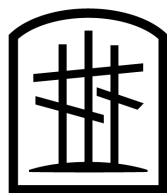


Sunday, August 24th

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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.



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

-Lk 13:24

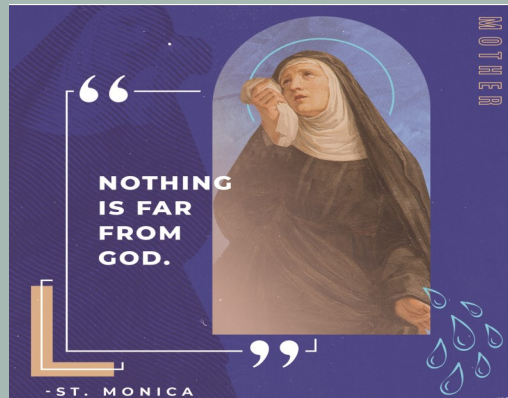
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### Remember in our Prayers

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.

### Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd, Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove from me anything that distracts me from You, Your love, Your invitation, Your mission. Keep me close to You, familiar at every step. 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 16th/17th

Offertory.....\$5,257.00  
Building Fund.....\$100.00  
Assumption.....\$525.00

Thank you for your tithing!

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As we gear up for the new academic year, I want to extend thanks on behalf of our whole parish for all of the volunteers who will help with RE and youth group this year. The help is a tremendously generous gift. Thank you!

Around this time of the year, we generally have our parish report ready to go. I am a bit delayed this year due to work commitments. I hope to have it very soon.

Have a great week!

Best,

Fr. Scott

### St. Joseph's Ladies Guild – College & Young Adult Outreach

Do you have a son, daughter, or grandchild who is in college, serving in the military, or beginning life in the workforce after high school? The St. Joseph's Ladies Guild would love to send them a care package as a reminder that they are loved and supported by their parish family.

Please share their name and mailing address with Julie Nieveen at [julie.nieveen@gmail.com](mailto:julie.nieveen@gmail.com).

### Rosary Making Ministry

Join us for fellowship and an opportunity to make rosaries if you choose. Everyone is welcome for conversation, a light snack, and a chance to exchange stories about the many paths our rosaries have taken over the past year. We gather at **6:30pm at St. Joseph in the parish hall** on the 4th Monday of every month. Our next gathering is this coming **Monday, August 25th**. We hope to see you there!



### Thank You for Serving those in Need!

Thank you to Gary and Lorraine Bunnell, Art and Linda Galloway, Karen Pelchat, Jo Rasmussen and Carol Kasal for preparing and serving the meal at the Stephen Center

### Mass Intentions

<b>SUN 8/24</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Diane John
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 8/25</b>	8:00 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
<b>TUE 8/26</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Sr. Mary Senglaub
<b>WED 8/27</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
<b>TH 8/28</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
<b>FRI 8/29</b>	6:45 a.m.		Members of the Military
<b>SAT 8/30</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Jerod Bunnell
<b>SUN 8/31</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	JoAnn Nieciepozeks
	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

**Sunday, 8/31 @ 7:00 AM**

Erin Patera  
Julie Masters

**Sunday, 8/31 @ 9:00 AM**

The Staroscik Family  
Bob Zieliski/Joe Boro  
Jeff Needels/Donna Devine  
Emerson/Annie Z.  
Lauren & Mason Reed

**Saturday, 8/30 @ 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Teresa Starks/Sharon VanTassell  
**Lectors:** John Cronican/Sharon VanTassell  
**EMHC:** Ted Boro  
**Singers:** Lorraine/Cindy/Karen/Kathy  
**Altar Server:**

## Parish Events & Formation

- **Monday, August 25th** | Rosary Making @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall  
| Women's Baselight Group @ 7pm
- **Saturday, August 30th** | Men's Baselight group @ 7am
- **Wednesday, Sept. 3rd** | Religious Education Mass & Open House @ 5:30pm

## Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Spots still 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.

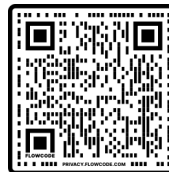
Register online at [www.stjosephspringfield.org](http://www.stjosephspringfield.org) (under the Education tab). If you have any questions, reach out to Sherry Huntwork(DRE) by email at [shuntwork@msn.com](mailto:shuntwork@msn.com).

## Religious Education Kickoff & Registration

If you haven't already signed up for Religious Education, now is the time to do so! **We invite all TRE, Family Formation, and Preschool CGS families to join us for the Beginning of the Religious Education Year Mass & Open House on Wednesday, September 3rd.**

- Mass at 5:30 PM in the church—Brief announcements from Fr. Scott and Sherry Huntwork, Director of Religious Education
- Open House in the RE Building—meet your child's teacher
- Pizza in the Parish Hall—fellowship and fun for the whole family!

Don't miss this wonderful start to our faith-filled year together! Register today at [www.stjosephspringfield.org](http://www.stjosephspringfield.org) or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Sherry Huntwork, DRE, at [shuntwork@msn.com](mailto:shuntwork@msn.com).



## 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](mailto:tkjohnson2223@gmail.com).

*"May your birthday be a reminder of how loved and blessed you are by God and by those who cherish you. Happy birthday!"*

Larry Vacek	1st	Ralph Meister	4th
John Francavilla	5th	Mary Iverson	10th
Cinda Craney	11th	Suzanne Carmichael	14th
Kathleen Siebold	15th	Joyce Keel	22nd
Maureen Glennon	25th	Ione Bojanski	26th
Mike Baker	30th		

## Funeral Luncheon Volunteers Needed

Join our Funeral Luncheon Flocknote group and receive Sign-Up Genius links when help is needed. You can donate food or assist in the kitchen—whatever fits your schedule. All parishioners are welcome!



## Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. What are you hoping for in the future?

### Second Reading

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks to crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. What could be some effective ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?

## Live The Liturgy

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable—not if we ask for help.

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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.....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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephspringfield.org) by Monday at 8:00 AM. Weekly bulletins can be found on our website [www.stjosephspringfield.org](http://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](mailto: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

