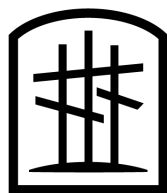


January 26th, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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.



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sign to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18

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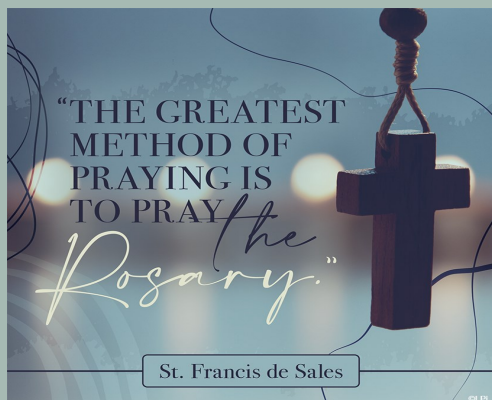
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### Remember in our Prayers

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 19th

Offertory.....\$9,173.00  
Building Fund.....\$220.50

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.



Art Galloway	2nd
Nancy Seibold	4th
Chuck Gilmore	8th
Bill Boardman	14th
Kirk Kuszak	16th
Patti Ondracek	18th
Colleen Carter	18th
Dave Jones	22nd
Mary Falch	25th
Ken Falch	28th
Chuck Chevalier	28th

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Next weekend, we'll interrupt the Sundays of Ordinary Time with the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast falls forty days after Christmas, always on February 2nd. Since it falls this year on a Sunday, it takes the place of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. It commemorates the day that Jesus was presented in the Temple at Jerusalem. Part of the ritual of the day is the blessing of candles. The 9am Mass will begin with the candle blessing at 8:55am. If you would like to bring candles from home for the blessing, please feel free to do so.

Next Monday is the Feast of St. Blaise, so the blessing of throats will take place after Mass both that day and on the following weekend.

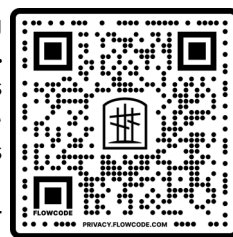
Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scott

### 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.cmgconnect.org/>



### Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, Feb. 5th

Adoration offers a peaceful space to connect with Jesus, bringing clarity and comfort to the soul amid life's challenges. Spending time in His presence deepens your relationship with Him, renewing your spirit and filling you with grace. **St. Joseph's will have Adoration from 7 AM to 9 PM on February 5th.**

### Mass Intentions

<b>SUN 1/26</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Marlene Molacek
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 1/27</b>	8:00 a.m.	+	Rev. Tom Dowdell
<b>TUE 1/28</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Bud Burchard
<b>WED 1/29</b>	6:45 a.m.		Brenda Jones
<b>TH 1/30</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Harold Starks
<b>FRI 1/31</b>	6:45 a.m.		JoAnn Kunzmanm
<b>SAT 2/1</b>	8:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
	5:00 p.m.	+	Mary Ann Bryl
<b>SUN 2/2</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	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, 2/1 @ 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault  
**Lectors:** Sharon VanTassell/Jim Amerine  
**EMHC:** Leigh Ann Amerine  
**Singers:** Karen/Kathy/Lorraine/Candy  
**Altar Server:**

**Sunday, 2/2 @ 7:00 AM**

Bob Green  
Mike Kalen  
JoAnn Swanson  
No music

**Sunday, 2/2 @ 9:00 AM**

Kevin & Angie Carlson  
Jeff Needels/Corey Osborn  
Carol Rath/Amy Krance-Wendt  
Tolliver Family/Candy  
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](mailto:secretary68059@gmail.com).



