciples the valuable lesson: "Whoever is not against us is for us." How do you promote unity rather than division at work or at home?

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 402.881. 2407

DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
Deacon Terry & Karen Ficene
Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger

Parish Groups & Ministry Leaders

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....**Jim Amerine**
 FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.....**James Kavanaugh**
 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

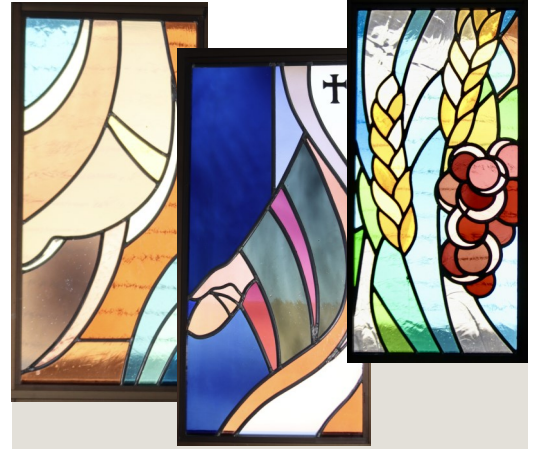
OFFICE HOURS.....M,W,TH 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 PHONE.....402.253.2949
 EMAIL.....info@stjosephspringfield.org
 FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....SPRINGFIELD to 84576
 FACEBOOK.....facebook.com/stjoseph

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.

Parish Directory

The parish directory is now available to download. Kindly contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office at secretary68059@gmail.com or 402-253-2949. 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.

September Charity Drive ~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild~

This September, we are organizing a donation drive to collect essential items for those in need. We are seeking donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex, which will be distributed to both the Springfield and Louisville food pantries. Your contributions can make a significant difference in the lives of many families who rely on these pantries for support. Please join us in this effort to provide crucial supplies to our community members.

Donation Details:

-Items Needed: Toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex

Drop off your donations at designated donation corner in the narthex at St. Joseph Church.





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Upcoming Days of Recollection

25 September 2024

Dear St. Joseph Community,

As I mentioned last weekend, over the course of the next year, we'll have opportunities for one-day days of recollection to take time to learn about and to practice prayer. This is a fruit of our parish discernment sessions.

Each day will take place at the Ablaze House of Prayer (115th & Fairview Rd.), a peaceful and prayerful spot in our backyard. Dates are Saturdays, October 26th, March 8th, and June 25th (2025).

If you've never taken time for a retreat day or a day of recollection, what you can expect is a relaxing and restful time. The days will go from 9:00am to 3:00pm with great food, two talks on how to pray from me, Mass, and time for silence and walking the beautiful grounds. For this year, each day has the same talks, so the day is envisioned for any person to attend just one of the days. If we get a good turnout, we'll continue this approach next year with a new theme.

We have space for 30 people on each day. If you would like to attend, please contact me, Sharon VanTassell, or Amanda Staroscik. High school students are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. There is no cost for the day.

I hope that you consider joining us and taking a step outside of the ordinary routine to rest and to pray!

Best,

Fr. Scott Hastings
Pastor

Fall 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to exercise our moral responsibility on social and political issues. While involvement in politics can sometimes be perceived in a negative light, we know that Jesus has come to redeem every aspect of our lives, including our political order. He has called each of us to bear His light in the public square and to strive for a just and good society.

During this upcoming election cycle, we are called to inform our consciences on the candidates running for public office, to understand the issues we will vote on, and to make good moral decisions. We do this rooted in our love of Jesus and the teachings of our Catholic faith.

On the upcoming ballot, Nebraskans are facing a choice of historic proportions on the issue of abortion. Two competing constitutional amendment initiatives have been approved for placement on the ballot, and our votes on these matters will mean the difference between life and death in our state.

Initiative 439 is a proposal that would insert a right to late-pregnancy abortion in our state constitution. I am urging all Nebraskans, especially Catholics, to vote AGAINST Initiative 439. The proposal uses vague and abstract terms that would expand elective abortions well into the second and third trimester. It also risks eliminating fifty years of widely supported and common-sense health and safety laws intended to protect women and babies from unsafe and coercive abortion practices. Initiative 439 creates a culture of abortion that is simply too extreme for Nebraska.

In contrast, Initiative 434 was launched by medical professionals to provide some baseline protections in the state constitution for unborn babies beginning in the second and third trimester. While imperfect in its protection for all babies, this proposal provides an important step forward in safeguarding Nebraska laws enacted to ensure the health and safety of women and babies. I am asking Catholics to vote FOR Initiative 434, especially as a defense against the morally problematic Initiative 439.

