



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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”
-LK 21:27

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Having celebrated Thanksgiving this week, I am mindful of so much that we have to be thankful for in our community. I'm thankful to you for the chance to walk with you as your pastor. I am thankful for the spirit of our community, which is a source of constant encouragement.

Have a great start to Advent!

Sincerely,

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 5:30pm. Please let Candy Connery know by texting or calling her at 402-661-4214.

Christmas Open House at the rectory

Join us for the 2nd Annual Christmas Open House at the rectory on Sunday, December 15th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Celebrate the holiday season with an afternoon filled with festive drinks, delicious food, and delightful company. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with fellow parishioners from St. Joseph's, share holiday cheer, and create lasting memories. We hope to see you there!

Stephen Center Meals: VOLUNTEERS Needed

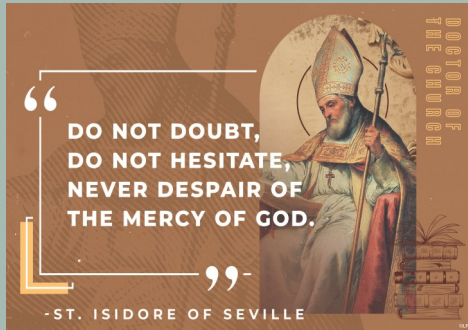
We are looking for a group of people to prepare and serve the meal at Stephen Center on Monday, January 20th. The parish will reimburse up to \$300 for food expenses. It's a very rewarding experience! If you are interested, please contact Angie Iverson 402-203-0723 or Ann Kavanaugh 402-679-0659.

Mass Intentions

SUN 12/1	7:00 a.m.	+	Harvey & Albina Klenda
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 12/2	8:00 a.m.	+	Fr. John Lynch
TUE 12/3	6:45 a.m.	+	Donna Germolik
WED 12/4	6:45 a.m.	+	Loren Griffin
TH 12/5	6:45 a.m.	+	Riley Briganti
FRI 12/6	6:45 a.m.	+	Paul Erhart
	2:00 p.m.		Priest's Intention
SAT 12/7	8:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
	5:00 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
SUN 12/8	7:00 a.m.	+	Harold Stark
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

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 23th/24th

Offertory.....	\$2,532.00
Building Fund.....	\$415.00
All Saints.....	\$25.00



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!

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 12/7 @ 5:00 p.m.

Greeters: Jim & Leigh Ann Amerine
Lectors: Marla Kildow/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Singers: Kathy K/Lorraine/Karen/Candy
Altar Server:

Sunday, 12/8 @ 7:00 a.m.

Bob Green
Mike Kalen
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 12/8 @ 9:00 a.m.

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Beth Anderson/Corey Osborn
Carol Rath
Jr. Choir/Candy
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

- **Tuesday, December 3rd** | Advent WRAP @ 5:30 in the parish hall
 - Walthill/Macy Service Trip with Catholic Charities
 - Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 4th** | Eucharistic Adoration @ 7a.m. - 9p.m. in the sanctuary
 - Preschool CGS @ 9:30a.m. - 11a.m.
 - Baselight @ 6:15p.m. in the chapel
 - RE @ 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m.
- **Friday, December 6th** | First Friday Anointing Mass @ 2p.m.
- **Saturday, December 7th** | Baselight Men's Group @ 7a.m.
 - First Saturday Mass @ 8a.m. (Exposition starts at 7:15a.m.)
 - Intro to learning Spanish class @ 9a.m.
- **Sunday, December 8th** | Youth Group @ 7p.m.

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 Mass 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



Works of Mercy Ministry: Service Opportunity

Walthill/Macy Day Trip with Catholic Charities

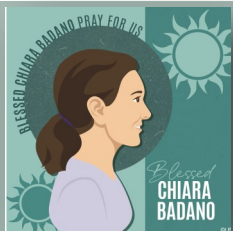
The first Tuesday of every month, Catholic Charities organizes a group of volunteers to help package and distribute food boxes to the residents of Walthill and Macy in northeastern Nebraska. **Our next day of service will be this Tuesday, December 3rd.** Kindly contact Sue Knott at 402-810-2033 if you would like to come along for this full day of service and community.

GRIEF SHARE[®] 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 by stopping by church, or reaching out to Deb Hoskins at 402-699-0049, Bob Green at 402-990-9944, or Ann Kavanaugh at 402-679-0659.

Saint of the Week

Blessed Chiara Luca Badano (1971-1990) an ordinary teenager who freely gave her life to Jesus in joy and suffering. She was beautified in 2010, the first member of Generation X. In 2018 she was one of the patrons of the Synod on Youth.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

(Jer 33:14-16)

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to save Jerusalem so all can "dwell safely" in the land. Where in your life do you feel the safest?

Second Reading

1 Thes 3:12-4:2)

In preparation for the return of Jesus, Paul prayed that the believers in Thessalonica would love one another and conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. As we enter the season of Advent, what could you do to actively prepare for the return of Jesus?

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

Jesus forewarns his disciples not to let the daily anxieties of life distract them from the coming day of his return. Who helps you when you are overcome with anxiety?