## Parish Events & Formation

- **Sunday, Jan. 26th** | Youth Group @ the Johnson's house
- **Monday, Jan. 27th** | BaseLight Women's Group @ 7:30 PM  
-Rosary Making fellowship @ 6:30 PM in the parish hall
- **Tuesday, Jan. 28th** | Safe Environment Certification @ 6 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Wednesday, Jan. 29th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30 AM - 11 AM  
- RE (K-6th) @ 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM  
- BaseLight Co-Ed group @ 6:15 PM in the chapel
- **Friday, Jan. 31st** | FREE THROW contest @ 7 PM in gym at Springfield Elementary Public School
- **Saturday, Feb. 1st** | BaseLight Men's Group @ 7 AM  
- First Saturday Mass ( Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @ 7:15 AM)  
- Spanish Classes @ 9 AM in the St. Bernadette RM
- **Sunday, Feb. 2nd** | Bible in a Year Small Group Discussion @ 7:45 AM in the Parish Hall

### Rosary Making



Join our rosary-making ministry every **fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph's parish hall**. These are wonderful opportunities 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. **Join us this Monday for our next event.**

### Special Children's Rosary-Making Event!

We will also be hosting a Children's Rosary-Making Event on **Sunday, February 23rd, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the parish hall**. This is a great opportunity for children to engage in a hands-on faith activity, learn about the rosary, and have fun creating their own.

### 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 7:30 PM**
- **Men's Group | Saturdays at 7 AM**
- **Co-ed Group | Wednesdays at 6:15 PM in the chapel at St. Joseph's.**

If you would like to join one of the groups, contact Amanda Staroscik at [amanda@stjosephspringfield.org](mailto: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](mailto:tkjohnson2223@gmail.com).

### Parish Retreat

Experience a day of peace, prayer, and renewal at the St. Joseph Parish Retreat—a special *Day of Recollection* created to refresh your spirit and deepen your relationship with God. Held at the Ablaze House of Prayer (115th & Fairview Rd.), this retreat offers inspiring talks on prayer by Fr. Scott, the celebration of Mass, lunch, and quiet time to reflect, pray, and wander the beautiful grounds.

Our next retreat date will be **Saturday, March 8th from 8:30 AM to 3 PM**. Step away from the demands of daily life and discover the grace, rest, and inspiration that await—join us for this transformative day! Reach out to Father Scott or Amanda Staroscik if you would like to join us.



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

(Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

Ezra and Nehemiah (the religious and political leadership of the day) grounded their work in Scripture. How does Sacred Scripture guide your life?

### Second Reading

(Cor 12:12-30)

Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the many and varied arts of the Christian community. What role would you like to have in your parish?

### Gospel Reading

(Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

We hear how Jesus began to reveal his true identity as Israel's long awaited Messiah in his hometown of Nazareth. Have you ever received news that you thought was unbelievable? What was it?

## 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:

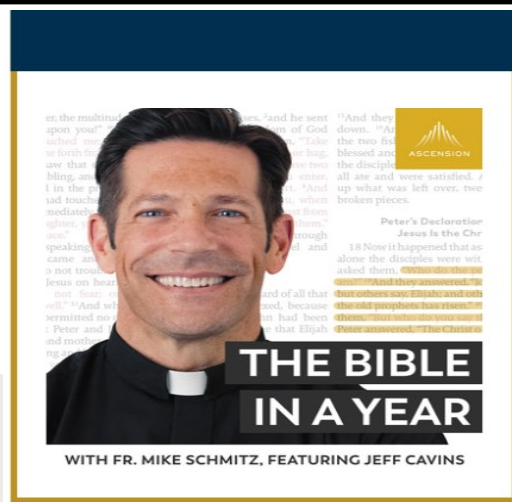
- two to three scripture readings
- a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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## Knights of Columbus & Ladies Guild Scholarships

The Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus Scholarship applications for St. Joseph's seniors are NOW AVAILABLE! This year the Ladies' Guild and the Knights of Columbus will have their own application. Students may win either a Ladies' Guild scholarship or a Knights of Columbus scholarship, but not both. Applications for both, Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus, can be found on the credenza at church.

### Scholarships Awarded by Ladies Guild

The Ladies' Guild application is for children of St. Joseph's registered members and focuses on the student's involvement in the St. Joseph's community and service outside of St. Joseph. Ladies' Guild will award one \$1,500 scholarship and up to three \$1,000 scholarships.

