



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:

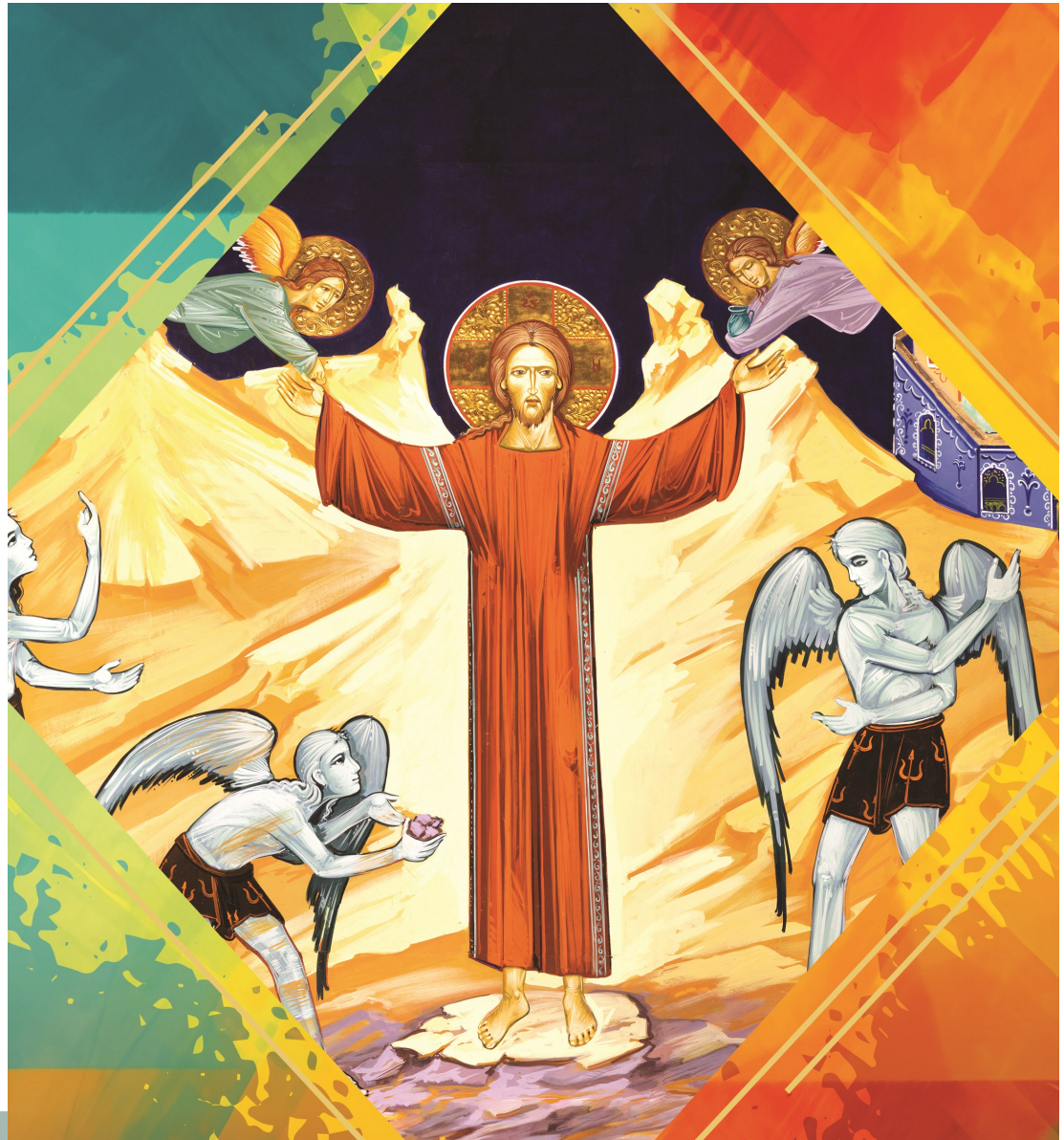
Check the website for Mass times.

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.



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The devil said to Jesus, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God and him alone shall you serve." -Luke 4:6-8

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

I would like to say thank you to someone who left a very kind gift anonymously for me a couple of weeks ago. It came with a box of chocolates in my mailbox. Thank you very much!

As we head into Lent, encourage us all to think about making time for a good confession, which can really assist in preparing for Easter. We've got confessions seven days a week, 30 minutes before daily Mass and the 7am Sunday, and 45 minutes before the 5pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. We'll have some extra times during Holy Week, too.

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.



Weekly Collections

Weekend of March 1st & 2nd

- Offertory.....\$4,955.00
- Building Fund.....\$630.00
- Catholic Relief.....\$40.00
- Black & Indian.....\$25.00

Please note that there is a correction from last week's bulletin: the Building Fund was \$247, Black and Indian collection was \$60, and the offertory was \$11,849.

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 3/9	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		Bro. Wm. Woeger
MON 3/10	8:00 a.m.	+	Mark Little
TUE 3/11	6:45 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
WED 3/12	6:45 a.m.	+	Joseph & Fanni Ferri
TH 3/13	6:45 a.m.	+	Brenda Jones
FRI 3/14	6:45 a.m.	+	Jim Kantor
SAT 3/15	5:00 p.m.	+	Angela Boro
SUN 3/16	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Shirley Riha

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

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.

