

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:

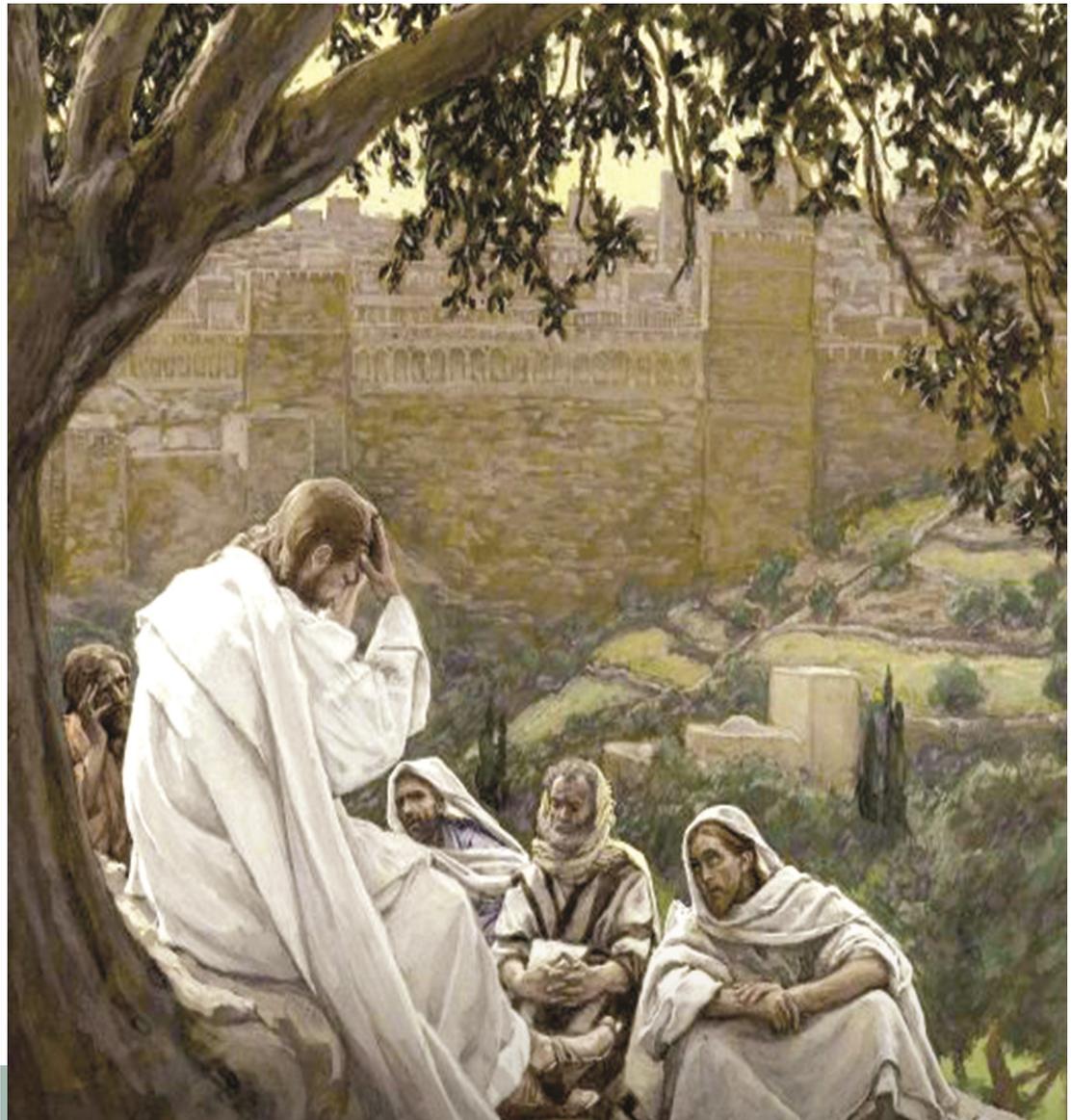
~Thanksgiving Day.....9AM
~Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec. 8th.....6:45AM/5:30PM

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.



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” -Luke 21:13-15

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who has been a part of this year's Ladies' Guild dinner and auction. The Guild is open to all women in the parish and meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The Guild is a constant source of generosity to our parish. From funeral luncheons to the monthly charity drives, the work of the Guild is such a benefit to our community.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

A Special Thank You!



Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to mow the church property this past season. I don't know how to express my thankfulness to each, and everybody involved, we had an awesome crew! With the rain mother nature blessed us with the last 2 summers it made for a very rough task.

Within the last week with the help of Tom Welsh, Heimes Corp, we spread and graded 6 dump truck loads of dirt over a lot of different areas. We probably didn't catch all the spots, but we did our best. We will reseed in the Spring and hopefully the yard will be a lot smoother.

