

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:

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
6:45AM & 5:30PM

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.



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produce evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

-Luke 6:43, 45

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

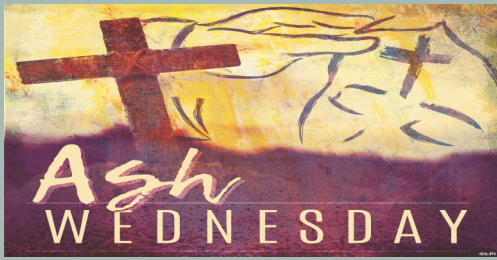
Lent begins this week. By way of reminder, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

You may have seen in the *Parish Notes* email that we are putting together a parish business directory. If you would like to be listed with your own business, please have a look at that email and include it so that other parishioners can support your work.
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 23rd

Offertory.....\$909.00
Building Fund.....\$247.50

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



**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.

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. During the Lent and Easter seasons, we will also have Eucharistic Adoration from 7 PM - 9 PM on March 17th, April 21st, May 19th.*



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 every Thursday during Lent.**

Mass Intentions

SUN 3/2	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 3/3	8:00 a.m.	+	Mark Little
TUE 3/4	6:45 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
WED 3/5	6:45 a.m.		Andrew & Ruth Laux
	5:30 p.m.		Priest's Intention
TH 3/6	6:45 a.m.	+	Brenda Jones
FRI 3/7	6:45 a.m.	+	Bro. Wm. Woeger
	2:00 p.m.		Priest's Intentions
SAT 3/8	5:00 p.m.	+	Jin Kantor
SUN 3/9	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Bro. Wm. Woeger

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

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 3/8 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks
Lectors: John Cronican/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Singers: Lorraine/Karen/Candy
Altar Server:

Sunday, 3/9 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
Julie Masters
No music

Sunday, 3/9 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Teresa Belter/Jeff Needels
Jeff Needles
Jr. Choir
Peter Sciba & Dominic Cacka

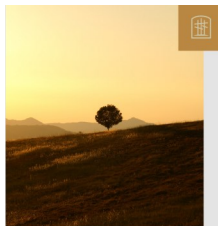
If you are interested in serving St. Joseph parish as a greeter, EMHC, or lector, please contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office at 402-253-2949 or secretary68059@gmail.com.

Parish Events & Formation

- **Sunday, March 2nd** | BIAY Monthly Meet up @ 7:45 AM in the St. Bernadette Rm
- Parish Council Meeting @ 10 AM
- **Monday, Mar. 3rd** | BaseLight Women's Group @ 7:30 PM
- **Tuesday, Mar. 4th** | Knights of Columbus Monthly mtg @ 7 PM
- **Wednesday, Mar. 5th** | Eucharistic Adoration from 7 AM - 9 PM
- Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 6:45 AM & 5:30 PM
- NO RE or Preschool CGS
- **Friday, Mar. 7th** | First Friday Anointing Mass @ 2 PM
- **Saturday, Mar. 8th** | Parish Retreat @ 8:30 AM - 3 PM (at Ablaze House of Worship)
- **Sunday, Mar. 9th** | Rooted in LOVE: Marriage Enrichment Series Part 1 @ 10 AM 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

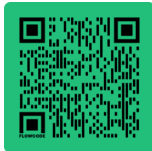
Looking to enrich your Lenten journey? With Ash Wednesday approaching, our small groups will be gathering for the first time this week. Groups meet every day of the week, offering a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and community. To learn more or sign up, visit our website and click on "LLT Small Groups" on the homepage, check out the paper signup in the narthex, or scan the QR code.

If you have questions about joining or leading a small group, contact Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.



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, or you can sign up in the narthex.



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

Sirach teaches us to pay attention to how people speak; it reveals a lot. How often do you find yourself weighing your words before speaking?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection as taking away the "string" and "victory" of death. What words of comfort do you use to those grieving over the death of a loved one?

Gospel Reading

Jesus encourages his followers to be humble in judgement of others and mindful in speech. Have you had good role models in your life for these virtues?

Knights of Columbus & Ladies Guild Scholarships

Scholarship applications for St. Joseph's seniors are now available, with separate applications for the Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus. The Ladies' Guild offers one \$1,500 scholarship and up to three \$1,000 scholarships, with applications due by **March 15 at 10 p.m.** to Father Scott's mailbox. The Knights of Columbus will award up to five scholarships, including the \$1,500 William Biernbaum Scholarship, with applications due by **March 9 at 10 a.m.** Preference for Knights' scholarships is given to active Knights of Columbus family members. Applications for both are available on the church credenza.

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.**

~Care Chain~

The Care Chain is a network of parishioners committed to supporting one another in times of need. Whether through a phone call, a meal, a ride, or simply offering prayers, we strive to be the hands and heart of Christ for each other.

We use Flocknote to share requests, making it easy to respond when help is needed. If you feel called to be part of this ministry, scan the QR code to join us.



If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, kindly reach out to Julie Richards by phone at 402-881-2407.

Lent FISH FRIES

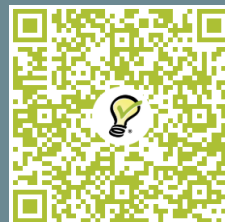
at St. Joseph

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 Tuesday, 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.

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.)

Lent Resources

As we enter into this season of Lent, we are invited to journey deeper into the heart of Christ—a heart overflowing with mercy, grace, and love. This is a time to pause, reflect, and allow His presence to renew us. Lent is not merely about what we give up but about what we open ourselves to receive. Jesus longs to meet you where you are, to draw you close, and to pour His love into your heart. *Will you enter this season with an openness to His graces?*

- **Rice Bowls and FASTING cubes**

CRS Rice Bowls and Fasting Cubes are available in the narthex for you to take home. Donations from the Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' global efforts and help fight hunger in our local community.

- **Lent Devotionals**

Lenten devotionals are available in the narthex to help you reflect and pray throughout the season. *Wilderness*, a devotional by Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN, invites you to journey into the wilderness of your heart with Jesus, embracing His love and grace this Lent.

- **Lenten Calendars**

Lent calendars are available in the narthex for families to take and use this Lent season. This simple yet meaningful guide offers daily reflections, prayers, and actions to help you walk with Christ throughout the season.

PASTOR.....**Father Scott Hastings**
 sahastings@archomaha.org
 402.827.3854 - Office

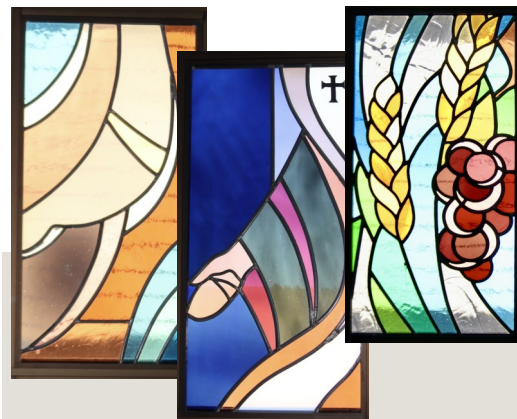
PARISH SECRETARY.....**Sharon VanTassell**
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 402.203.4708 - Home

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR.....**Sherry Huntwork**
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COMMUNICATIONS, EVENTS & EVANGALIZATION COORDINATOR.....**Amanda Staroscik**
 amanda@stjosephspringfield.org
 402.659.3138

PRAYER CHAIN & CARE CHAIN CONTACT.....**Julie Richards**
 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 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

