



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.

Grounded in our
FAITH,
Rooted in the
EUCCHARIST.

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:
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....Dec. 9th
Times.....6:45AM/5:30PM

CONFESSIONS:
30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST; KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” - John 18:37

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Next Sunday, we'll step into Advent. While Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is still a time of preparation. I'd encourage you to think about how you can really live these four weeks well in preparation for Christmas. I'll have some practical tips about this next weekend, as I always do on the first Sunday of Lent. But, so that the season doesn't sneak up on you, it's worth considering now.

Have a great week!
Best,
Fr. Scott

Singing at Christmas Eve Mass

If your child is not in Jr Choir, but would like to sing with the Jr Choir on Christmas Eve, they should attend practice on December 11 in the Sanctuary at 5:30. Please let Candy Connery know by texting or calling her at 402-661-4214.

November: Month of Remembrance

The Church dedicates the month of November to those who have gone before us in death. We are invited to honor the memory of the dead, reflect on the meaning of our own lives, and cherish the connections that bind us across time. During the month of November, a Book of Remembrance will be in the chapel. You are welcome to write the names of loved ones who have died in the past year in the book. As a parish, we will continue to pray for the repose of their souls.



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.



Confession Times During Advent

On the four Sundays of Advent, in addition to regular confession times, I will be at home from 2:00-4:00 and available for confessions in the rectory office. Please feel free to stop by.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of November 16th/17th

Offertory.....\$3,786.00
Building Fund.....\$300.00
Catholic Charities.....\$485.00



**St. Joseph's
pledge:
\$28,090.26**

Your gift to the annual Appeal fosters priestly vocations and forms deacons, equips leaders in our parishes and schools, places chaplains in nursing homes and hospitals, helps incarcerated encounter our Redeemer, serves the homeless and working poor and so much more.

We have 68.8% of our goal met!

Mass Intentions

SUN 11/24	7:00 a.m.	+	Beth Schmidt
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 11/25	8:00 a.m.	+	Communion Service
TUE 11/26	6:45 a.m.	+	Communion Service
WED 11/27	6:45 a.m.	+	JoAnn Kunzman
TH 11/28	6:45 a.m.	+	Steve Lefler
FRI 11/29	6:45 a.m.	+	William & Virginia Meister
SAT 11/30	5:00 p.m.	+	Jerod Bunnell
SUN 12/1	7:00 a.m.	+	Harvey & Albina Klenda
	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.

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 11/30 @ 5:00 p.m.
Greeters: Teresa Starks/Sharon VanTassell
Lectors: Sharon VanTassell/Mike Fowler
EMHC: Ted Boro
Singers: Lorraine & Karen/Candy
Altar Server:

Sunday, 12/1 @ 7:00 a.m.
Bob Green
Mike Kalen
Julie Masters
No music

Sunday, 12/1 @ 9:00 a.m.
Donna Devine/Kathy Irvin
Larry Vacek/ Amy Krance-Wendt
Galen Klenda
Ralph & Co./ Annie Z.
Lauren & Mason Reed

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

- **Tuesday, November 26th** | Advent WRAP @ 5:30 in the parish hall
- **Wednesday, November 27th** | NO Preschool CGS or RE
-Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on 305 N 3rd St.
- **Saturday, November 30th** | Baselight Men's Group @ 7a.m.
- Intro to learning Spanish class @ 9a.m. in the St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, December 1st** | 1st Sunday of Advent

Stephen Center Meals: VOLUNTEERS Needed

We are looking for a group of people to prepare and serve the meal at Stephen Center on Monday, January 20th. The parish will reimburse up to \$300 for food expenses. It's a very rewarding experience! If you are interested, please contact Angie Iverson 402-203-0723 or Ann Kavanaugh 402-679-0659.

Warm Coats for Kids in Need This Winter

As winter approaches, the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are here to help ensure that every child has a warm coat to wear. We understand that for some families, purchasing a winter coat may be a financial challenge, and we want to offer our support. If your child, or a child you know, is in need of a winter coat, please don't hesitate to reach out. This program is provided with the utmost respect and confidentiality. Contact Ralph at 402-707-8426. We are honored to assist our community, and every request will be handled with care and discretion.