As early voting begins soon, please take some time to learn more about why Initiative 439 would be bad for Nebraska. You can do so by visiting www.voteAGAINST439.com. I also call Catholics to take courageous action. Defeating Initiative 439 will take each and every one of us talking to family, friends, fellow parishioners and other Nebraskans and urging them to also vote AGAINST Initiative 439.

We rely on God's help and ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession for the protection of Nebraska's women and babies.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha



ONE CHURCH
ENCOUNTERING JESUS
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES
LIVING MERCY

September 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

Jesus sends us out, equipped in our own way, to share the Good News.

Every day, Catholics across the Archdiocese of Omaha are responding to this call of Jesus – bringing the hope and promise of salvation to family members, neighbors and so many others in need of His saving love.

We share in the saving mission of Jesus by putting our faith into action. We care for those with physical and mental health issues, provide food for the poor, welcome strangers and comfort the lonely and the marginalized.

Parishes like yours are hard at work becoming missional communities focused on sharing the Good News with those in the pews next to us, as well as those outside the doors of our church.

Today, I ask you to help continue to build on the vital work being done across the archdiocese.

By supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, you can further spread the Gospel in the mission fields of northeast Nebraska. Your gift will help foster priestly vocations and form deacons, equip leaders in our parishes and schools, place chaplains in nursing homes and hospitals, allow the incarcerated to encounter our Redeemer, serve the homeless and working poor and so much more.

Please consider a generous gift to this year's Annual Appeal. Your support will allow more of our neighbors to encounter Jesus and experience His infinite love for them.

Thank you for all you do for your parish and the Archdiocese of Omaha in northeast Nebraska.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ George J. Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha

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.

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 started on **September 7th but you can still join us.** We meet in St. Bernadette Rm in the RE building. Sign up by scanning the QR code and filling out the Google form. If you have any questions, kindly reach out to Indy Engel at iiiisaacs@gmail.com.



Women's Weekend Retreat



Women's Weekend Retreat November 2-3, 2024

Have you ever wondered why you are the way you are? Perhaps you wish there was an off switch to all the thoughts running through your mind each day that leave you anxious and insecure. Do you ever wonder if you are actually living out God's design for your life? If you answered yes, welcome to being a human! Although we wrestle with so many things, God did not abandon us to despair or figuring it all out on our own. In fact, Jesus said, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Join us for *Become Who You Are: A St. Joseph's Women's Weekend Retreat*, a three-part workshop series where you will learn about the blueprint the Lord has written on our hearts to understand how he uniquely loves each one of us and wants us to share that uniqueness with the world.

Register by scanning the QR code! All girls and women ages 12 & older are invited! Cost is \$10/session or \$25 for the entire weekend (materials and refreshments). After registering, payment of cash or check can be drop off at church in Sharon VanTassell's box. For more information head over to the parish's website www.stjosephspringfield.org or contact Kelly Gomez Johnson by email at tkjohnson2223@gmail.com.




MagnifiKid pamphlets NOW AVAILABLE!



During weekend Masses, kids 6+ can enjoy following along in the Liturgy by taking one of the weekly MagnifiKid pamphlets located on the table by the collections basket. Includes all the readings and prayers of the Sunday Mass with explanations of the difficult words and the meaning of the rituals. Each booklet also includes a suggested prayer for morning and evening, suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord, various games, a comic, activities to help children learn about Christian life and culture.

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 6pm supper and conclude at 3pm 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.

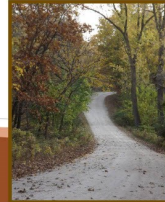

*** Creighton UNIVERSITY *
Retreat Center**

**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
Creighton University
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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.

Unsafe. Unregulated. Un-Nebraskan.

A Community Presentation on Defeating the Pro-Abortion Amendment



Coming to St. Joseph!

Pro-abortion **activists** are trying to cement **unregulated late-term abortions**, in the Nebraska Constitution, **funded by taxpayers.**

Join our event to learn about this **dangerous proposal** and how you can help defeat it, so we can **keep Nebraska Nebraska.**



Tom Venzor
Nebraska Catholic Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2024

6:00 PM Presentation + Q&A | St. Joseph Parish
Hall 100 S. 9th Street, Springfield, NE 68059

All are welcome!