

# 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 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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. -Mt 2:10-11

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Next weekend, I'll be traveling for a work conference. Fr. Scott Schilmoeller, our archdiocesan director of vocations, will be here for the 5pm Mass. On Sunday, Fr. Vincent Sunguti from St. Patrick Parish in Gretna will be here for the morning Masses.

As we head out into 2025, please count on my prayers for you and yours!

Happy New Year,  
Fr. Scott

**Eucharistic Adoration**

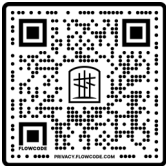
Move forward in your faith and respond to Jesus' invitation to a closer relationship with Him through Eucharistic Adoration. Every first Wednesday of the month from 7 AM to 9 PM at St. Joseph, spend quiet, prayerful time with the Blessed Sacrament, opening your heart to His love and guidance. Join us and grow in faith and love!

If you would like to sign up for a timeslot or are available to be a substitute when needed, please contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office by phone at 402-253-2949 or by email at [sharon@stjosephspringfield.org](mailto:sharon@stjosephspringfield.org).

**Get Safe Environment Certified!**

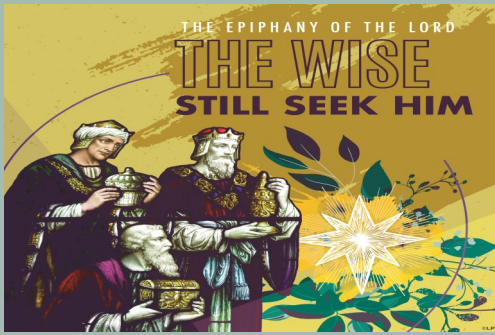
We invite all parishioners to attend Safe Environment training on Tuesday, January 28th, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Safe Environment certification is encouraged for all parishioners and is required by the Archdiocese of Omaha for anyone volunteering at church events and functions.

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



**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 December 22nd

- Offertory.....\$13,150.00
- Building Fund.....\$610.00
- Christmas.....\$4,060.00

**Seminary Collection**

Jan. 4th/5th

The Archdiocese of Omaha currently has nineteen men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.

As you know, the cost of room, board, and tuition for our seminarians continues to climb. The seminary bill for our nineteen seminarians during this academic year will be \$1,633,954.00. A successful seminary collection is critical to our effort to form future priest of our Archdiocese.

Prayerfully consider what you can do to ensure the success of the seminary collection.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUN 1/5</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Rev. John Lynch
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 1/6</b>	8:00 a.m.	+	Richard & Christine Marley
<b>TUE 1/7</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Rosemary & Jack Joseph
<b>WED 1/8</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Brenda Jones
<b>TH 1/9</b>	6:45 a.m.		Greg Dres
<b>FRI 1/10</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Jeremy Knott
<b>SAT 1/11</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Bill Urbanski
<b>SUN 1/12</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Rev. John Lynch
	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, 1/11 @ 5:00 p.m.**  
**Greeters:** Dave Jones/Jeff Kriefels  
**Lectors:** Mike Fowler/John Cronican  
**EMHC:** Carrie Cronican  
**Singers:** Lorraine/Karen/Kathy/Annie Z.  
**Altar Server:**

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

**Sunday, 1/12 @ 9:00 a.m.**  
 Iro & Mary Johnson  
 Beth Anderson/Teresa Belter  
 Ron & Shelley Cacka  
 Jr. Choir/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

- **Monday, Jan. 6th** | Baselight Women's Group @ 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, Jan. 7** | Walthill/Macy Service Trip with Catholic Charities  
- Knights of Columbus meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, Jan. 8th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30am  
- RE (K-6th) @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm  
- 7th & 8th Grade RE @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm  
- Baselight Co-Ed group @ 6:15pm in the chapel
- **Saturday, Jan. 4th** | Baselight Men's group @ 7am  
- Spanish Classes @ 9am in the St. Bernadette RM

### 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 January 7th.** Kindly contact Sue Knott at 402-810-2033 if you would like to come along for this full day of service and community.

### 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 **3:30 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!



### 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 journey and grow in understanding of Scripture and Church teachings. Sunday resources will be on the credenza and links to them will be in the weekly Parish Notes send out through Flocknote.



### 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. Whether you're new to scripture study or a seasoned participant, all are welcome. There are three Baselight Group to join:

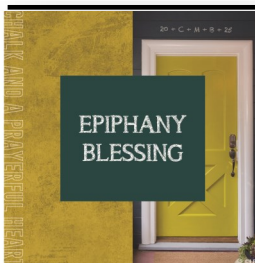
- **Women's Group** | Mondays at 7:30p.m.
- **Men's Group** | Saturdays at 7a.m.
- **Co-ed Group** | Wednesdays at 6:15p.m. in the chapel at St. Joseph's.

If you would like to join one of the groups, contact Amanda Staroscik at [amanda@stjosephspringfield.org](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.

### Epiphany Home Blessing

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. Home Blessing sheets with blessed chalk have been prepared and are in the narthex. All are invited to grab one.



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

(Is 60:1-6)

Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?

#### Second Reading

(Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6)

Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?

#### Gospel Reading

(Matthew 2:1-12)

The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world to know about his Son. When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?

## 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 first gathering will be on **January 5th**. 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).

