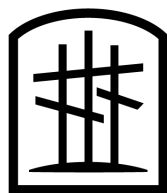


Sunday, September 14th

Twenty-Fourth 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.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. -John 3:13,17

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

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 Love

Dear God, expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself and to act from that love. Amen.



Ascension Press Sunday Resources

Our parish is excited to share weekly resources from Ascension Press. These resources are designed to help deepen your faith journey and grow in understanding of Scripture and Church teachings. Links to their Sunday resources are in the weekly Parish Notes send out through Flocknote.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of September 6th/7th

Offertory.....\$4,161.00
Building Fund.....\$255.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

In this last week of summer, a special word of thanks for all those who help to make our outside campus look beautiful. The parish garden this summer is still spectacular, and worth a visit in these cool days. Thanks to everyone who also takes care of our lawn maintenance. This is a huge help to our community. Finally, the pots at the church entrance are always so well tended. Thanks to all!

Have a great week!

Best,

Fr. Scott

A Day of Recollection: St. Joseph's Parish Retreat

Our parish retreats, *A Day of Recollection* this year will focus on more deeply entering into the Mass. It is something familiar to us, but let's take some time to go deep into the meaning and the grace available to us in the Mass.

Join us at the Ablaze House of Prayer right down the street on Fairview Rd on **Saturday, October 11th from 8:30am to 3pm** for a restful and rejuvenating day with the Lord. Fr. Scott will lead us in a talk, followed by time for discussions, small group and personal reflections, Mass and lunch.

Register for the day by contacting Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.

Finding Hope in the Midst of Grief

The holiday season can be especially difficult for those who are grieving. Join **Deacon Jim Tardy** for a compassionate talk on dealing with grief during the holidays on **Saturday, October 18th from 3:00–4:15 PM in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph**. Together, we will reflect on how faith can bring comfort, healing, and hope.

Light snacks will be provided. To help us plan for seating and hospitality, please register by emailing **Amanda Staroscik** at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org or let Sharon know in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

SUN 9/14	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Jaren Olson
MON 9/15	8:00 a.m.		Prayer Warriors
TUE 9/16	6:45 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
WED 9/17	6:45 a.m.	+	Lisa Ann Bryl
TH 9/18	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
FRI 9/19	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
SAT 9/20	5:00 p.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
SUN 9/21	7:00 a.m.		Sr. Mary Senglaub
	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, 9/20 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 9/21 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Jeff Needels/Joe Boro
Tim Johnson/Carol Rath
Men's Choir/Mary Iverson
Lauren & Mason Reed

Saturday, 9/20 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Teresa Starks/Sharon VanTassell
Lectors: Sharon VanTassell/John Cronican
EMHC: Carrie Conican
Singers: St. Columbkille/Candy
Altar Server:

Parish Events & Formation

- **Monday, Sept. 15th** | Women's Baselight Group @ 7pm
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16th** | Finance Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30am-11am
- TRE @ 6:15pm-7:30pm
- **Saturday, Sept. 20th** | Men's Baselight group @ 7am
- **Sunday, Sept. 21st** | Donut Sunday after the 9AM Mass

Religious Education News



What a joyful beginning to our new year of faith formation at St. Joseph! Thank you to all the families, students, and catechists who joined us for the first week of Religious Education and Family Formation. The church was filled with energy, excitement, and a spirit of community as we came together to grow in our Catholic faith.

Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers as we journey together this year to know, love, and serve the Lord.

Questions? Contact Sherry Huntwork, DRE, at shuntwork@msn.com, or Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.

St. Joseph HS Youth Group is BACK!

High school teens—come be part of something great! St. Joseph's Youth Group is the perfect place to make friends, have fun, and grow in your Catholic faith.

- **When:** First & Third Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30pm
- **Where:** 500 S. 10th Avenue, Springfield

Our first meeting will be THIS WEDNESDAY, September 17th.

And that's not all—throughout the year we'll also host Service Sundays and Social Sundays (dates TBA). From faith-filled fun to giving back, there's something for everyone!

Questions? Reach out to our awesome Youth Group leaders, Kelly & Tim Johnson, at tkjohnson2223@gmail.com.

Junior Choir is Starting Again!

Calling all 2nd–8th graders! If your child loves to sing, we want them in Junior Choir this year at St. Joseph.

→ **Practice:** 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:30–6:00pm in the sanctuary
(First practice will be Wednesday, October 8th)

→ **Sing at Mass:** The following Sunday, October 12th at 9:00am

Join us for fun, fellowship, and the joy of lifting your voice in song at Mass. All returning and new members are welcome—come make a joyful noise with us!

Contact Candace Connery at candaceconnery@gmail.com if you would like to join!!

Rosary Ministry

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!

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.

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

In their desert wanderings, the Israelites learned that repentance leads to healing. What needs healing in your life?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Philippians that the humility and obedience of Jesus—even to the point of death by crucifixion—led to Jesus's exaltation. When have you been challenged to be humble and obedient?

Gospel Reading

Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that his death on the cross would lead believers to eternal life and save the world. What have you been taught about the meaning of the cross?

Live The Liturgy

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgement—the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week. How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

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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.....**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
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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.

Monthly Charity Drive ~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild

In September, we will be collecting pantry items supporting *NeighborGood Community Pantry* in Papillion. This pantry supports families throughout Sarpy County and are happy to accept shelf stable food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products.

The most needed items are: pudding and jello, peanut butter, canned beans, crackers, soup, muffin mix, pasta sauce, laundry soap, deodorant, shampoo.

Many thanks for the generous contributions this past month for *The Shelter* at Catholic Charities. A number of essential supplies were delivered, with a huge thank-you to our parish family for supporting this ministry.



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.