Applications can be found on the credenza in the narthex and should be returned to Father Scott's mailbox (outside Sharon's office) **by 10 p.m. on March 15, 2025**. Questions? Contact Erin Patera at 402-305-7469.

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### Scholarships Awarded by the Knight of Columbus Council

The William Biernbaum Knights of Columbus Scholarship is worth \$1,500. The remaining scholarships are for \$1,000. The Knights will fund a maximum of five scholarships. Preference will be given to active St. Joseph Knights of Columbus family members.

To qualify, you must graduate from high school or complete home schooling in the 2024-25 academic year. You also must be accepted at any two- or four-year college or vocational school. **Application deadline is Sunday, March 9 at 10 a.m.**

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## Human Trafficking Event

Mark your calendars and join us for an important evening dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking, hosted at the **Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 PM.**

The event will feature a keynote speaker with extensive experience in the fight against human trafficking, offering valuable insights into recognizing and preventing this crime. Additionally, a local mother will share her powerful testimony about her daughter's experience of being groomed online at the age of 15, shedding light on the dangers our youth face.

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## Springfield Business Award Banquet

St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Ladies Guild have been nominated for the Best Organization/Club of the Year by the Springfield Business Association which is celebrating its 20th anniversary and has 100 plus members. The winner will be announced at the Award Banquet on February 19th at Soaring Wings.

Anyone can attend the dinner. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [springfieldbusiness.org](http://springfieldbusiness.org) - events tab - calendar **February 19** - "get tickets" at the bottom of the page.

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## The 2025 Spirit Celebration Dinner

You're Invited!

Join your Spirit Catholic Radio family for an evening of friends, faith, and fun! It's the **2025 Spirit Celebration Dinner**, featuring Catholic Answers Senior Apologist, podcast host, and author **Jimmy Akin**. With over 30 years of experience explaining and defending the Catholic Faith, Jimmy will inspire us with his deep insights and engaging message.

**When:** Saturday, February 22, 2025

**Social Hour:** 5 PM

**Dinner and Program:** 6 PM

**Where:** Mid-America Convention Center



*St. Joseph parish has 20 reserved spots. If you are interested in attending this event, please let Sharon VanTassell, our parish secretary, know by the end of January.*

Come celebrate faith, community, and the mission of Spirit Catholic Radio with us!

## Knight of Columbus FREE THROW contest

**WHAT:** Our Knights of Columbus Council will host a free throw shooting contest for boys and girls ages 9 to 14.

**WHEN:** Friday, January 31 at 7p.m.

*Registrations begins at 6:45p.m.*

**WHERE:** Springfield Elementary School



**Bring your A - game and your best aim!**



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COMMUNICATIONS, EVENTS & EVANGALIZATION  
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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.....**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

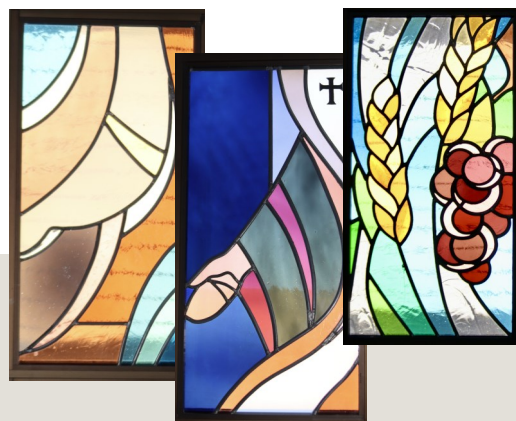
OFFICE HOURS.....M,W,TH 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
PHONE.....402.253.2949  
EMAIL.....info@stjosephspringfield.org  
FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....SPRINGFIELD to 84576  
FACEBOOK.....facebook.com/stjoseph

## 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 AM.  
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 available in paper copy or 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~

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!).

