

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you who are hungry, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are no weeping, for you will laugh.”
-Luke 6:21

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for putting on the Valentine's Day breakfast this weekend. Thanks, too, to everyone who pitched in for this event!

Prayers for you all for a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

Remember in our Prayers

Let us pray for Margaret Wilson, Bob Green and Eileen Stock. Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.



Buy a Bag of Coffee to Support IXIM

When you purchase a bag of coffee this weekend from IXIM, you will be supporting the efforts in Huehuetenango, Guatemala to provide clean water, improves education and health care, empowers women religious, and deepens our sister-diocese relationship.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration offers a peaceful space to connect with Jesus, bringing clarity and comfort to the soul amid life's challenges. **St. Joseph has Eucharistic Adoration from 7 AM to 9 PM on the first Wednesday of every Month.**

Another place nearby that has Eucharistic Adoration:

- **Ablaze House of Worship on 11501 Fairview Rd** - They have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in their chapel on **Tuesdays from 8 AM to 6:30 PM and Thursdays from 8 AM to 8 PM.**

Weekly Collections

Weekend of February 9th

Offertory.....\$4,491.00
Building Fund.....\$330.00

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated food items for the Stephen Center meal in January. Thank you also to the women that generously gave their time to prepare and serve the meal.



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.

Mass Intentions

SUN 2/16	7:00 a.m.	+	Harold Starks
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 2/17	8:00 a.m.	+	Mark Little
TUE 2/18	6:45 a.m.	+	Mike Liebenritt
WED 2/18	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
TH 2/19	6:45 a.m.	+	Paul Terranova
FRI 2/20	6:45 a.m.		Members of the Military
SAT 2/21	5:00 p.m.	+	Brenda Jones
SUN 2/22	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, 2/22 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jim & Leigh Ann Amerine
Lectors: Jim Amerine/Sharon VanTassell
EMHC: Ted Boro
Singers: Jr. Choir
Altar Server:

Sunday, 2/22 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
Julie Masters
No music

Sunday, 2/23 @ 9:00 AM

Donna Devine/Kathy Irvin
Larry Vacek/Amy Krance-Wendt
Shelley Cacka/Debbie Vacek
Ralph & Co.
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 & Formation

- **Sunday, Feb. 16th** | *LOVE LIFE* Valentine's Day Breakfast after the 9 AM Mass in the Parish Hall
- **Monday, Feb. 17th** | BaseLight Women's Group @ 7:30 PM
- **Wednesday, Feb. 19th** | Senior Game Day @ 1 PM
- NO CGS or RE
- BaseLight Co-Ed group @ 6:15 PM in the chapel
- **Thursday, Feb. 20th** | Family Formation @ 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Saturday, Feb. 22nd** | BaseLight Men's Group @ 7 AM
- Spanish Classes @ 9 AM in the St. Bernadette RM
- **Sunday, Feb 23rd** | Kids' Rosary Making @ 1 PM - 3 PM in the Parish Hall

St Joseph's Parish Retreat

Experience a day of peace, prayer, and renewal at the St. Joseph Parish Retreat—a special *Day of Reflection* 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.

Join a Small Group this LENT

Are you looking to enrich your Lenten season? Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on March 5th this year, and St. Joseph's will have a variety of small group and book study opportunities. You can sign up to join a small group in the narthex, online at our website or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions about joining or leading a small group, contact Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.



Live Lent Together (LLT) small groups:

- **Mondays (Women's)** @ 7:30 PM - at Michelle Tagel's (We will use *Restore* by Sr. Miriam James Heidland.) - Leaders will be Amanda Staroscik/Julie Nieveen
- **Tuesdays (Co-Ed)** @ 6 PM – 7:15 PM at St. Joseph - Leader will be Julie Richards
- **Thursdays (Co-Ed)** @ 7:15 AM - 8:30 AM at St. Joseph's—Leader will be Sharon VanTassell
- **Thursdays (Women's)** @ 6 PM - 7:30 PM at St. Joseph's—Leader will be Candance Callicutt (We will use *RESTORE* by Sr. Miriam James Heidland.)
- **Saturdays (Men's)** @ 7 AM - 8:30 AM at the church rectory—Leader will be Corey Osborn
- **Sundays (Couples group/young children welcomed)** from 3 PM - 4:15 PM at St. Joseph—Leaders will Austin and Noel Arens

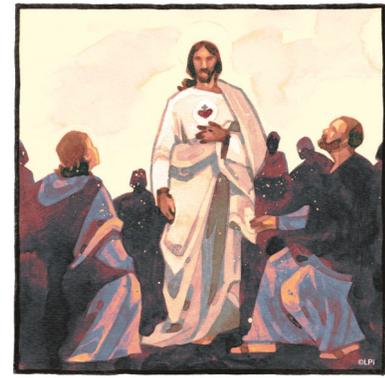
Join us for a Marriage Enrichment Series



Strengthen your relationship and grow together in faith at Rooted in LOVE: a **four-part Marriage Enrichment Series!** Join us on **Sundays, March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 10 AM in the Parish Hall** for a time of encouragement, practical insights, and meaningful conversation. **Attend one session or all!** Childcare will be provided. Simply scan the QR code to sign up online.

What You'll Gain:

- **Practical Tools for Communication** – Learn simple ways to **have meaningful conversations, even about difficult topics**, with love and understanding.
- **Faith-Based Encouragement** – Discover how to **pray together as a couple** and invite God into your marriage.
- **A Renewed Sense of Purpose** – Explore what it means to **put each other first and grow in self-giving love** in marriage.
- **Guidance for Parenting & Passing on the Faith** – Gain insights on **nurturing faith at home, especially when children take a different path.**



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord. When have you had to place your trust in God?