Again, thank you for all who helped! We look forward to having another successful mowing crew next year. -Ralph Meister

Holy Hour for Vocations — Monday, Nov. 17

All parishioners are invited to a Holy Hour for religious vocations this **Monday, November 17, from 7:00-8:00pm** in the church. We will pray the rosary together and spend time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



Mass Intentions

SUN 11/16	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		Frank Novotny
MON 11/17	8:00 a.m.	+	Mike Liebentritt
TUE 11/18	6:45 a.m.	+	Harriet & George Green
WED 11/19	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
TH 11/20	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
FRI 11/21	6:45 a.m.	+	Wes Warnke
SAT 11/22	4:00 p.m.	+	Angela Boro
SUN 11/23	7:00 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
	9:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph

If you would like to request a Mass Intention for someone special, please contact Sharon, the parish secretary in the parish office.

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 in Season of Trust

O Lord, Be with me now, I feel so alone. Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness. Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship.
Amen



Weekly Collections

Weekend of November 8th/9th
 Offertory.....\$5,773.00
 Building Fund.....\$415.00

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 11/22 @ 5:00 PM
Greeters: Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks
Lectors: Mike Fowler/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Ted Boro
Singers: Lorraine/Mary R/Karen/Mary I
Altar Server:

Sunday, 11/23 @ 7:00 AM
 Erin Patera
 Julie Masters

Sunday, 11/23 @ 9:00 AM
 Justin & Julie Nieveen
 Bob Zielinski/Larry Vacek
 Jeff Needels/Donna Devine
 Jr. Choir/ Candy

Parish Events & Formation

- **Saturday, Nov. 15th** | Spanish Workshop @ 9am in the RE Building
- Ladies' Guild Chicken Dinner @ 5pm-7pm
- **Monday, Nov. 17th** | Holy Hour for vocations @ 7pm
- **Tuesday, Nov. 18th** | Finance Committee meeting
- **Wednesday, Nov. 19th** | Preschool CGS @ 9:30am—11am
- Senior Game Day
- TRE @ 6:15pm—7:30pm
- Youth Group @ 6pm-7:30pm

A Month to Remember and Pray

During the month of November, we remember and pray for all our beloved dead. The Book of the Dead will be available in the chapel for you to write the names of family and friends who have passed away.

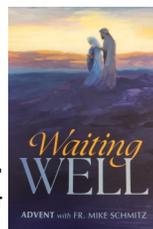


We also invite you to share your personal prayer intentions in our new Prayer Intention Box, also located in the chapel. These intentions will be remembered in prayer during the First Saturday mass. Take a few moments to pause, pray, and entrust your loved ones and intentions to God's care.

Waiting Well this Advent

Advent isn't just a countdown to Christmas—it's a time to slow down and prepare our hearts for Jesus. This year, St. Joseph is offering *Waiting Well*, a daily Advent journal featuring reflections from Fr. Mike Schmitz. Books are available in the vestibule. Please take a copy!

We will also host a small group gathering on **Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm beginning December 1st** and continuing through the season of Advent to walk through the journal together. Sign up today on the credenza and join us as we wait well for the coming of Christ.



Coats for Kids

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are continuing their tradition of providing new winter coats for children in need. The program is confidential—no information collected. Need a coat or know someone who does? Call Ralph at 402-707-8426.

CHANGE OF DATE! – Fill up on DONUTS and BLESSING BAGS!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 23rd** and join us after the 9:00 AM Mass for our next Donut Sunday and service opportunity.

We'll gather as a parish family to fill blessing bags, small care packages with socks, snacks, toiletries, first aid kit and a prayer card. If you would like to donate items for the blessings bags, totes will be in the RE & church entrances. Items needed include: travel-sized toothpaste, combs/brushes, shampoos, soaps, snacks, socks, etc.

Serve with us at the Stephen Center Meal on Dec. 15th

Our Religious Education families will be preparing and serving a meal for the Stephen Center, a nonprofit that supports individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges. This is a meaningful way to live out our faith, share kindness, and bring hope to those in need during the Advent season.

Join us in this act of compassion and community. Scan the QR code to see how you can help!



Catholic Trivia - Just For Fun!!

Questions:

1. According to tradition, upon which mountain did the Transfiguration of Jesus take place?
2. What's the difference between a disciple and an apostle?
3. According to tradition, what are the names of Mary's parents?
4. What dog breed is named after a saint?

1. Mount Tabor 2. disciples are "called", apostles are "sent" 3. St. Anne & St. Joachim 4. St. Bernard



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Malachi tells us that those who "fear" the Lord will be spared at God's coming judgement. What does that mean to "fear the Lord"?

Second Reading

Paul gave the Thessalonians some very practical advice: work quietly and eat your own food! Are you open to taking advice from a loved one?

Gospel Reading

Jesus forewarned his followers that they will be persecuted for their faith in him, even with relatives and friends. How do you support friends and co-workers who are fellow believers?

Live The Liturgy

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion, and ultimately, peace. Do you believe what he promised? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

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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 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

Thank You for Sharing Christ's Love!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our monthly charity efforts through your donations, coordination, and prayers. Your generosity is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action and a blessing to those in need.

As we look ahead, the **Knights of Columbus Holiday Food Drive** and the **Ladies' Guild Giving Tree** are coming soon! May we continue to serve others with joyful hearts and share the hope of Jesus this holiday season.



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.