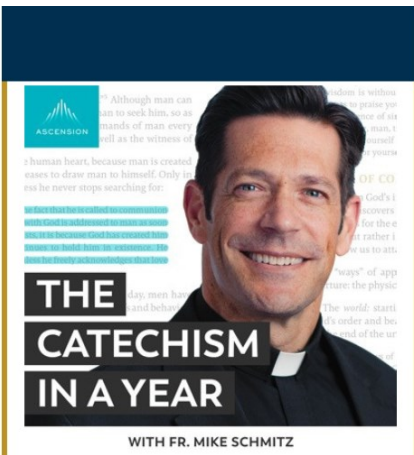


Listen free on the Ascension App!  
Scan this QR code with your phone  
to download the Ascension App — the best  
place to listen to *The Bible in a Year*.



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!*

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place to listen to *The Catechism in a Year*.



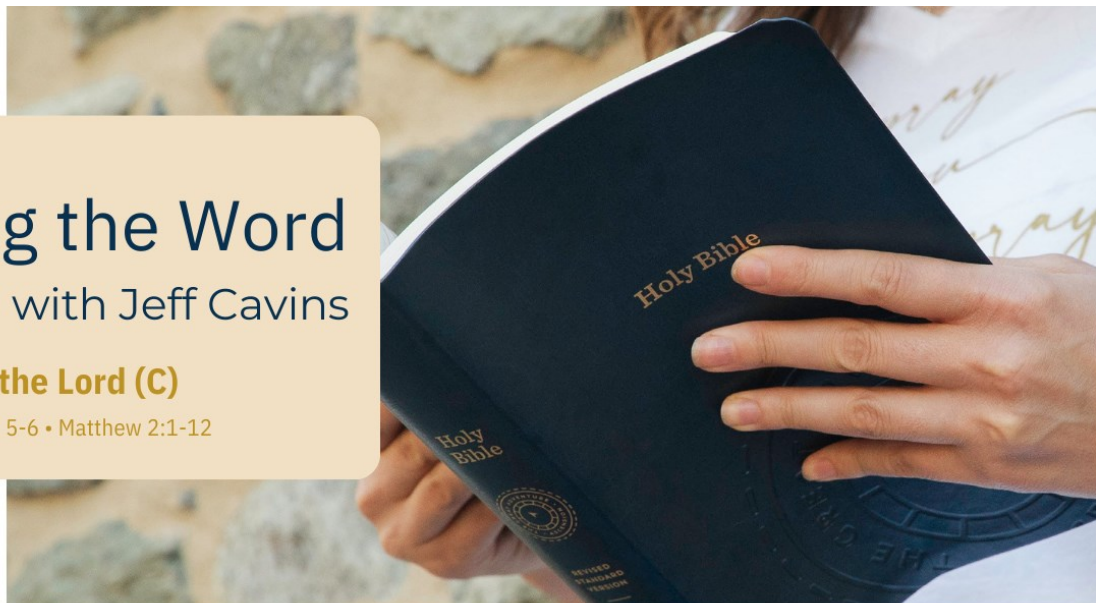


# Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

## The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12



## Suddenly, You Get It!

The word epiphany means “a manifestation, an appearance.” in an epiphany, something becomes apparent to you. Suddenly, you get it. God is trying to communicate his love for the whole world.

In Matthew 2, it says, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea ... behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’” Isaiah says, “Nations shall walk by [the Lord’s] light.” What’s interesting is that when the light of the Lord shines, eventually people start hearing about it, and they come from all around.

Americans experienced this in 2015 when Pope Francis visited Washington, DC; New York; and Philadelphia. The pope showed up with the Good News! He showed up with the light of Christ! And the television and radio networks and newspapers from around the world converged to find out what was going on.

The papal visit got me thinking about how God reveals himself and how a modern-day epiphany can take place. The pope’s role is one of showing us Jesus. In the United States, he showed God’s love in front of the press. What does he do? He gets out of the car, goes to a young boy in a wheelchair, and kisses him. People from all over the world came to hear what the pope had to say and to see what he would do. I would suggest to you that an epiphany took place. Eyes were opened as people saw the mercy of God and the love of God in the simple, powerful actions of the Holy Father.



The Adoration of the Magi by Sandro Botticelli

## Live the Gospel

Jeff Cavins says, “God can speak through you in your actions, and people can see the light of Christ, as Isaiah predicted. People we wouldn’t consider placing in the manger-visitation narrative, like the Magi, were there. God reveals himself today, but he might not do so in ways you thought possible or that you saw coming. It happened during the pope’s visit to the United States, and it happened 2,000 years ago. Perhaps people will see the light of Christ in your life.”

## Dive Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



Or go to:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/feast-of-the-epiphany-c/>

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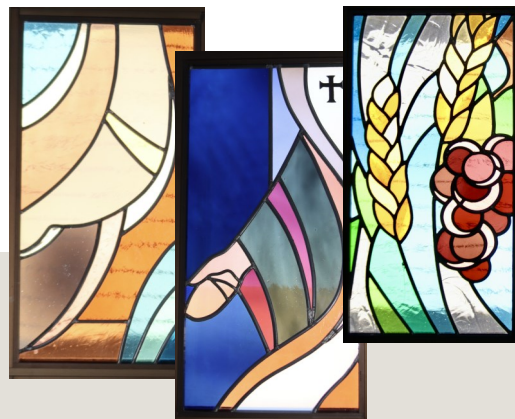
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**Deacon Terry & Karen Ficene**  
**Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger**



**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.  
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 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](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.

**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!).

