

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.” -Mt 1:20

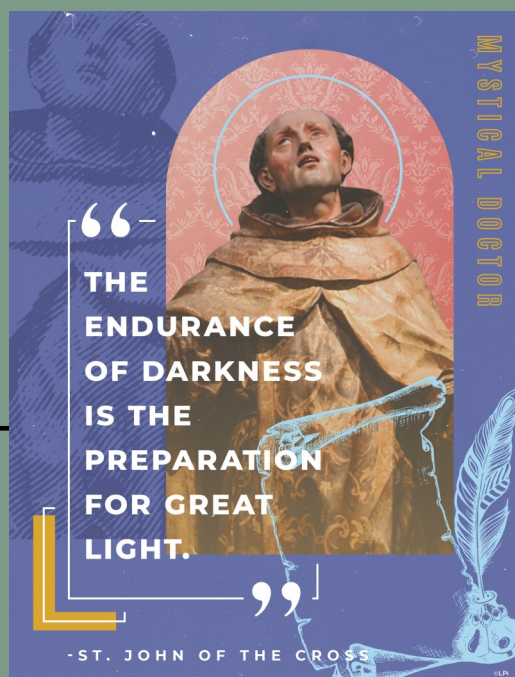
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Remember in our Prayers

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 Bob Green, who recently passed away, in your prayers. May his family feel the comfort and peace of God's presence during this difficult time.

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



Weekly Collections

Weekend of November 20th/21st

Offertory.....	\$23,868
Building Fund.....	\$770
Christmas.....	\$400
Religious Retirement.....	\$385
Immaculate Conception.....	\$401

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Special thanks to all of our volunteers and staff for Religious Education. Between traditional RE and family formation, as well as the Christmas celebration last Wednesday, we've had a full year. It takes many dedicated and generous people, and we've had a great first half of the academic year.

All the best to each of you for your Christmas celebrations this week. I hope that these days are filled with joy, family, and friends for all!

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Scott



Fourth Advent Candle/Sunday: Love

"And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love." – St. (Pope) John Paul II

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth. This Advent, light the fourth candle on Sunday, December 21, 2025.

Liturgy Ministers at Christmas Eve & Day Masses

We still have many spots open for you to help us celebrate the birth of our Savior on during our Christmas 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 12/21	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Ellen Griffin
MON 12/22	8:00 a.m.	+	Loren Tolliver
TUE 12/23	6:45 a.m.	+	Angela Boro
WED 12/24	4:00 p.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
TH 12/25	7:00 a.m.	+	Frank Novotny
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
FRI 12/26	6:45 a.m.	+	Members of the Military
SAT 12/27	5:00 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
SUN 12/28	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		Vacek Family Special Intention

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

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 12/27 @ 5:00 PM
Greeters: Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault
Lectors: John Cronican/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Ted Boro
Gifts Bearers:
Altar Server:

Sunday, 12/28 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 12/28 @ 9:00 AM

Justin & Julie Nieveen
Amy Krance-Wendt/Teresa Belter
Tim Johnson/Carol Rath
Farris Family
Dominic Cacka/Jonah Holbrook

Parish Events & Formation

- **Saturday, Dec. 20th** | Men's Baselight Group @ 7am
| NO Spanish workshop
- **Sunday, Dec. 21st** | Donut Sunday
- **Wednesday, Dec. 24th** | Christmas Eve Mass @ 4pm
- **Thursday, Dec. 25th** | Christmas Day Mass @ 7am & 9am



Feast of Mary, the Mother of God | Holy Day of Obligation

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, a solemnity that honors Mary's role in God's plan of salvation and proclaims Jesus as truly God and truly man. This beautiful feast invites us to reflect on Mary's faithful "yes" and to entrust the coming year to her loving intercession. **Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 PM and Thursday, January 1 at 8:00 AM.**

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."

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.

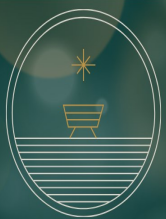
If you would like to take part in this meaningful moment at Mass, please email Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org with the weekend you prefer. We look forward to continuing this tradition throughout the year.

See You in the New Year for Spanish Classes and Rosary Making!

- Spanish classes will take a short break for Christmas. We will not meet on Saturdays, December 20, December 27, or January 3. Classes will resume after the break. We wish all our families a joyful and blessed Christmas season!
- Please note that we will not be meeting for Rosary Making during the month of December. We look forward to gathering again in January. Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful Christmas season!

Thank You for Making the GIVING TREE Shine!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree! Because of your generosity, we were able to serve 21 families, including 12 adults and 51 children. A special shout-out to our 14 amazing wrapping elves who helped make the gifts extra special. Your kindness and willingness to serve truly brought the joy of Christmas to life in our community!



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!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him, Emmanuel ("God is with us"). When have you felt close to God this Advent season?

Second Reading

Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are "called to be holy." What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?

Gospel Reading

We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary's pregnancy. How do you discern making difficult decisions?

Live The Liturgy

Sometimes we want God's instruction to be clear and precise - like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

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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.