Donut Sunday Childcare

We are excited to start this pilot program that will provide childcare for children 6 months to 5 years of age during the 9AM on the 3rd Sundays of every month. Parents will need to sign up their children through an online registration form found on the website at www.stjosephspringfield.org or scan the QR code to get to the Google Form. Childcare will be in the RE building. **December 15th will be the next date.**

We are still looking for more volunteers that would be willing to help watch the children on these Donut Sundays. If you are willing to help out in this way, kindly reach out Amanda Staroscik by email at staroscikamanda@gmail.com or Father Scott by email at sahasting@archomaha.org



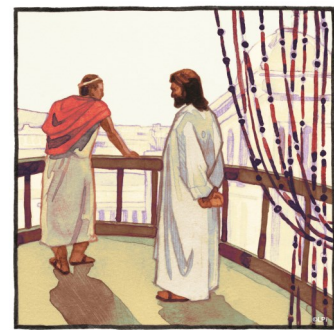
Rosary-Making Fellowship

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. **Our next event will be Nov. 25th.**

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. **Our next day of service will be December 3rd.** Kindly contact Sue Knott at 402-810-2033 if you would like to come along for this full day of service and community.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

(Dn 7:13-14)

Daniel had visions of Jesus ("Son of man") receiving everlasting dominion, glory, and kingship from God ("the Ancient One"). Why do you think some people receive visions?

Second Reading

(Rv 1:5-8)

Revelation teaches that Jesus loves us and has made us into a kingdom of priests for God. What do you think Jesus expects from us in return?

Gospel Reading

(John 18:33b-37)

In his trial Jesus tell Pilate he was born to testify to the truth. Can you think of a time in your life when you had to tell a difficult truth to someone?

Saint of the Week

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) was an avid outdoorsman and has become a global patron for youth and young adults. He had difficulties with exams and problems with his parents, but he formed his life around Jesus. St. John Paul II declared him a patron for World Youth Days.





Knights of Columbus | Fill a Bag for Hunger FOOD DRIVE

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus has brown paper grocery paper sitting in the narthex. Parishioners are encouraged to fill these bags with canned and non-perishable food items to support our community during the holiday season. The donated items will be used to prepare holiday food baskets, which the Knights of Columbus will deliver to families enrolled in the OPPD Energy Assistance program. By participating, you help ensure that families facing financial hardships can celebrate the holidays with a nutritious meal. Thank you for helping make a difference this holiday season. **Please bring your donated item back on the weekend of Dec. 7th/8th.**

Advent WRAP Scripture Study

During the season of Advent, join us in a scripture study as we focus on the events surrounding Jesus' birth. Everyone is invited to attend all or part of the four nights. We will be meeting on **Tuesday evenings November 26, December 3, December 10, and December 17.** Each week we will share a potluck dinner from 5:30-6:00pm and then work in WRAP small groups from 6:00-7:00pm. If you are interested in attending, or have questions, please call/text Julie Richards at 402-881-2407. This is a great way to focus on Christmas scripture as well as share your faith (and food) with your parish! Hope to see you there!

Advent PRAY25 on Hallow

Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us encounter Christ through daily prayer.

Download the Hallow app at any AppStore on your phone or iPad and join the Advent Pray25 challenge for FREE.



Surviving the Holidays

We understand that navigating the holiday season while grieving can often feel overwhelming, as if you're taking one step forward and two steps back. We invite you to a 2-hour event on Monday, Dec. 16th @ 6:30pm in the St. Bernadette Rm located in the RE Building. This event is designed to provide you with support and guidance during this challenging time. You can sign up easily by clicking the "Sign Up" button below, stopping by the narthex at church, or reaching out to Deb Hoskins at 402-699-0049, Bob Green at 402-990-9944, or Ann Kavanaugh at 402-679-0659. You are not alone, and we are here to help.

**Springfield Community
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**

When: Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 305 N 3rd St.

Join us in gratitude! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Springfield Food Pantry.

Reception to follow, hosted by the ladies of Our Redeemer.

100 S. 9th St., Springfield, NE 68059



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| Richard Heideman | 1st |
| Stefi Fibich | 3rd |
| Margaret Schraeder | 5th |
| Jim Kohlbeck | 6th |
| Anne Siner | 6th |
| Ted Boro | 12th |
| Steve Murphy | 13th |
| Ginny Feldhacker | 24th |
| Jim Parisot | 28th |

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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.....**Mike Fowler**
 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/stjosf

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.

Monthly Charity Drive

~Sponsored by St. Joseph Ladies' Guild~

During the month of November, we will not be collecting donations for a specific charity. However, as we approach the end of the month, keep an eye out for our annual Giving Tree! This initiative provides a wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for children and families who may not otherwise receive any.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the October charity drive. Your generosity allowed us to deliver 333 pairs of incontinence underwear, 228 incontinence pads, seven pair of period underwear, 837 panty liners, 860 tampons, and 558 pads to the Methodist Food Pantry and Hope's Closet pantry in Louisville. All your donations help fulfill St. Joseph's mission of helping those in our community.