Second Reading

Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. How do you support family and friends who are non-believers?

Gospel Reading

We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?

Children's Rosary Making Fellowship

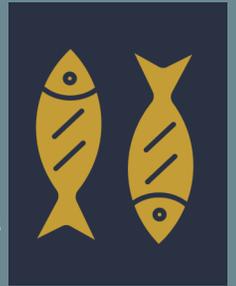
We are so excited to invite everyone to our upcoming **Children's Rosary-Making Event on Sunday, February 23rd, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the parish hall.** Mark your calendar to join us as a family to learn how to and make your own personal rosary.

Thank you for those that have participated in our rosary-making ministry! Your presence every fourth Monday of the month helps strengthen our community and creates meaningful connections. Together, we craft beautiful, handmade rosaries that serve as powerful tools of faith for personal use or special causes.

Lent FISH FRIES

at St. Joseph

March 14 | March 21
April 4 | April 11



Mark your calendars with this year's Fish Fry dates. Doors will be open from **4:30 PM to 7:00 PM!** We will have crispy fish, all the best sides, and plenty of fun for the whole family.

Kids will love the face painting, balloon animals, and ice cream, while the rest of us enjoy great food, drinks and even better company! It's more than just a meal—it's a night of fellowship, laughter, and community.



If you would like to lend a hand working at one of our Fish Fries, scan the QR code to sign up!!

Help us at the NEBRASKA DIAPER BANK



Mark your calendar to join other volunteers from St. Joseph's Parish at the Nebraska Diaper Bank on **Saturday, March 22nd from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM** to help count and bundle diapers for those families in need. Reach out to Amanda Staroscik by email at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org if you would like to come. (Note: Kids must be 12 years of age to volunteer.)

Living out the Works of Mercy at St. Joseph

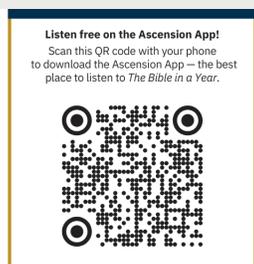
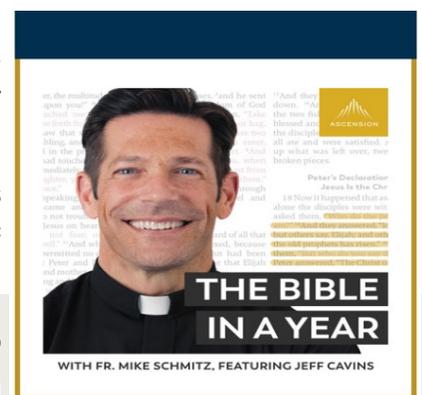
At St. Joseph, we are blessed with many ministries dedicated to serving others with compassion and faith. Rooted in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, these ministries strive to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our parish and community. From preparing meals and visiting the sick to supporting those in need through charitable outreach, these ministries serve as the hands and heart of Christ in the world.

Some of our **Works of Mercy Ministries** include the **Prayer Chain, Care Chain, Funeral Luncheons, Feeding the Flock,** and our **Monthly Charity Corner.** In the coming weeks, we will highlight each of these ministries in the bulletin, sharing more about their mission and how you can get involved. Stay tuned!

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.

Join us and 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



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. No need to sign up, just show up! Email Tim and Kelly if you have any questions at tkjohnson2223@gmail.com.

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.

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.**

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: Monday evening, Wednesday evenings, and Saturday mornings.

If you would like to join one of the groups, contact Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org or Corey Osborn at (402)660-8356.

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 - events tab - calendar **February 19** - "get tickets" at the bottom of the page.

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 TO ME



HEALING RETREAT

Join us for this half-day healing retreat offered by the Archdiocese of Omaha for all who long for healing of past hurts and want to reclaim their identity as a son or daughter of the Father.

COME TO ME 2025 HEALING RETREAT

Saturday, March 29, 2025

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center
5419 N. 114 Street • Omaha, NE 68164

**REGISTER BY
MARCH 21, 2025**

bit.ly/3EmRbxj



For more information, contact the Victim Outreach and Prevention Office: **402.827.3798**

Fellowship will be offered after the retreat • Mass counts for Sunday obligation

Archbishop George Lucas will offer the opening prayer.

Deacon Tim McNeil will provide formation on God's gift of restoration and mercy through a relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. There will also be time for personal reflection and prayer.

Fr. Andy Sohm will offer Reconciliation, Sacrament of Healing, and Mass to embrace the graces of His merciful love for us!



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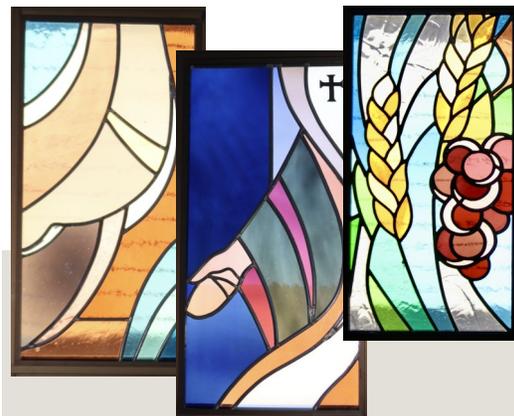
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DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
Deacon Terry & Karen Ficene
Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger



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 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 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.

Monthly Charity Drive

~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild~

During the month of February, St. Joseph will be collecting donations for the Stephen Center of Omaha. Since 1984, Stephen Center has served homeless and low-income individuals in Omaha, growing from a small shelter into a multi-facility campus supporting those overcoming homelessness, addiction, and poverty.

ITEMS NEEDED: lotion, body soap, New/Gently Used twin bed sheets, bath towels, and Men/Women Deodorant

