

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.

Mass Schedule

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

HOLY DAYS:

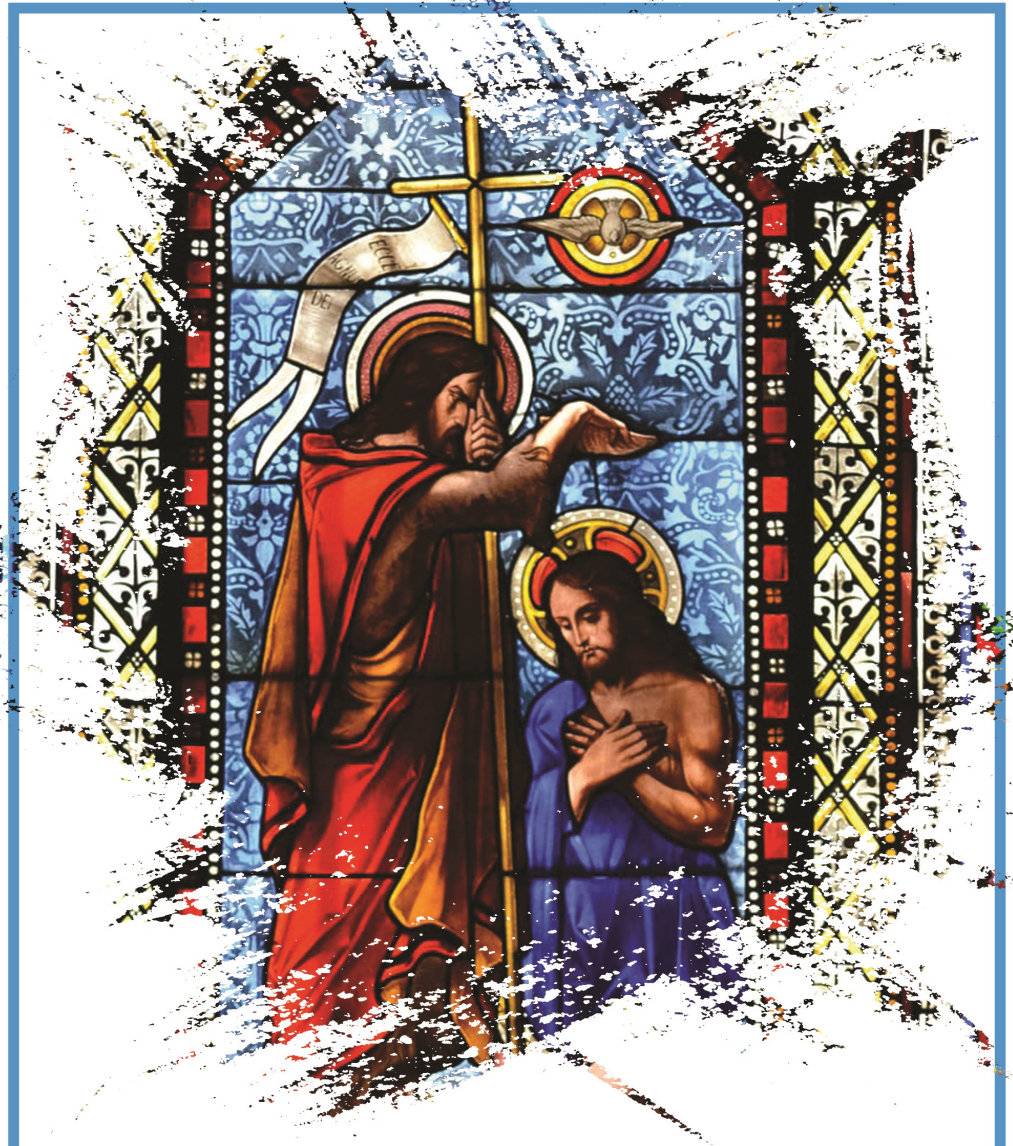
Look in the bulletin or on the parish website for dates and times

CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses

Thank you for your generous giving!

Your financial support is vital to the well-being of our church and parish ministries. We encourage you to giving online which is a simple and easy way to support our continued mission.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Lk 3:21-22a

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

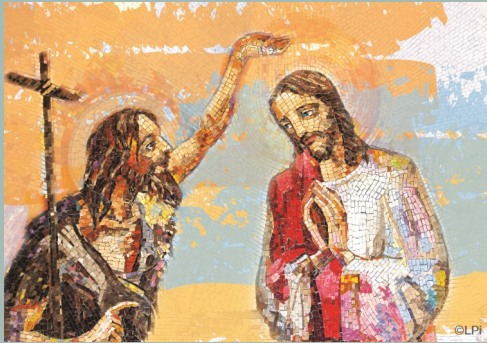
I'd like to take this chance to express my gratitude to everyone who helped to make the Advent and Christmas seasons so beautiful. To the musicians, singers, decorators, those who set up and took down chairs, greeters, and all others whom I'm missing, thank you!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

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 January 5th

- Offertory.....\$2,761.00
- Building Fund.....\$465.00
- Christmas.....\$200.00
- Seminary.....\$515.00
- Solemnity.....\$440.00

Thank you for your generous tithes, which sustain our parish's mission and ministries; your faithful giving is a vital part of building our community and sharing Christ's love.

"Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?"



"Mary had a little lamb!"



Has your mother ever sung you a lullaby to help you get to sleep? It's not hard to imagine then that the Blessed Mother would have sung lullabies to Baby Jesus to help Him sleep, too!

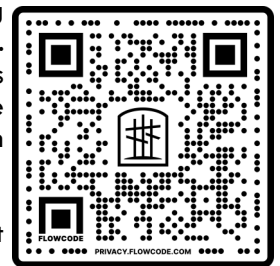
Ascension Press Sunday Resources



Our parish is excited to share weekly resources from Ascension Press, including *Bible in a Year*, *Children's Resources*, *Encountering the Word*, and *Catechism in a Year*. These resources are designed to help deepen your faith and grow in understanding of Scripture and Church teachings. A limited amount of printed resources will be on the credenza and links to them will be in the weekly Parish Notes send out through Flocknote.

Get Safe Environment Certified!

We invite all parishioners to attend Safe Environment training on **Tuesday, January 28th, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM** at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Safe Environment certification is encouraged for all parishioners and is required by the Archdiocese of Omaha for anyone volunteering at church events and functions.



To register for the class, scan the QR code or visit <https://omaha.cmconnect.org/>

Mass Intentions

SUN 1/12	7:00 a.m.	+	Rev. John Lynch
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 1/13	8:00 a.m.		Communion Service
TUE 1/14	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
WED 1/15	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
TH 1/16	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
FRI 1/17	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
SAT 1/18	5:00 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
SUN 1/19	7:00 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

To request a Mass intention for a loved one, please contact the parish office; a \$10 donation is recommended.

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 1/18 @ 5:00 p.m.
Greeters: Jim & LeighAnn Amerine
Lectors: Sharon VanTassell/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Ted Boro
Singers: Men's Choir
Altar Server:

Sunday, 1/19 @ 7:00 a.m.
 Bob Green
 Mike Kalen
 JoAnn Swanson
 No music

Sunday, 1/19 @ 9:00 a.m.
 Donna Devine & Kathy Irvin
 Joe Boro/Bob Zielinski
 Debbie Vacek/Michelle Gustafson
 Annie Z./ Sarah
 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 & Formation

- **Saturday, Jan. 11th** | Baselight Men's group @ 7am
- Spanish Classes @ 9am in the St. Bernadette RM
- **Sunday, Jan. 12th** | Youth Group
- **Monday, Jan. 13th** | Baselight Women's Group @ 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, Jan. 14th** | Ladies Guild meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, Jan. 15th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30am
- Senior Game Day @ 1pm
- RE (K-6th) @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- Baselight Co-Ed group @ 6:15pm in the chapel
- **Saturday, Jan. 18th** | Men's Baselight @ 7 am
- Spanish Classes @ 9 am in the St. Bernadette RM
- Ladies Guild & Knights of Columbus Annual Holiday Dinner @ 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall (Happy Hour starts after the 5 pm Mass)

Rosary Making

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, January 27th for our next event.**

Stephen Center Meals: VOLUNTEERS Needed

We're seeking parishioners to assist with preparing and serving a meal at the Stephen Center on Monday, January 20th. Opportunities are available to donate food items, help with meal preparation, and assist in serving. **All food donations must be prepared and delivered to the church kitchen by 12:00 PM on January 20th, 2025.** Additional individuals are welcome to volunteer for serving, with a minimum of four volunteers needed to serve the meal. This is a meaningful and rewarding way to make a difference in our community! If you're interested in participating, please contact Angie Iverson at 402-203-0723 or Ann Kavanaugh at 402-679-0659 or sign up by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your support!



Baselight Small Groups

Join Baselight, welcoming small groups dedicated to deepening our faith through the weekly readings of the gospel. Each week, we gather to read the upcoming Sunday gospel passage, share our insights, and reflect on its relevance in our lives. There are three Baselight Groups to join:

- **Women's Group** | Mondays at 7:30p.m.
- **Men's Group** | Saturdays at 7a.m.
- **Co-ed Group** | Wednesdays at 6:15p.m. in the chapel at St. Joseph's.

If you would like to join one of the groups, contact Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org or Corey Osborn at (402)660-8356. Together, we will grow in faith, strengthen our community, and inspire one another as we strive to live out the teachings of Christ.

Steubenville 2025 Conference for high schoolers!

