

# 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.



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Luke 23:42-43

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

So, we've arrived at the last Sunday of the liturgical year. I hope that this year's Advent will be a fruitful time for each of us. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. As you pray in these coming weeks, I encourage you to take the time with the Lord in silence to consider the coming of the Savior. What does it mean that you need a Savior? What does it mean that God understands your life because Jesus had a similar life? What does it mean that God wanted to speak and teach and engage with us in our humanity? Christmas will be here quickly; waiting and preparation will slow that time down and get us ready. Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scott

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

Join our local faith community for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00pm at First United Methodist Church**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in gratitude and prayer with our brothers and sisters from neighboring congregations. Members of the St. Joseph choir are warmly invited to join the First UMC choir in singing for the service—simply arrive a little early for warm-up and preparation. All are welcome to attend!

**Participate in the Offertory: Gift Bearers Needed**

Beginning Sunday, November 30, the First Sunday of Advent, we will resume the practice of having families and individuals bring up the gifts during the 9:00 AM Mass. This beautiful tradition signifies the offering of our lives, our blessings, and our work to God, which are then united with the bread and wine brought to the altar. We hope many parish families will take part in this meaningful act of participation in the liturgy. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Amanda Staroscik with the weekend you would like to serve at [amanda@stjosephspringfield.org](mailto:amanda@stjosephspringfield.org). This is a practice we plan to continue throughout the liturgical year.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUN 11/23</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 11/24</b>	8:00 a.m.		Communion Service
<b>TUE 11/25</b>	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
<b>WED 11/26</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
<b>TH 11/27</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
<b>FRI 11/28</b>	6:45 a.m.		Members of the Military
<b>SAT 11/29</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Steve Lefler
<b>SUN 11/30</b>	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Angela Boro

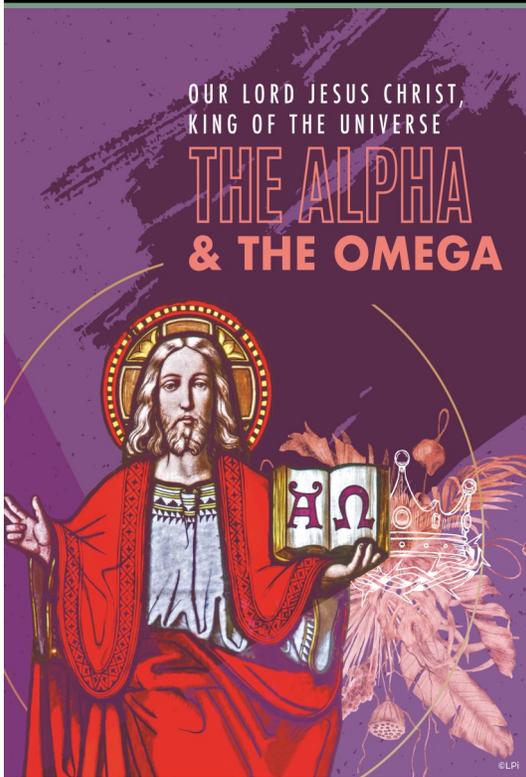
*If you would like to request a Mass Intention for someone special, please contact Sharon, the parish secretary in the parish office.*

**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.

**Jesus is King**

Dear Jesus, I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten. I see the crown you wear, the thorns out of love for me. I pick you as my King. Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom. Amen.



**Weekly Collections**

Weekend of November 15th/16th  
 Offertory.....\$5,839.00  
 Building Fund.....\$300.00  
 Catholic Charities.....\$440.00

**Liturgy Ministers**

**Sunday, 11/30 @ 7:00 AM**

Beth Anderson  
JoAnn Swanson

**Sunday, 11/30 @ 9:00 AM**

Kevin & Angie Carlson  
Joe Boro/Amy Krance-Wendt  
Tim Johnson/Carol Rath  
Holbrook Family  
Jr. Choir  
Lauren & Mason Reed

## Parish Events & Formation

- **Saturday, Nov. 15th** | Spanish Workshop @ 9am in the RE Building
- **Sunday, Nov. 23** | Donut Sunday after 9am Mass  
| HS girls/boys FOCUS bible study groups
- **Monday, Nov. 24th** | Rosary-Making @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, Nov. 26th** | NO Religious Education Classes  
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ 6pm at First UMC

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

### A Month to Remember and Pray

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

You are also invited to place your personal intentions in our Prayer Intention Box, also in the chapel. These intentions will be lifted up during the First Saturday Mass. Take a moment to pause, pray, and entrust your intentions to God's care.



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel. What do you think makes someone a good leader?

#### Second Reading

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

#### Gospel Reading

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?

### Live The Liturgy

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

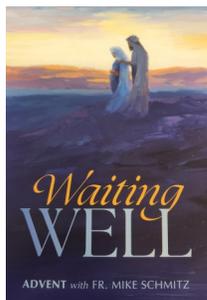
### Waiting Well this Advent

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!

#### Waiting Well SMALL GROUPS

Sign up today on the credenza and join us as we wait well for the coming of Christ.

- **Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm on December 1/8/15/22.**
- **Thursday mornings from 7:30am-8:30am on Nov. 26/Dec. 4/11/18.**



### Coats for Kids



The 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.

### 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!



### Baselight Groups: Come and See

Have you felt a quiet tug on your heart—an invitation to go a little deeper, to grow in faith, or to simply not walk the journey alone? Our Baselight groups offer a space to pause, reflect, and be strengthened by the companionship of others seeking Christ in the midst of daily life.

Our **Men's Baselight Group** meets on **Saturday mornings at 7:00am**, and our **Women's Baselight Group** gathers on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm**. Each group offers simple conversation, Scripture reflection, and an encouraging place to share life and faith. Both groups meet at St. Joseph in the RE building. If you've been wondering what these small groups are all about, perhaps this is your moment to "come and see."

### Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus invite our parish family to help support local families in need through OPPD's Energy Assistance Program. We are collecting non-perishable food items to share with families who could use a little extra support this holiday season.

**How you can help: Take a paper bag from the narthex, fill it with non-perishable food items, and return it the weekend of December 6 & 7. The Knights will be collecting donations during all Masses.**

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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  
 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](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 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.

**Annual Giving Tree Sponsored by the Ladies Guild**

Our Annual Angel Tree will be up on Nov. 28th adorned with ornaments representing gifts for local families and their children. If you would like to pick an ornament and donate a gift, please follow the instructions below.

**Ornament Instructions:**

1. Select an ornament from the tree for the gift you wish to donate.
2. Take the top copy of the ornament for yourself.
3. Write your name on the second copy (labeled "Donated By"). And place the "Donated By" copy in the box provided.
4. Purchase your item(s) and return your unwrapped gift under the tree with your copy of the ornament attached.
5. **Return all gifts by Thursday, December 12th.**

**We will be wrapping the gifts on Saturday, December 13th!** Questions? Angie Carlson: (402) 669-5378