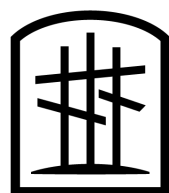


May 11th, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter



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:

May 29th(Ascension).....6PM

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. - John 10:27

Excerpts from the lectionary for Mass copyright 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

100 S. 9th St., Springfield, NE 68059

402.253.2949

stjosephspringfield.org

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

On this Mother's Day weekend, let's all take a moment to remember how the Lord loves us so much that He chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. She always keeps us close to her Son, and when we ask her for that gift, it always comes!

Have a great week!

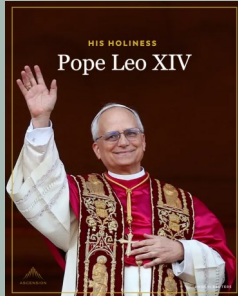
Best,
Fr. Scott

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.

Habemus Papam! (We have a Pope!)

The joyful cry of "Habemus Papam!" from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica still resonates in our hearts today. With deep joy and hope, we welcome the election of Pope Leo XIV.



Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV and new installed, Archbishop Rev. Michael McGovern, as they shepherd the global and local church guided by the Holy Spirit.

Interested in Serving St. Joseph Parish?

We're looking for dedicated, faith-filled registered parishioners who are interested in serving on the **Parish Council** or **Finance Committee**. There are **two open seats on the Parish Council** and **one seat on the Finance Committee**. If you feel called to help guide the mission and stewardship of our parish, we'd love to hear from you!

Please reach out to Father Scott by May 21st if you're interested or would like more information. Your gifts and perspective can make a real difference!

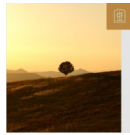


Weekly Collections

Weekend of May 3rd & 4th

Offertory.....\$3,225.00
Building Fund.....\$125.00
Easter.....\$25.00
Home & World Mission.....\$605.00

Come Away and Rest: A Day of Recollection at St. Joseph Parish Retreat



Step away from the noise and reconnect with God at the **St. Joseph Parish Retreat**—a peaceful day of prayer, reflection, and renewal. Join us on **Saturday, June 14th from 8:30 AM to 3 PM** at the **Ablaze House of Prayer** (115th & Fairview Rd.). The retreat includes inspiring talks on prayer by Fr. Scott, Mass, lunch, and quiet time to rest your soul and enjoy the beautiful grounds. Reach out to Father Scott or Amanda Staroscik if you would like to join us.

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 the **first Wednesday of every month from 7 AM to 9 PM** at St. Joseph. We will also have the opportunity **Monday, May 19th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. This adoration time is candlelit and has meditative music.

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**.



Mass Intentions

SUN 5/11	7:00 a.m.	+	Brother William Worger
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 5/12	8:00 a.m.		
TUE 5/13	6:45 a.m.		
WED 5/14	6:45 a.m.		
TH 5/15	6:45 a.m.	+	
FRI 5/16	6:45 a.m.		
SAT 5/17	5:00 p.m.	+	
SUN 5/18	7:00 a.m.	+	
	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

Saturday, 5/10 @ 5:00 PM

Sunday, 5/11 @ 7:00 AM

Sunday, 5/11 @ 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Lectors:
EMHC:
Singers:
Altar Server:

Parish Events & Formation

- **Sunday, May 11th** | Mother Day Brunch
- **Tuesday, May 13th** | Ladies Guild monthly meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, May 14th** | Religious Ed. Closing Mass & Ice Cream Social @ 5:30pm (all TRE, FF, and CGS Preschool students and families are invited to attend!)
| Grill Out with the Youth Group after the RE Mass @ 5:30pm behind the rectory (all Youth Group, 7th and 8th grade students and families are invited to attend)
- **Sunday, May 18th** |

Mother's Day Brunch ~ Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus warmly invite all moms, grandmas, and mother figures to a Mother's Day Brunch in the parish hall after the **9:00 AM Mass this Sunday, May 12.**

Come enjoy a delicious spread of pancakes, pastries, sausage, and fresh fruit—a small way for us to say thank you for all the big ways you love and care for others. We hope you'll join us for this special morning of food, fellowship, and appreciation!



It's Mowing Season at St. Joseph!

It's mowing season at St. Joseph, and we'd love your help keeping our parish grounds looking great! We provide all the equipment, offer on-site training, and can even pair you with a mowing buddy if you'd prefer not to go it alone. To learn more or volunteer, call Ralph at 402-707-8426.