Steubenville 2025 will be July 18-20th in Springfield, MO. Any current 8th graders to seniors are eligible to attend. \$50 non-refundable deposits (cash or checks made out to St. Joseph Church) are **due by January 28th to Kelly Johnson**. We are also looking for an adult leader to attend with the teens this year. For interested attendees (students and leaders), please contact Kelly Johnson at 402-880-8725 or tkjohnson2223@gmail.com.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

(Is 40:1-5, 9-11)

The prophet Isaiah bought words of comfort and hope from God to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. Is there someone in your life who needs hope for the future?

Second Reading

(Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

Paul challenged Titus to reject godless ways and worldly desires. Do you have any family or friends you consider a role model in living an exceptional life?

Gospel Reading

(Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

The Holy Spirit affirms Jesus as the Christ, the beloved Son of God. When do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

BIBLE IN A YEAR Podcast and Small Group

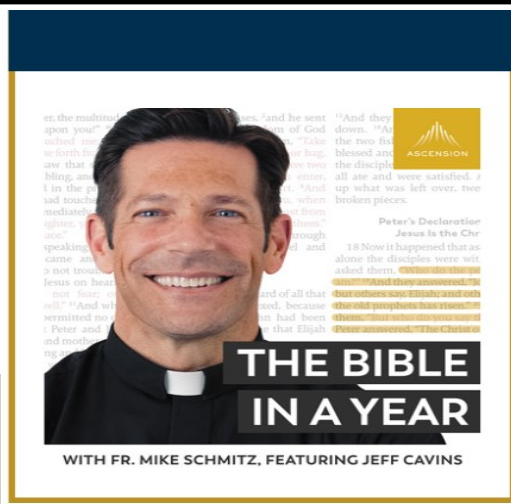
The Bible in a Year is a daily podcast, produced by Ascension and hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, where we read the whole Bible, following The Great Adventure Bible-study program created by Jeff Cavins.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to three scripture readings
- a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

St. Joseph is here to support you on your "Bible in a Year" journey! Tim and Kelly Johnson will lead a monthly gathering where we can come together to check in, share reflections, and encourage one another as we journey through the Bible in a Year. We will meet in the

parish hall from **7:45am to 8:30am** on the first Sundays of every month. Our next gathering will be on **February 2nd**. No need to sign up, just show up! Email Tim and Kelly if you have any questions at tkjohnson2223@gmail.com.

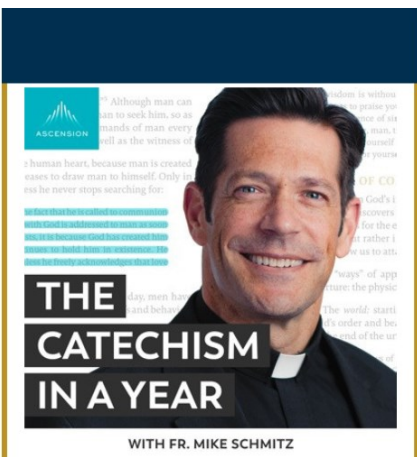


Listen free on the Ascension App!
Scan this QR code with your phone
to download the Ascension App — the best
place to listen to *The Bible in a Year*.



Join us in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life — let's read the entire Bible in a year! To learn more and join us on this journey through the Bible scan the QR code or go to the website: www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration-parish

Discover the beauty and depth of your faith by joining us in opportunities to learn and grow together as a parish community. Through study, reflection, and conversation, we can deepen our understanding of God's Word and His call in our lives. Let this be the year to reignite your faith and draw closer to Christ through learning and fellowship!



CATECHISM IN A YEAR

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a profound and essential guide that explains the fundamental teachings of our faith. We warmly invite you to join Fr. Mike Schmitz on a transformative journey through the Catechism in 365 days with his Catholic podcast, *The Catechism in a Year*. Whether you choose to participate individually or in a small group, this journey offers a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of our faith and grow closer to God.

By listening to this podcast, we will:

- Read the entire Catechism in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform our relationship with the Church that Christ founded

You can find it on any podcast app, on YouTube. To learn more and join us on this journey through the Catechism, scan the QR code or go to the website: www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish

Don't miss these opportunities to discover how the pieces of the Bible come together to tell an incredible story that continues in your life today and to deepen your understanding of what it means to be Catholic, letting those truths guide and shape your life!

Listen free on the Ascension App!
Scan this QR code with your phone to
download the Ascension App — the best
place to listen to *The Catechism in a Year*.



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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 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~

Guiding Grace Motherhood Support Network is a life affirming program that serves mothers and families experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. This January, we invite our St. Joseph family to lift up this nonprofit through donations of needed material items for the families of Guiding Grace. Please drop off all donations in the narthex. Thank you for your generous support!

Items of greatest need: baby wipes, diapers(size 4, 5, and 6), laundry detergent, toiletries (deodorants, toothpaste, soaps, etc), trash bags, paper towels and gift cards for fuel (\$25 increments are great!).