** St. Nick's Day Activities **

1. ****Leave Out Shoes:**** On the night of December 5th, children should place their shoes by the door or fireplace in the hope that St. Nicholas will fill them with treats and small gifts.
2. ****Read the Story of St. Nicholas:**** Before bed on December 5th, take time to read the story of St. Nicholas and the gold coins.
3. ****Discuss the Role of Saints:**** Engage in a conversation about the importance of saints in our lives and how we can seek their assistance.

Celebrate St. Nicolas Day with Joyful Traditions

Friday, December 6th



Knights of Columbus | Fill a Bag for Hunger FOOD DRIVE

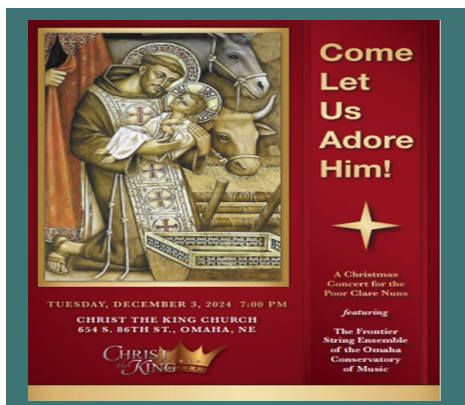
The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus has brown paper grocery paper sitting in the narthex. Parishioners are encouraged to fill these bags with canned and non-perishable food items to support our community during the holiday season. The donated items will be used to prepare holiday food baskets, which the 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 items back on the weekend of Dec. 7th/8th.**



Giving Tree: Sponsored by the Ladies Guild

Our Annual Giving Tree is up with gift ornaments filling it. If you would like to pick a ornament and donate a gift, please follow the instructions below. Thanks you for helping make the Christmas season brighter for local families and their kids. If you have any questions, call: Angie Carlson (402)669-5378 or Lois Dalton (402)679-2189.

Ornament Instructions: 1. Select an ornament of the gift that you wish to donate from the tree. 2. Take the top copy for yourself. 3. Write your name on the second copy. (It says, "Donated By") 4. Deposit the "Donated by" copy of the ornament in the box. 5. After you have purchased your item(s), return your unwrapped gift and put it under the tree with your copy of the ornament attached to it. 6. Return all gifts by: Friday, December 13th. **We will be wrapping all the gifts on Sunday, December 15th and would love as much help as possible.**



Come Let Us Adore Him: Christmas Concert

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Poor Clare Nun's annual Christmas Concert on **Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7 p.m.** at Christ the King Church, 654 South 86th Street, Omaha, NE. The Frontier Strings of the Omaha Conservatory of Music will perform. **The concert is FREE and open to ALL**, so please join us and bring your family and friends.

The concert is a wonderful way to praise God and usher in the Christmas season.

We will be handing out FREE copies of the 2025 Prayer Calendars to all who attend. We will also have coffee cakes and cookies available for sale.



First Advent Candle/Sunday: *Hope*

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.”
– C.S. Lewis

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle,” the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah’s foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, light the first candle on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

Von Dohlen, Cate. Advent Calendars and Advent Wreaths. *Hallow*. 2024

ADVENT ACTIVITIES:

There are various Advent activities at St. Joseph to help prepare you and your family for the joy of Jesus’s birth. Join one of our Advent studies (more information below) or pick up an Advent calendar in the narthex.

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!

Christmas Play

Join us as our Religious Education students bring the Christmas story to life in a heartwarming play filled with joy and the true spirit of the season. Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us on Wednesday, December 18th in the parish hall—an exact time will be announced soon.

Sign up for updates from St. Joseph Church!

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES, WEATHER CANCELLATIONS, MINISTRY UPDATES, & MORE DELIVERED TO YOUR PHONE/EMAIL

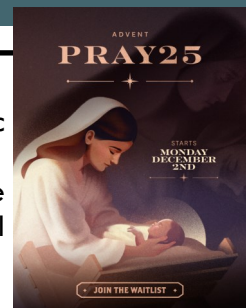
- TO SIGN UP, TEXT:
- **SPRINGFIELD TO 84576**
- OR SIGN UP ONLINE AT:
- stjosf.flocknote.com

There is no charge for this service but your carrier message and data rate may still apply.



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. Pick up a flyer in the narthex and share it with a friend.



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 402.827.3854 - Office

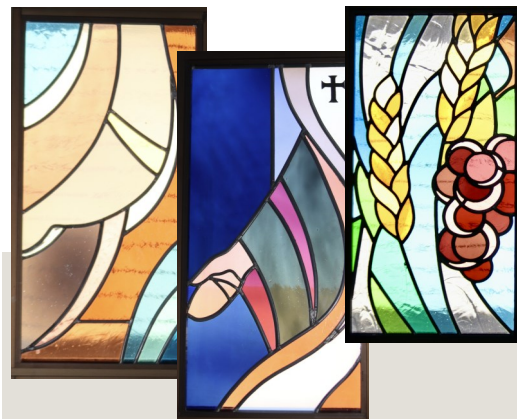
PARISH SECRETARY.....**Sharon VanTassell**
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PRAYER CHAIN & CARE CHAIN CONTACT.....**Julie Richards**
 402.881. 2407

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



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.

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.

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.