Serve with Purpose at the Stephen Center

We are looking for a group of volunteers to prepare and serve a meal to about 150 people at the Stephen Center on Monday, June 16th. This is a beautiful opportunity to live out Christ's call to serve those in need.

→ Volunteers will work alongside Stephen Center staff to prepare and serve the meal. The total time commitment is about 2.5 hours. *Not able to stay and serve?* You can still take part by preparing and dropping off the food—the staff will take it from there.

→ The parish offers up to \$300 reimbursement for food expenses.

Serving at the Stephen Center is more than a task—it's a chance to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. If you feel called to serve, please contact: Angie Iverson 402-203-0723 or Ann Kavanaugh 402-679-0659.

Vacation Bible School and the Steeplechase 5K & Fun Run!

Whether you're looking to grow in your faith, give your kids a joyful summer experience, or enjoy a morning of community fun, there's something for everyone at St. Joseph this season.

Scan the QR codes in the bulletin or visit stjosephspringfield.org to sign up today—we can't wait to see you there!



Get Safe Environment Certified!

We invite all parishioners to attend Safe Environment training on **Tuesday, May 27th, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Safe Environment certification is encouraged for all parishioners and is required by the Archdiocese of Omaha for anyone volunteering at church events and functions.

To register, scan the QR code or visit <https://omaha.cmgconnect.org/>



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Paul and Barnabas resistance from some of the Jews and leaders of the city of Antioch. What sustains you in difficult and challenging experiences?

Second Reading

John sees a vision on which those who have suffered and died for the faith are comforted by God and relieved of their distress. Is there a family member or friend you could comfort this week?

Gospel Reading

We hear how Jesus gives eternal life to all who follow him. How does following Jesus impact your work or family life?



Exciting Events Are Heating Up at St. Joseph This Summer — Don't Miss Out!

- **Parish Tailgate & BBQ Cook-Off** – Bring the flavor and the friendly competition! Whether you're a backyard grill master or just love good food and fun, mark your calendar for our summer cook-off. Details coming soon—get those grills (and appetites) ready!
- **Young Women's Bible Study** – For young women from **high school juniors to mid-20s**, This will be a space to discover who you are in Christ and the purpose He has for your life. We will start the **first week in June**.
- **Firepit Fellowship:** *Good fire. Good guys. Real conversation.* Pull up a chair and hang out around the fire with other men of the parish for an evening of connection and honest talk about life, purpose, and what really matters. No pressure—just a chance to slow down and show up.



More information will be coming in the following weeks!

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

PARISH SECRETARY.....**Sharon VanTassell**
sharon@stjosephspringfield.org
402.203.4708 - Home

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR & SAFE
ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR.....**Sherry Huntwork**
shuntwork@msn.com
402.253.2949 ext. 4 - Office

COMMUNICATIONS, EVENTS & EVANGALIZATION
COORDINATOR.....**Amanda Staroscik**
amanda@stjosephspringfield.org
402.659.3138

PRAYER CHAIN & CARE CHAIN CONTACT.....**Julie Richards**
402.881.2407

FEEDING THE FLOCK MINISTRY.....**Sue Knott/Laurel Zielinski**
Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
Deacon Terry & Karen Ficenec
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.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 sharon@stjosephspringfield.org or 402-253-2949. If there are updates or corrections, please let us know.



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.

Monthly Charity Drive ~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild~

Support our Furry Friends this May as we collect essential supplies to help care for animals in need! All donations will benefit the **Humane Society**, supporting their work to feed, comfort, and care for pets waiting for their forever homes.

- Please consider donating **any of the following high-need items**: cat and dog food (unopened or securely sealed), canned chicken, canned Vienna sausages, peanut butter (xylitol-free), Churu cat treats, soft dog treats, spray cheese, and hot dogs. scoopable cat litter, open litter boxes (small or large), clean towels and blankets, tied fleece blankets, puppy pads, paper lunch bags, and resealable plastic bags (sandwich or gallon size). **Toys and enrichment supplies are also appreciated, including** cat toys (feather wands, plastic toys), dog toys, large or XL Kongs, lick mats, and even toilet paper or paper towel rolls (used for toy-making) We're also accepting Amazon gift cards to help purchase specific items as needed.