



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 out our website
www.stjosephspringfield.org
 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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” - John 17:22-23a

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

A parishioner asked me to include an answer to this question. Why is it that we don't invite non-Catholics to Communion, but non-Catholics often invite Catholics to join them? The answer is a difference of belief. As Catholics, we affirm that Jesus is really and truly present in the host and the chalice. To receive Him is to say, "I believe". This is why we say "Amen" at Communion, which is to say, "I assent", or "Yes, I believe". Also, it is a sign to us of the communion that we have with each other, to say that we are all gathered around Christ in the Eucharist, where He is the center. While we have much in common with non-Catholic Christians—including baptism and lots of good will—our difference in belief about the Eucharist is super important, and right at the heart of our identity. Not inviting people isn't a judgement about their worthiness or their goodness, but about the differences in faith that are just not at all trivial. So, while we sing, worship and pray with those who are non-Catholic, we do not share the Body and the Blood with those who do not believe. For those Christians who do believe—for example, Orthodox Christians—we do share the Eucharist with them.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

Serve Up Smiles on Donut Sundays!

Looking for a fun and easy way to get involved at church? Donut Sundays are a sweet opportunity to connect with others—and we'd love your help! Held on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 9AM Mass, Donut Sundays bring people together for coffee, conversation, and (of course) donuts. Volunteers help with setup, cleanup, and offering a warm welcome to everyone who stops by.



It's a small job that makes a big difference in building our church community. Come be part of the fun—we can't do it without you! If you'd like to lend a helping hand, please contact Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.

Mass Intentions

SUN 6/1	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 6/2	8:00 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
TUE 6/3	6:45 a.m.	+	Alice Pat Looby
WED 6/4	6:45 a.m.		Erhart Family
TH 6/5	6:45 a.m.	+	Brenda Jones
FRI 6/6	6:45 a.m.	+	Jim Kantor
	2:00 p.m.		Priest's Intention
SAT 6/7	5:00 p.m.	+	Lisa Ann Bryl
SUN 6/8	7:00 a.m.	+	Tom Adler
	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.

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.

Free Piano Available

A piano in good working condition, formerly belonging to Kathy Biernbaum, is available for free to anyone interested. Please note that the recipient will be responsible for moving it. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Wendy Biernbaum at 402-578-3420.

Faith in Action at the Stephen Center

Thank you for the love, time, and care you pour into preparing and serving meals at the Stephen Center each month.

Your generosity brings not only nourishment, but also hope and dignity to those who need it most—thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in action.



"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

—Matthew 16:18

Weekly Collections

Weekend of May 24th & 25th

Offertory.....\$5,303.00
Building Fund.....\$160.00
Catholic Communication.....\$35.00

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 6/8 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 6/8 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Bob Zielinski/Teresa Belter
Shelly Cacka/ Galen Klenda
Amy Krance-Wendt
Lauren & Mason Reed

Saturday, 6/7 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Teresa Starks/Sharon VanTassell
Lectors: Marla Kildow/John Cronican
EMHC: Julie Masters
Singers: St. Columbkille Singers
Altar Server:

Parish Events & Formation

- **Sunday, June 1st** | BIAY meet-up @ 7:30am in the Archangel Rm
| Intro to Prayer Book Study @ 10 am in the St. Bernadette Rm
- **Monday, June 2nd** | Feminine Genius Bible Study for Young Adults @ 7pm in JPll Rm
- **Tuesday, June 3rd** | Walthill/Macy service trip with Catholic Charities
- **Wednesday, June 4th** | Eucharistic Adoration @ 7am - 9pm
- **Friday, June 6th** | Anointing Mass @ 2pm
- **Saturday, June 7th** | Steeplechase @ 8am

Answer the Call of the Wild—Volunteer for VBS!

Calling All Volunteers for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is coming up June 23–27, and we need adult and high school volunteers to help make it a fun, faith-filled week for our kids! From leading activities and games to guiding small groups or helping with snacks and crafts, there's a role for everyone—and no experience is necessary. Just bring your energy, your smile, and your love for sharing God's joy with children!

If you're ready to be part of something meaningful (and fun!), we'd love to have you on the VBS team. To volunteer, contact Sherry Huntwork at shuntwork@msn.org

Let's make this the best week of summer—together!



Reminder: Young Women's Bible Study Starts Monday!

Our new Bible study for high school and college-aged girls kicks off this Monday, June 2 at 7 PM at St. Joseph!

Led by Marissa Hayes, the group will explore authentic Catholic womanhood through the Feminine Genius—with plenty of faith, friendship, and fun (plus pizza and drinks!).

Questions? Contact Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.



Be Part of the Flavor at the Sarpy County Fair!

Summer's here, and that means it's time for the Sarpy County Fair! **The Knights of Columbus Food Booth will be serving up smiles and delicious eats from July 30–August 3—and we need your help to keep things cooking!**

It's a fantastic way to enjoy the sunshine, connect with others, and support our parish. Whether you're flipping burgers, taking orders, or greeting fairgoers, there's a fun job waiting for you!

We'll have a sign-up table available after all Masses next weekend—stop by and claim your spot! Come be part of this great summertime tradition—we can't wait to serve with you!

Embark on an Alaskan Adventure at VBS- Where Jesus is Our True North!

Time is flying—and Vacation Bible School is almost here! Don't miss your chance to sign your kids up for a week of faith, fun, and adventure in the great Alaskan wilderness.

When: June 23–27 | 1:30–4:30 PM

Who: Kids entering Preschool through 6th grade

Where: St. Joseph Parish

Only 3 weeks left to register—don't wait! Scan the QR code or visit stjosephspringfield.org to sign up today. Let's head north together—where Jesus leads the way!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

As Stephen was being martyred, we hear how he forgave those who stoning him to death. When have you found it hard to forgive someone?

Second Reading

The Book of Revelation (and the entire Bible) concludes with John's prayer of petition: "Come, Lord Jesus!" Is there something you really need from the Lord?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of believers as God's gift to him. What gift might you offer to a family member or friend?

Lace Up for Fun—Steeplechase is Just Around the Corner!

****Get ready—**the Steeplechase 5K/1Mi Fun Run & Walk is happening NEXT SATURDAY!**

Join us for a high-energy morning of fitness, fellowship, and fun—whether you're sprinting, strolling, or cheering from the sidelines, there's something for everyone. Best of all? Every step you take helps support our neighbors in need—all proceeds benefit the Springfield Methodist Food Pantry.



Scan the QR codes or visit stjosephspringfield.org to sign up today. We can't wait to see you at the starting line!

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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/stjoseph

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.