



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 you generous giving! Your financial support is vital to the well-being of our church and parish ministries.



EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 24:1b-3

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Jesus is truly Risen! I hope that this day is filled with joy for you and your families. It is the feast of our salvation!

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. To commemorate this, we will have adoration between the 7am and 9am Masses, with benediction on Sunday just before the 9am Mass. We have also postponed donuts--which would ordinarily be this weekend--to next weekend.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

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 **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**.

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

Mass Intentions

SUN 4/20	7:00 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 4/21	8:00 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
TUE 4/22	6:45 a.m.	+	Bob Carmichael
WED 4/23	6:45 a.m.	+	Joshua Beck
TH 4/24	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
FRI 4/25	6:45 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
SAT 4/26	5:00 p.m.	+	Steven Bryl
SUN 4/27	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		David Beck

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

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 12th & 13th

Offertory.....	\$3,440.00
Building Fund.....	\$320.00
Easter.....	\$50.00

Sunday Mass Attendance Count

Next Count: July 2025

April 2024:	424
July 2024:	381
October 2024:	378
January 2025:	384
April 2025:	457

What is the appropriate way to discard blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday?

1. Bring them to church and place in basket in the narthex.
2. Bury them outside
3. Burn them



Saturday, 4/26 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks
Lectors: Jim Amerine/Sharon VanTassell
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Singers: Jr. Choir
Altar Server:

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 4/27 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
Julie Masters

Sunday, 4/27 @ 9:00 AM

Justin & Julie Nieveen
Joe Boro/Amy Krance-Wendt
Shelley Cacka
Ralph & Co.
Lauren & Mason Reed

Parish Events & Formation

- **Wednesday, Apr. 23rd** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30am-11am
- RE @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- 7th/8th graders @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm (parent session)
- **Sunday, Apr. 27th** | Exposition & Adoration following the 7am Mass until 8:50am
- Donut Sunday following the 9am Mass
- Introduction to Prayer: Book Study with Deacon Terry @ 10am in the St. Bernadette Rm
- **Monday, April 28th** | Candlelit Eucharistic Adoration @ 7pm - 9pm (meditative music & confessions)

Eastern Nebraska Offices on Aging (ENOA)

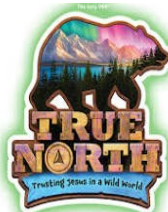
A representative from ENOA will be at St. Joseph's after each mass on the weekend of April 27th, offering guidance, answering questions, and sharing resources for those navigating the challenges of caretaking. We encourage you to join us to learn more about the support available to you or your loved ones during this important stage of life.

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. VBS is for kids 4yrs old to 6th grade and cost \$20/child.



Don't miss out—**online registration is NOW OPEN** Scan the QR code or head over the www.stjosephspeingfield.org/vbs to find more information. See you on the tundra!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In his speech, Peter emphasizes that he and the Apostles were chosen as “witnesses” to tell others of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Have you ever told anyone why you believe in Jesus?

Second Reading

Paul urges the Corinthians to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection with sincerity and truth. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

Gospel Reading

We hear how Mary of Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple initially react to seeing Jesus' empty tomb. How do you share news with others?

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 is NOW OPEN** on St. Joseph's website or scan the QR code!



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 Sundays 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. 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.

2025-2026 Religious Education Registration NOW OPEN!

Similar to this year, St. Joseph will be offering two wonderful options for formation:

~**Traditional Religious Education (TRE) Classes** – This will be weekly classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:15pm - 7:30pm, where children grow in their faith alongside their peers through age-appropriate lessons, prayer, and activities.

~**Family Faith Formation (FF)** – A dynamic program where the whole family comes together one Wednesday evening a month from 5:30pm - 7:30pm to share a meal and explore and learn how to live out our Catholic faith. (Please note: If you have a child in 7th/8th grade, we are including for Confirmation Prep into FF for the 2025-2026 year.)



Whether your family prefers the consistency of weekly classes or the shared journey of learning together, we have a path that will help your children grow in love and knowledge of God and the Catholic faith. We can't wait to walk with your family in faith this coming year! Scan the QR code to register. If you have any questions, kindly reach out to Father Scott at sahasting@archomaha.org or Sherry Huntwork at shuntwork@msn.com.

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 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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

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~

During the month of January, we will be collecting donations to help the ENOA (Eastern Nebraska Office On Aging). The ENOA supports older adults seeking ways to be involved in the community through volunteer programming as well as information and assistance and caregiver support. The items that are most needed are: **Laundry soap (small containers), Dish soap, Hand soap, Hand sanitizer, Disinfectant wipes, Walmart or HyVee gift cards.**

~We are grateful for the consistent support and generosity shown through the donations. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting the charities and organizations we help through the Charity Corner.



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.

