



# 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**

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## 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-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mark 7: 14-15

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As we get started with our religious education year, I'd like to thank our staff and volunteers involved in RE. Over the past few weeks, catechists and aides have been here prepping their rooms and they are eager to get started. Thanks so much for your generous service!

As the summer winds down, I'd also like to thank everyone who's worked so hard to keep our grounds looking great. Our mowers and gardeners are a huge help!

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. 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. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this special experience together.



**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 1st  
 Offertory.....\$7,148.00  
 Building Fund.....\$442.00  
 Christmas.....\$300.00

**Prayer for Grandparents**

(September 9th - Grandparents Day)

Dear God,  
 What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages. Bless our grandparents, today and always. Thank You for their experience, wisdom and insight.  
 Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.  
 Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations, Amen.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUN 9/8</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Harold Starks
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 9/9</b>	8:00 a.m.		Sr. Celestin & Sr. Joan Mullin
<b>TUE 9/10</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Fr. Michael Gutsell
<b>WED 9/11</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Evelyn & Pat Looby
<b>TH 9/12</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Bill & Evelyn Looby
<b>FRI 9/13</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Bernard & Mary Clare Vacek
<b>SAT 9/14</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Frank Bryl

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, 9/14 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Greeters:** Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Stark  
**Lector:** Ken Patry/Linda Christensen  
**EMHC:** Ted Boro  
**Singers:**  
**Altar Server:**

**Sunday, 9/15 @ 7:00 a.m.**

Bob Green  
 Mike Kalen  
 Julie Masters

**Sunday, 9/15 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Farris Family  
 Jeff Needels/Beth Anderson  
 Galen Klenda  
  
 Liam Sciba/Dominic Cacka

If you are interested in serving St. Joseph parish as a greeter, EMHC, or lector, please contact Sharon VanTassell in the



## Parish Events and Formation

- **Saturday, September 7th** | Baselight Men's group @ 7a.m.  
| First Saturday Mass @ 8a.m. ( Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @ 7a.m.)  
| Intro classes to learning Spanish @ 9a.m. in the RE meeting room
- **Sunday, September 8th** | Youth Group @ 7p.m.
- **Monday, September 9th** | Baselight Women's group @ 7:30p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 10th** | Walthill/Macy Service Trip with Catholic Charities  
| Ladies Guild Monthly Meeting @ 7p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 11th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30 a.m.– 11a.m.  
| TRE (K-6th) @ 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m.  
| 7/8th Grade @ 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m.
- **Saturday, September 14th** | Baselight Men's Group @ 7a.m.
- **Sunday, September 15th** | Donut Sunday

### Youth Group

We are thrilled to invite all freshmen through seniors to join our vibrant youth group! We meet Sundays at 7 PM at Tim & Kelly Johnson (YG Leaders) house, where we engage in fun activities, meaningful discussions, and inspiring worship. It's a welcoming space where you can be yourself, share your thoughts, and grow alongside peers who are on the same journey. Come as you are and bring a friend – we can't wait to see you there! **Our 1st meeting is September 8th.** If you are interested in joining or checking out what it is all about, kindly reach out by email to Kelly Gomez Johnson at [tkjohnson2223@gmail.com](mailto:tkjohnson2223@gmail.com) or Julie Nieveen at [julie.nieveen@gmail.com](mailto:julie.nieveen@gmail.com).

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

**Last Chance to Register! Classes start Wednesday, September 11th.** 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](http://www.stjosephspringfield.org).

### Religious Education 2024-2025

For the coming academic year, St. Joseph will be offering 2 different option 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](mailto:shuntwork@msn.com) or Father Scott [sahastings@archomaha.org](mailto:sahastings@archomaha.org) if you have any questions. **The first classes of TRE will start this Wednesday at 6:15pm - 7:30pm. The first session of Family Formation is on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30pm.**

### Join Junior Choir

If you are new to the parish, or your children have an interest in joining junior choir, contact Candy Connery by phone at 402-661-4214. Weekly practices will start Wednesday, September 25th from 5:30pm-6pm in the church.

### 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. **Join us this Tuesday, 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.

### 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](mailto:julie.nieveen@gmail.com).



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

(Is 35:4-7a)

The prophet Isaiah encouraged the Israelites to be strong in their conviction that God was coming to heal them and renew creation itself. Who could you encourage to be firm in their faith this week?

#### Second Reading

(Jas 2:1-5)

James taught believers to make no distinctions between the rich and the poor in their community gathering. How do you think showing no partiality helps a community grow in faith?

#### Gospel Reading

(Mark 7:31-37)

We hear today how the people of the Decapolis were astonished at Jesus's healing of the deaf and mute. What parts of your life need healing?

## 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 will start on **September 7th and meet in the RE meeting room.** 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 [iiisaacs@gmail.com](mailto:iiisaacs@gmail.com).



## 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*. He will be meeting in the RE meeting room starting **Sept. 15th and go through Nov. 3rd.** Join us to unlock the power of this simple prayer that you are already praying every day. Sign up in the narthex or reach out to Deacon Terry in person or by phone at 402-677-5643. Books are provided.

## 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!

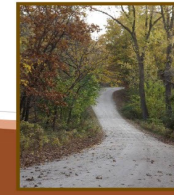
## 3-Day Silent Directed Ignatian Retreats



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 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](http://creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats) or scan code.

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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](http://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](mailto:colleen.karmazin956@gmail.com) or Kathy Dauner, [kathydauner@gmail.com](mailto:kathydauner@gmail.com).

## Women's Weekend Retreat

"BECOME WHO YOU ARE"

NOVEMBER  
2-3, 2024



Facilitated by Michelle Zuhlke

## 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 VanTassel's box. For more information head over to the parish's website [www.stjosephspringfield.org](http://www.stjosephspringfield.org) or contact Kelly Gomez Johnson by email at [tkjohnson2223@gmail.com](mailto:tkjohnson2223@gmail.com).

Register by October 27th using the QR code.



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PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT.....**Julie Richards**  
 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.....**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**

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 PHONE.....402.253.2949  
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 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](http://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.

