



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:

Check the website for Mass 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’ “

-Luke 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,
 This Sunday marks the midpoint of Lent. It is called "Laetare Sunday", meaning, "Be Joyful Sunday". Why be joyful? Because Jesus was dead and now He lives. Even in the midst of a season of penance and repentance, we look forward to Easter because it is the day of our redemption. I encourage you to take some time this weekend to start planning deliberately about Easter. How will you celebrate it? If you get together with family and friends, how will this gathering be different from others? In particular, I invite you to come to the Easter Vigil. It will start late at 8:45pm, but it is the central liturgy of the whole year, dramatic and beautiful. 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.

Let us keep in our prayers, Bob Carmichael and Kathy Biernbaum, beloved members of our parish who have recently passed away. May God grant them eternal rest and surround their families with comfort and peace during this difficult time. Amen.



Eucharistic Adoration

Jesus is waiting for you. He longs to spend time with you, to pour His love into your heart, and to bring you peace in His presence. Come and sit with Him in the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration on **Wednesday, April 4th, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM**, and **Monday, April 28th, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. He desires so genuinely to be with you—will you come and be with Him for a while? Whether you stay for five minutes or an hour, take this time to rest in His love and grace.



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**.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Weekly Collections

Weekend of March 22nd & 23rd
 Offertory.....\$3,076.00
 Building Fund.....\$335.00



Nancy Heideman April 1st
Charlotte Vodicka April 18th
Genene Bowen April 23rd
Dennis Kelly April 26th
JoAnn Kelly April 27th

Mass Intentions

SUN 3/30	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Joe Pawleski Jr.
MON 3/31	8:00 a.m.		Henry Looby
TUE 4/1	6:45 a.m.	+	Mike Liebenritt
WED 4/2	6:45 a.m.	+	Rev. Alan Loth
TH 4/3	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
FRI 4/4	6:45 a.m.	+	Jim Kantor
	2:00 p.m.		Priest's Intention
SAT 4/5	8:00 a.m.		Priest's intention
	5:00 p.m.	+	Brenda Jones
SUN 3/30	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 4/5 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Kathleen Pratt/Jeff Kriefels
Lectors: Marla Kildow/Sharon VanTassell
EMHC: Leigh Ann Amerine
Singers: Lorraine/Karen/Candy
Altar Server:

Sunday, 4/6 @ 7:00 AM

Beth Anderson
 JoAnn Swanson
 No music

Sunday, 4/6 @ 9:00 AM

The Raemaker Family
 Larry Vacek
 Tim Johnson
 Amy Krance-Wendt
 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.

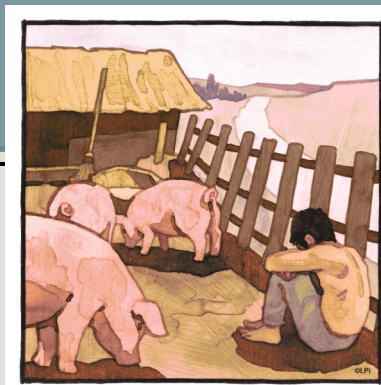
Parish Events & Formation

- **Sunday, Mar. 30th** | Rooted in LOVE: Marriage Enrichment Series Part 4 @ 10 AM in the Parish Hall
-Youth Group - Cookie Baking for "Feeding the Flock Ministry" @ 4pm - 6pm
- **Wednesday, Apr. 2nd** | Eucharistic Adoration 7am - 9pm
- Preschool CGS @ 9:30am - 11am
- RE @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- **Friday, Apr. 4th** | First Friday Anointing Mass @ 2pm
-Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm in sanctuary
- Fish Fry (Doors open at 4:30pm - 7pm)
- **Saturday, Apr. 5th** | First Saturday Mass @ 8am (Expositions starts at 7:15am)
- **Sunday, Apr. 6th** | Parish Council Meeting @ 11am

Join a Small Group this LENT

Looking to enrich your Lenten journey? There is still time to join a Live Lent Together small group. Groups meet once a week to reflect on Scripture and discuss what is stirring in their hearts. To learn more or sign up, visit our website and click on "LLT Small Groups" on the homepage or scan the QR code.

