



# 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.



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

-Luke 6:38

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As we get closer to March 5th--Ash Wednesday--I'm sure one of the Sunday sermons will be some practical tips for approaching Lent. But, it will be here before we know it. As you are planning for how to have a fruitful Lent this year, I want to reiterate my invitation to married couples for our series for marriage enrichment, which will be after the 9am Mass for four consecutive weeks (come for any or or all), starting March 9th. Also, there will be our next parish retreat on March 8th, which will be a Saturday time for rest and renewal. Finally, there will be scripture study with Live Lent Together. There are lots of options for this, and signups are in the church entryway. I hope that this Lent is a great one for all of us!

Have 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.



~March 5th~

**Mass times at St. Joseph:  
6:45 AM & 5:30 PM**

**Weekly Collections**

Weekend of February 16th

Offertory.....\$6,172.00  
Building Fund.....\$210.00

Thank you for your generous tithes. Your faithful giving is a vital part of building our community and sharing Christ's love.



**March Birthdays**

Dave Christensen 1st  
Mary Beth Munsinger 1st

Al Thibault	2nd
Laurel Zelinsky	7th
Tom Pribil	11th
Gary Devine	11th
Jeannie Schiebel	15th
Kathy Biernbaum	15th
Pam Klenda	15th
Joanne Kolar	17th
Donna Urbanski	17th
Dennis Munnely	24th
Henry Looby	31st



**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**

<b>SUN 2/23</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Henry Arens
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 2/124</b>	8:00 a.m.	+	Mark Little
<b>TUE 2/25</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Sr. Mary Caletta
<b>WED 2/26</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
<b>TH 2/27</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Brenda Jones
<b>FRI 2/28</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Jim Kantor
<b>SAT 3/1</b>	8:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
	5:00 p.m.	+	Angela Boro
<b>SUN 3/2</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**

**Sunday, 3/2 @ 7:00 AM**

Mike Kalen  
JoAnn Swanson  
No music

**Sunday, 3/2 @ 9:00 AM**

Justin & Julie Nieveen  
Beth Anderson & Corey Osborn  
Michelle Gustafson  
Ralph & Co./ Mary I.  
Thomas & Liam Sciba

**Saturday, 3/1 @ 5:00 PM**  
**Greeters:** Chuck & Mary Gilmore  
**Lectors:** Marla Kildow/Mike Fowler  
**EMHC:** Carrie Cronican  
**Singers:** St. Columbkille Choir /Candy  
**Altar Server:**

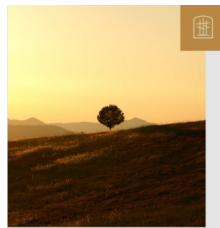
If you are interested in serving St. Joseph parish as a greeter, EMHC, or lector, please contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office at 402-253-2949 or secretary68059@gmail.com.

## Parish Events & Formation

- **Sunday, Feb. 23rd** | Kids' Rosary Making @ 1 PM - 3 PM in the Parish Hall
- **Monday, Feb. 24th** | BaseLight Women's Group @ 7:30 PM
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30 AM - 11 AM
  - RE (k-6) @ 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM
  - 7th/8th grade student & parent session with Fr. Scott @ 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM
- **Saturday, March 1st** | First Saturday Mass @ 8 AM ( Eucharistic Adoration starts at 7 AM)
  - BaseLight Men's Group @ 7 AM
  - Spanish Classes @ 9 AM in the St. Bernadette RM
- **Sunday, March 2nd** | BIAY Monthly Meet up @ 7:45 AM in the St. Bernadette Rm
  - Parish Council Meeting @ 10 AM

### 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](mailto: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—Leader will be Sharon VanTassell
- **Thursdays (Women's)** @ 6 PM - 7:30 PM at St. Joseph—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 (Couple's group—meal and childcare provided)** @ 5pm - 6:30pm at St. Joseph's - Leaders are Austin and Noel Arens

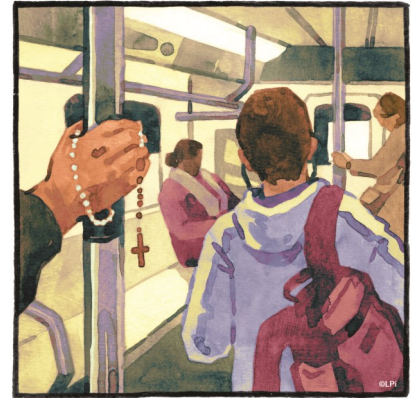
### Join us for a Marriage Enrichment Series



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

King David exercised great restraint in sparing the life of Saul. Can you think of a time when you had to take the high road with a friend or co-worker?

#### Second Reading

Paul speaks of present-day believers as one day bearing the image of Christ (the "heavenly one"). How often do you think about your future life in heaven?

#### Gospel Reading

Jesus presents his followers with some very challenging morals: love your enemy, do not retaliate, and always be willing to forgive. Does this high moral standard seem possible for you personally?

## 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.

## 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](mailto:amanda@stjosephspringfield.org) if you would like to come. (Note: Kids must be 12 years of age to volunteer.)

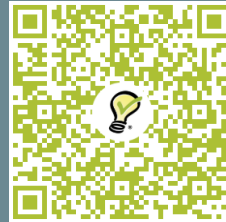
## Lent FISH FRIES at St. Joseph

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!!

## 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 March 4th.** Kindly contact Sue Knott at 402-810-2033 if you would like to come along for this full day of service and community.

### Whispering Roots

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help this coming **Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 8:30 AM - 11 AM** to pack food boxes for their Mobile Pantry in Columbus, NE! Volunteers need to be at Whispering Roots Warehouse at 2624 Edward Babe Gomez Ave, Omaha, NE 68107. Volunteers will not travel to Columbus but help pack the food boxes

## 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](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration-parish)

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.



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](mailto: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.**

## 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** (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.**
- **St. Columbkille** (200 E Sixth St in Papillion) - They have Eucharistic Adoration from **1 PM to 9 PM on the first Thursday on every month.**



## 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.**

### ~Prayer Chain~

Prayer is a powerful way to support one another, especially in difficult times. Our **Parish Prayer Chain** brings our parish community together to lift up those in need—whether facing illness, loss, or personal struggles. We use **Flocknote** to share prayer requests, making it easy to stay connected and respond in faith. To join our Prayer Chain and be part of this ministry, you can scan the QR code.



If you or someone you know would like to request prayers, please reach out to Julie Richards at 402-881-2407.

# COME TO ME



Isaiah 55

## 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](https://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!



PASTOR.....**Father Scott Hastings**  
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 402.827.3854 - Office

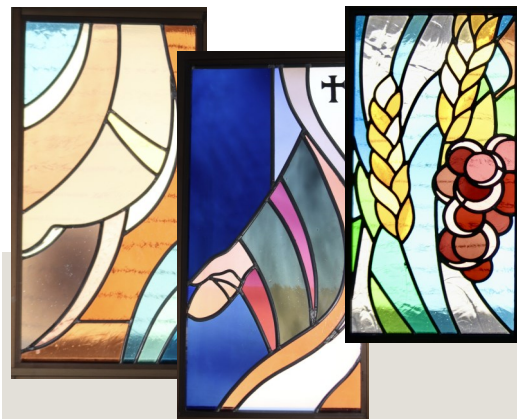
PARISH SECRETARY.....**Sharon VanTassell**  
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 402.881.2407

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 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.

**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

