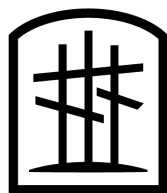


May 4th, 2025

3rd 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:

Please check the website for mass times on Holy Days.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. -John 21:12

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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.

Did you know that Catholics celebrate Easter for 50 days?

Many thanks for the anonymous donation of this year's Easter Candle in memory of Steven Kotlarz. May he rest in peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Davey	5th
Karen Ficenec	5th
Tom Wenzl	5th
Doug Carter	5th
Bob Zielinski	10th
John Otto	12th
Herb Aschtgen	18th
Peter DeMarco	21st
Bill Don ohue	21st
Jerry Manzer	22nd
Margaret Pribel	26th
Gayle Hughes	26th
Teresa Meister	29th
Denny Schmidt	31st
Sue Smith	31st
Dorothy Foged	31st

Weekly Collections

Weekend of April 26th & 27th

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

From the Pastor's Desk

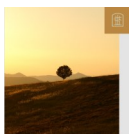
Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This Sunday before Mass, the Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus will present scholarships to graduating seniors. Congratulations to those who received the scholarships!

We have one seat on the parish finance council and two seats on the parish council open. If you are interested in serving in either role, please contact me directly. We will have elections the last Sunday in May.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott



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 **Wednesday, May 7th 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**.

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



Mass Intentions

SUN 5/4	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 5/5	8:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
TUE 5/6	6:45 a.m.		Priest's Intention
WED 5/7	6:45 a.m.		Amerine Family
TH 5/8	6:45 a.m.	+	Brenda Jones
FRI 5/9	6:45 a.m.		Special Intention
SAT 5/10	5:00 p.m.	+	Jim Kantor
SUN 5/11	7:00 a.m.	+	Brother William Worger
	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, 5/3 @ 5:00 PM
Greeters: Danette Thibault/Deb Hoskins
Lectors: Mike Fowler/Ken Patry
EMHC: Ted Boro
Singers: Sarah Vanek/Annie Z.
Altar Server:

Sunday, 5/4 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
Julie Masters

Sunday, 5/4 @ 9:00 AM

Donna Devine/Kathy Irvin
Teresa Belter/Corey Osborn
Michelle Gustofson
Men's Choir/Mary I.
Liam & Peter Sciba

Parish Events & Formation

- **Saturday, May 3rd** | First Saturday Mass @ 8 am (Exposition starts at 7:15am)
- **Sunday, May 4th** | May Crowning
| *Introduction to Prayer* book study @ 10am in the St. Bernadette RM
- **Tuesday, May 6th** | Wathill/Macy Service Trip with Catholic Charities
| Knights of Columbus Monthly meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, May 7th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30am
| TRE @ 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- **Thursday, May 8th** | Family Formation @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- **Sunday, May 11th** | Mother's Day Breakfast after the 9am Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus
- **Wednesday, May 14th** | Religious Ed. Closing Mass & Ice Cream Social @ 5:30pm (all TRE, FF, Youth Group and CGS Preschool students and families are invited to attend!)

It's Mowing Season at St. Joseph!

The grass is growing, and we've got the perfect crew to keep it looking great — **you!** Our amazing parish volunteers handle mowing the grounds, and we'd love for you to join in the fun. Here's what you need to know:

- **We've got the gear!** St. Joseph provides a zero-turn radius mower for the big areas and a self-propelled push mower for the smaller spots (like the garden, RE entrance, and church entrance).
- **Preferred mowing days:** We aim to have the grounds mowed on Thursday or Friday so everything looks sharp for the weekend.
- **We'll show you how it's done!** On-site training is available to help you feel comfortable and confident using the equipment.

Want to help but not sure about tackling it solo? No problem — we can team you up with a mowing buddy! Questions or ready to hop on a mower? Call Ralph at 402-707-8426.

Adorers NEEDED during our Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

We invite you to consider spending a peaceful hour with the Lord during St. Joseph's First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration. **We're especially looking for volunteers to fill the 9:00–10:00 AM and 2:00–3:00 PM time slots.** It's a beautiful opportunity to pause, pray, and be present with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. If you're able to commit to one of these times, we'd be so grateful for your presence. Contact Sharon VanTassell, our parish secretary, in the office at 402-253-2949.

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.

~Thank you to Sharon Van Tassell, Mary and Iro Johnson and John and Rosemary Francavilla for serving the meal at the Stephen Center in April. Your service is appreciated!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Apostles "rejoiced" when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Have you ever found joy amid your own suffering?

Second Reading

John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?

Gospel Reading

The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom. How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?

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!

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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
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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.