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 3/15 @ 5:00 PM
Greeters: Dave Jones/Jeff Kreifels
Lectors: Sharon VanTassell/Ken Patry
EMHC: Leigh Ann Amerine
Singers: Men's Choir/Candy
Altar Server:

Sunday, 3/16 @ 7:00 AM
 Mike Kalen
 JoAnn Swanson
 No music

Sunday, 3/16 @ 9:00 AM
 The Staroscik Family
 Bob Zielinski
 Galen Klenda
 Amy Wendt-Krance
 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. 9th** | Rooted in LOVE: Marriage Enrichment Series Part 1 @ 10 AM in the Parish Hall
- **Tuesday, Mar. 11th** | Ladies Guild Monthly mtg @ 7 PM
- **Wednesday, Mar. 12th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30 AM - 11 AM
- RE @ 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM
- 7th/8th @ 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Friday, Mar. 14th** | Fish Fry - Doors open @ 4:30 PM - 7 PM
- Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 PM in sanctuary
- **Sunday, Mar. 16th** | Donut Sunday after 9 AM Mass in the Parish Hall
- Rooted in LOVE: Marriage Enrichment Series Part 2 @ 10 AM

Join a Small Group this LENT

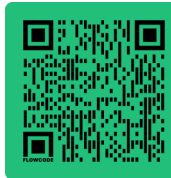


Looking to enrich your Lenten journey? This is still time to join a Live Lent Together small group. Groups meet once a week to reflect on Scripture and discuss what is stirring in their hearts. To learn more or sign up, visit our website and click on "LLT Small Groups" on the homepage or scan the QR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

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

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.**

Works of Mercy Ministry: Service Opportunity

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 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 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.

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



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of remembering the story of their release from Egyptian slavery. This event defined them as a people loved by God. What is a story from your family that has helped define you?

Second Reading

Paul encouraged the Christians in Rome to have a genuine faith in Jesus in both heart and mind. As the season of Lent begins, how might you show others the sincerity of your faith?

Gospel Reading

We hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil as he was preparing to begin his public ministry. What temptation can you confront this Lent?

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.**

Feeding the Flock

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...” Matthew 25:35-37

Beginning this Lenten season, St. Joseph will launch a new ministry—*Feeding the Flock*—dedicated to preparing and freezing main course meals and baked goods for parishioners in need. This parish-wide initiative welcomes volunteers to help with meal preparation and delivery as needed.

Our plan is to gather in the parish hall kitchen once a month—or every six weeks, depending on demand—to prepare and freeze a variety of soups, casseroles, baked sweet breads, and cookies, all of which store well. These frozen meals can then be supplemented with fresh vegetables, salads, and other items to support parishioners experiencing significant life events, such as the birth of a child, recovery from surgery, health challenges, or other special needs.

We will begin scheduling kitchen dates toward the end of March and into early April. In the meantime, we welcome donations of shelf-stable pantry items or grocery gift cards in any denomination to help purchase fresh ingredients and meat. The Ladies Guild has generously designated Charity Corner donations for the month of March to stock our pantry.

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks! If you have any questions or know someone who could benefit from a meal, please contact Laurel Zelinski at 402-933-7554 or Sue Knott at 402-253-8432

Items Needed:

- 1lb bags of brown sugar (4)
- 1 lb bags of white sugar (3)
- 1 lb bags of powdered sugar (3)
- Baking powder (1 container)
- Baking soda (2 boxes)
- Instant yeast (envelopes or jar)
- Bags of chocolate or peanut butter chips (6)
- Cocoa powder (2 containers)
- Canned evaporated milk
- Canned sweetened condensed milk
- Canola oil (2-3 bottles)
- Cream of chicken soup, Cream of chicken with herbs (12 cans)
- Chicken broth (6 cans, 3 cartons)
- Assorted dried pasta (spaghetti, lasagna, bowtie etc)
- Canned kidney or small red beans (without chili seasoning)
- Stewed or plain canned tomatoes (large cans 3-4)
- 2 lb bags of white flour (3 bags)
- Large cans of pureed pumpkin (3)
- Barbecue sauce (any kind)
- Ketchup
- Large containers of unsweetened applesauce (3)
- Dijon mustard
- Maple syrup
- Mayonnaise (4 small containers)
- Rice wine, red wine, apple cider, balsamic vinegars
- Soy sauce (2 bottles)
- Worcestershire sauce (3 bottles)
- Canned white meat chicken in water (3-6 large cans)
- Minute or other chicken-flavored rice (6 boxes)
- Velveeta cheese (2 packages)
- Cinnamon, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika
- 1-gallon size freezer bags (3 boxes)
- 1-quart size freezer bags (3 boxes)
- Freezer containers of various sizes
- Gift cards in any amount to shop for fresh items at Walmart, Costco, Sams Club, Hy-Vee etc.

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.

- **Old Palms**

There is a basket in the narthex where you can dispose of your old palm branches from last year.

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 402.827.3854 - Office

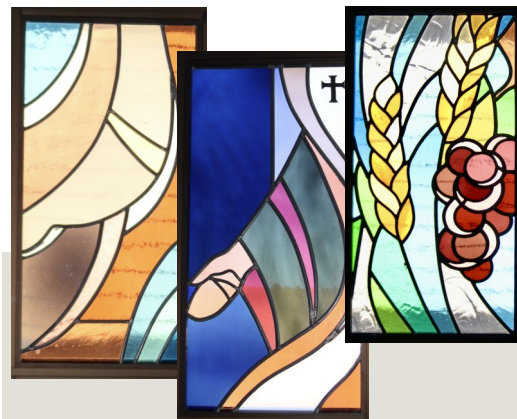
PARISH SECRETARY.....**Sharon VanTassell**
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PRAYER CHAIN & CARE CHAIN CONTACT.....**Julie Richards**
 402.881.2407

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/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.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~

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 this week's bulletin insert. For questions or meal requests, please contact Laurel Zelinski (402-933-7554) or Sue Knott (402-253-8432).