

SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

~WELCOME~

Welcome to our parish! 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:

See website for times and dates

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.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.”

-Lk 12:50-52

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This weekend, we have the great grace of celebrating Confirmation. Our new archbishop, Archbishop Michael McGovern, will be here to administer the sacrament. We are tremendously blessed at St. Joseph's in many ways, and a big one of those ways is our group of volunteers and staff who help with religious education and youth group. It's a huge investment of time, resources, and thoughtfulness. Thank you to everyone who has assisted this year's candidates for confirmation for the last eight years!

Have a great week!

Best,

Fr. Scott

Confirmation Prayer

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment
the good work that You have begun in them.

Make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel

and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



With great joy, we celebrate these young disciples who have been sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they continue to grow in faith, courage, and love as they live out their call to follow Christ. Please keep **Finnigan Amick, Owen Hassler, Kenzie Hassler, Jaxson Hassler, Ava Mixan, Thomas Sciba, Kelsey Tagel, Micah Tarman, Joshua Turco, Jordy Wright, and Raymond Zimmer** in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

SUN 8/17	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Sally Arens
MON 8/18	8:00 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
TUE 8/19	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
WED 8/20	6:45 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
TH 8/21	6:45 a.m.	+	Katherine Tornabene
FRI 8/22	6:45 a.m.	+	Gary Scheibel
SAT 8/23	5:00 p.m.	+	Angela Boro
SUN 8/24	7:00 a.m.	+	Diane John
	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.

Prayer for Bravery

Dear God, In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and the You alone bring comfort, healing and salvation. Amen.



Ascension Press Sunday Resources

Our parish is excited to share weekly resources from Ascension Press, including Bible in a Year, 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. Links to our Sunday resources are in the weekly Parish Notes send out through Flocknote.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of August 9th/10th

Offertory.....\$8,161.00
Building Fund.....\$1,050.00
Missionary.....\$290.00

Thank you for your tithing!

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 8/24 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 8/24 @ 9:00 AM

Donna Devine/Kathy Irvin
Jeff Needels, Corey Osborn
Tim Johnson/Carol Rath
Amy Krance-Wendt
Liam & Peter Sciba

Saturday, 8/23 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault
Lectors: Ken Patry/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Singers: Lorraine/Cindy/Karen/Candy
Altar Server:

Parish Events & Formation

- **Sunday, August 17th** | Confirmation during the 9am Mass
| Donut Sunday after the 9am Mass
- **Tuesday, August 19th** | Finance Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, August 20th** | TRE volunteer Meeting up & Training @ 6pm

Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Registration Open!



We are now accepting registrations for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for preschool-aged children! This beautiful, Montessori-based approach helps children grow in their relationship with God through hands-on learning and prayerful reflection. Children must be 3 years old by September 2025 and fully potty trained to participate.

Register online at www.stjosephspringfield.org (under the Education tab). If you have any questions, reach out to Sherry Huntwork(DRE) by email at shuntwork@msn.com.

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. **Wednesday, September 3rd** is the next opportunity to come and sit with the Blessed Sacrament.



We are looking for a couple more parishioners to commit to a Holy Hour during Eucharistic Adoration on the First Wednesday of each month. If you feel a nudge to say "yes," contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office by phone 402-253-2949 or email her at secretary68059@gmail.com.

Grow in Faith Together!

Register for 2025–2026 Religious Education

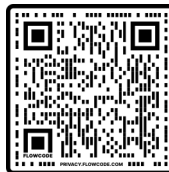
Parents—now is the time to register your children for this year's Religious Education program! **We would greatly appreciate if all families would register by August 17th** so that we can prepare and finalize logistics for the Religious Education year.

We're excited to offer two faith-filled options for families:

- **Traditional Religious Education (K–6th grade)** —Weekly classes for students on **Wednesday evenings from 6:15–7:30 PM**
- **Family Formation - Parents and children attend together one Wednesday evening each month from 5:30–7:30 PM** (Please note: Families with a child preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation -7th or 8th grade- will need to enroll for Family Formation.)

Both paths are designed to help your family grow in faith and deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church.

Register today at www.stjosephspringfield.org or scan the QR code. Contact Sherry Huntwork DRE at shuntwork@msn.com with any questions.



High School Youth Group

We're excited to launch another year of Youth Group for HS students. St. Joseph's Youth Group is a place where teens can make friends, have fun, and grow deeper in their Catholic faith.

We know life is busy, so we want to choose a meeting day and time that works best for your family. Your input will help us make Youth Group something your teen can look forward to every week.



Take a quick moment to let us know your teen's availability by scanning the QR code and taking the survey. If you have any questions, kindly contact Kelly and Tim Johnson, Youth Group leaders, by email at tkjohnson2223@gmail.com.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

One of the court officials, Ebed-Melech, pleaded for Jeremiah to be rescued from the muddy cistern. How might you help a friend or colleague this week?

Second Reading

The author of Hebrews encourages his community to focus on Jesus as a way to stay and hopeful. Can you think of a time when your faith in Jesus helped you through a challenging circumstance?

Gospel Reading

Jesus forewarns his disciples that even families will be divided over his words. Growing up, how did your family deal with tension and conflict?

Live The Liturgy

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

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Parish Groups & Ministry Leaders

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....	Jim Amerine
FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.....	Mike Fowler
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10894	
GRAND KNIGHT.....	Greg Krasa
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

During the month of August, St. Joseph Parish is collecting much-needed items for the Women's Shelter through Catholic Charities of Omaha. This shelter provides a safe and supportive space for women and children escaping domestic violence and working toward a new beginning.

You can make a big difference by donating everyday essentials: **bath towels, twin sheet sets, shampoo and conditioner, bras, baby bottles, deodorant, food storage containers, paper plates, and Tide Pods.** It's easy to help—just scan the QR code and shop directly from their Amazon Wish List.

Thank you for your generosity

