

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:

Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday, Dec. 31st.....5PM
Thursday, Jan. 1st.....8AM

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see.” - Mt 11:4

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Please welcome Fr. Vincent Sunguti this Saturday evening at the 5pm Mass. I'll be up in Norfolk to teach the men in formation to become permanent deacons. Fr. Vincent is a priest of the archdiocese who is assigned at the parishes in Gretna and who serves as a chaplain at Skutt Catholic High School.

This Friday, I'm happy to host an Advent open house at the rectory from 6:00-8:00pm. Please feel free to come by for some Christmas cheer!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott



The third candle of Advent symbolizes **JOY**. As Christmas nears, our joy grows, just like the shepherds who gladly went to see Jesus in Bethlehem. On Gaudete Sunday, the Church invites us to rejoice, so we light the rose-colored Shepherd's Candle. This year, light the third candle on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025.

Participate in the Offertory: Gift Bearers Needed

Families and individuals are once again invited to bring up the gifts during the 9:00 AM Mass. This beautiful tradition reminds us that we offer our lives, blessings, and work to God along with the bread and wine brought to the altar. If you would like to take part in this meaningful moment at Mass, please email Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org with the weekend you prefer. We look forward to continuing this tradition throughout the year.

Liturgy Ministers at Christmas Eve & Day Masses

Sign-ups are available in the narthex for those who would like to serve as lectors, EMHCs, and greeters at our Christmas Masses.

As a reminder, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with Mass on:

- **Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 PM**
- **Thursday, December 25th at 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM**

Mass Intentions

SUN 12/14	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		Katie Sciba
MON 12/15	8:00 a.m.		Communion Service
TUE 12/16	6:45 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
WED 12/17	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
TH 12/18	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
FRI 12/19	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
SAT 12/20	5:00 p.m.	+	Frank Novotny
SUN 12/21	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Ellen Griffin

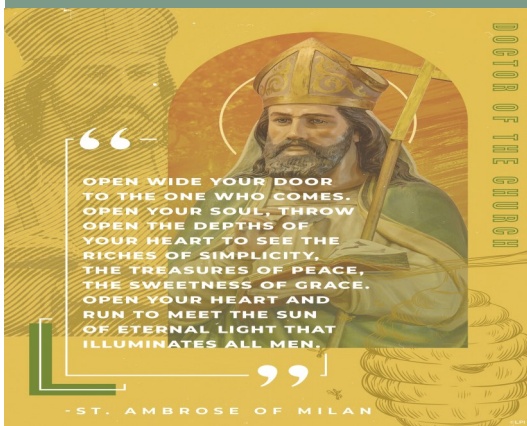
If you would like to request a Mass Intention for someone special, please contact Sharon, the parish secretary in the parish office.

Remember in our Prayers

Let us pray for Margaret Wilson and Eileen Stock. Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.

Please keep Scott Riha, who was laid to rest this past week, and Bob Green, who recently passed away, in your prayers. May their families feel the comfort and peace of God's presence during this difficult time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Prayer for Advent: New Growth

Dear God, Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates. Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts” and your grace to the prayers I fear may be “deserted.” You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart. Amen.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of November 6th/7th

Offertory.....	\$3,438
Building Fund.....	\$720
Christmas.....	\$25
Religious Retirement.....	\$30
Immaculate Conception.....	\$85

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 12/20 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jeff Kreifels/Kathleen Pratt

Lectors: Ken Patry/Sharon VanTassell

EMHC: Kari Cronican

Gifts Bearers:

Altar Server:

Sunday, 12/21 @ 7:00 AM

Beth Anderson

Julie Masters

Sunday, 12/21 @ 9:00 AM

Iro & Mary Johnson

Larry Vacek/Joe Boro

Jeff Needels/Donna Devine

Osborn Family

Lauren & Mason Reed

Parish Events & Formation

- **Saturday, Dec. 13th** | Men's Baselight Group @ 7am
| Spanish Workshop @ 9am in the RE Building
 - **Sunday, Dec. 14th** | HS girls/boys FOCUS bible study groups
 - **Monday, Dec. 15th** | Advent Small Group @ 6:30pm in the RE building
| Women's Baselight Group @ 7pm in the RE building
 - **Tuesday, Dec. 16th** | Finance Committee Meeting
 - **Wednesday, Dec. 17th** | Advent Small Group at 7:30am in the Parish Hall
| Religious Education Christmas Celebration @ 5:30pm
 - **Friday, Dec. 19th** | Christmas Open House at the Rectory @ 6pm-8pm
 - **Saturday, Dec. 20th** | Men's Baselight Group @ 7am
| NO Spanish workshop
 - **Sunday, Dec. 21st** | Donut Sunday
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- **Wednesday, Dec. 24th** | Christmas Eve Mass @ 4pm
 - **Thursday, Dec. 25th** | Christmas Day Mass @ 7am & 9am

Christmas OPEN HOUSE at the Rectory

All parishioners are warmly invited to St. Joseph's Christmas Open House on **Friday, December 19th from 6:00–8:00 PM**. Father Scott Hastings will graciously host the evening at the rectory.

Enjoy festive hospitality, light refreshments, adult beverages, and the joy of gathering with our parish family. Stop by anytime to celebrate the warmth and blessings of the Christmas season together!

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."

RE Christmas Celebration: Wednesday, December 17th

Join us for an evening of worship, fun and good food as we remember and celebrate the reason for this season, Jesus!!

- **5:30 PM – Family Adoration:** Gather with us before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for a peaceful time of prayer, guided reflection, and Christmas carols that lift the heart.
- **6:00 PM – Potluck Dinner:** Bring a side or dessert to share. We will provide the fried chicken!!! Sign to let us know what you are bringing.
- **Fun & Games:** Stick around for Christmas Bingo, a scavenger hunt, and lots of laughter!

Don't forget to wear your best ugly Christmas sweater—prizes and plenty of holiday cheer await! All families and parishioners are welcome!!!!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah taught his community to "be strong, fear not!" because God has planned a remarkable future where both the people and the land will be restored. Is there a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement this week?

Second Reading

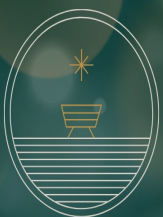
James encouraged his community to be patient and firm of heart in waiting for the coming of the Lord. What are you waiting for during this Advent season?

Gospel Reading

In prison, John the Baptist seemed uncertain about who Jesus is. Who do you talk to when you have questions about Jesus?

Live The Liturgy

Go and tell what you have seen and heard," Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?



MERRY CHRISTMAS

4PM | DEC. 24
7AM & 9AM | DEC. 25

Join us this Christmas as we celebrate the joyous birth of our Savior at St. Joseph's. Come and share in the hope, peace, and love of the season!

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DEACONS.....	Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen Deacon Terry 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.



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.

Thank You For Your Generosity!!

A sincere and grateful thank you to everyone who contributed to the Knights of Columbus Food Drive and the Ladies' Guild Giving Tree. Your generosity has brought hope, joy, and relief to so many families this season. We are also deeply appreciative of all those who worked behind the scenes—organizing, sorting, collecting, and coordinating every detail to make these efforts possible.