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



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

As Israel settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised land), the learned God removed the "reproach" of Egypt from them and they discovered about yourself or others during this season of Lent?

Second Reading

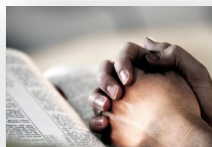
Paul taught that reconciliation with God and with each other was key to being a "new Creation". How often do you experience reconciliation with God or with others?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, in a real sense both sons are lost. How might you help a lost family member or friend this week?

Sunday Morning Book Study: An Introduction to Prayer

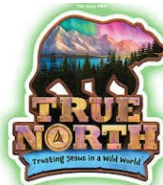
Prayer captivates the human heart—even those who question faith find themselves drawn to it. But what exactly is prayer? How does it work, and how can we grow in this essential spiritual practice?



Join us starting April 6th at 10:15AM in the St. Bernadette Rm as we explore *An Introduction to Prayer* by Bishop Robert Barron, a collection of rich yet accessible reflections on the Catholic tradition of prayer. This inspiring book answers fundamental questions like **why we pray, how to pray, and what the great spiritual masters teach about deepening our relationship with God**. Whether you're new to prayer or seeking to strengthen your spiritual life, this discussion will offer valuable insights and encouragement. Contact Deacon Terry at 402-677-5643 to sign up and to get a your copy of the book.

VBS - TRUE NORTH

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure! Join us from 1:30PM - 4:30PM on June 23rd-27th for *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* Through exciting activities, engaging lessons, and tons of fun, kids will discover how to navigate life's challenges by keeping their eyes on Jesus. Don't miss out—**online registration opens soon!** Find more information on St. Joseph's website. Stay tuned!



Steeplechase FUN 5K Run/1 Mile Walk

Get ready to move! Join us for the Steeplechase 5K Run & 1-Mile Walk during **Springfield Days on Saturday, June 7th**. The race will begin at 8:30AM. Whether you're racing to the finish or enjoying a leisurely stroll, this fun event is a great way to celebrate community and fitness. **Online registration opens soon** on St. Joseph's website.

Lent FISH FRIES at St. Joseph April 4 | April 11

Two Fish Fries down and two more to go! Mark your calendars to join us for the next three. Doors will be open from 4:30PM to 7:00PM! We will have crispy fish and shrimp, 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.



The success of our Fish Fries are because of all our AMAZING volunteers! We are still in need of help for the next three. Thank you to all who have helped already at our first two Fish Fries. If you would like to lend a hand working at one of our Fish Fries, scan the QR code to sign up!!



A HUGE thank you!!

Thank you to Sara Wyatt, Henry Looby and the family of Ann and James Kavanaugh for preparing and serving the meal at the Stephen Center on March 17. Thank you for your service!



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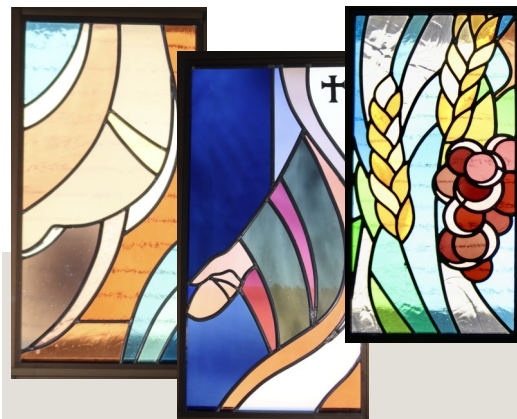
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DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
Deacon Terry & Karen Ficene
Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger



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/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 AM. Weekly bulletins can be found on our website www.stjospehspringfield.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~

St. Joseph is launching *Feeding the Flock*, a new meal ministry to prepare and freeze main courses and baked goods for parishioners in need. Volunteers are welcome to help cook, assemble, or deliver meals, which will be stored and supplemented with fresh items as needed for those experiencing life changes, health challenges, or other special circumstances. We'll begin scheduling kitchen dates in late March, and in the meantime, we gratefully accept pantry donations or grocery gift cards—items needed for donation can be found on the flyer near the charity corner in the church's narthex. For questions or meal requests, please contact Laurel Zelinski (402-933-7554) or Sue Knott (402-253-8432).

