

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.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.” -Mt 2:14

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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.

— SAINT BEDE —

**HE WHO IS THE BREAD
OF ANGELS IS LAID DOWN
IN A MANGER,
THAT HE MIGHT FEED US,
AS IT WERE THE SACRED ANIMALS,
WITH THE BREAD OF HIS FLESH.**



Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy...together. Amen.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of December 20th/21st

Offertory.....\$6,428
Building Fund.....\$420
Christmas.....\$800
Religious Retirement.....\$85
All Souls/All Saints.....\$80

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Thanks to all who helped to decorate the church and to prepare our Christmas liturgies. It's so easy to see God's blessings in our community!

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. If you have a moment this week, you might take a little time and visit the Holy Family Shrine, just down the street. It's a great place to stop and to pray for our families.

Have a great week!

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Scott

Serving with Heart: Ladies Guild Shares the Gift of Giving

With grateful hearts, the Ladies Guild is pleased to announce final results from our November Chicken Dinner and silent auction. Thanks to your support, we announce a net income of \$11,780 which is a new record for our annual event. We are grateful to the many hands-on help and generous participants, as we launched anew meal of chicken dinner.

In recent weeks, the Guild made a major contributions towards food insecurity; in November we awarded the food pantries in Springfield and Louisville \$2,500 each. Earlier this month, the Guild responded to a request from St. Peter's parish and their St. Vincent De Paul food pantry with a \$2,500 donation to help meet an increased need for food and assistance in that vulnerable community. We continue to support scholarships, faith-based opportunities for young adult members of St. Joseph, our parish rosary-making ministry and so much more. This assistance and care for our community would not be possible without your continued support. Thank you and best wished to you and your families this Christmas season. -St. Joseph Ladies Guild

Mass Intentions

SUN 12/28	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		Vacek Family Special Intention
MON 12/29	8:00 a.m.	+	Christine Noble
TUE 12/30	6:45 a.m.	+	Mary & Adam Heimes
WED 12/31	6:45 a.m.	+	Rita Munnelly
	5:00 p.m.	+	Angela Boro
TH 1/1	8:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
FRI 1/2	6:45 a.m.	+	John Roubal
	2:00 p.m.		Priest's Intention
SAT 1/3	8:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
	5:00 p.m.	+	Frank Novotny
SUN 1/4	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	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.

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 1/ @ 5:00 PM
Greeters: Sharon VanTassel/Teresa Starks
Lectors: Marla Kildow/Ken Patry
EMHC: Leigh Ann Amerine
Gifts Bearers:
Altar Server:

Sunday, 12/28 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
Julie Masters

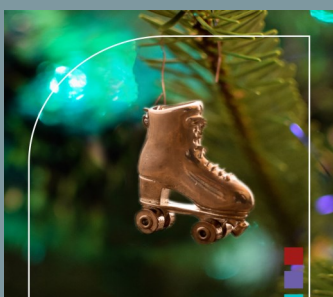
Sunday, 12/28 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Jeff Needels/Corey Osborn
Shelly Cacka/Deb Vacek
Zimmers Family



GERMANY

Starting in the 16th Century, Germans hide a pickle somewhere within the branches of their Christmas tree. Whatever child finds it receives a gift!



VENEZUELA

Every year, roads are closed to traffic in the city of Caracas to let people participate in *las pantinatas*— "the skating" where everyone roller skates to Christmas Mass.



NEW ZEALAND

On the island, Christmas trees look a little different. Residents use the native pōhutukawa tree, with its bright crimson flowers, as their symbol for Christmas.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Sirach emphasizes the importance of children honoring and respecting their parents. What are some of your favorite memories of your parents?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Colossians that families should show mutual respect and love towards one another. How do you encourage these virtues in your family?

Gospel Reading

We hear how the Holy Family faced some very dangerous circumstances early on. Can you think of some challenges your family has had to overcome?

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.**

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!

First Friday Anointing Mass & First Saturday Mass

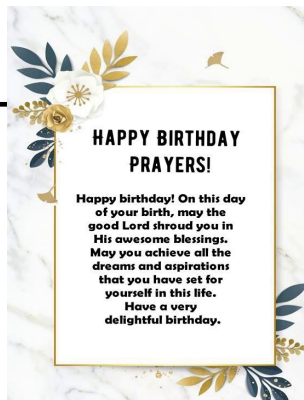
On First Friday, all are invited to attend the Anointing Mass at 2:00 PM, offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the grace of Christ's healing, strength, and peace for those facing illness, the effects of aging, or ongoing health challenges.



On First Saturday, join us for a prayerful morning beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 7:15 AM, followed by Mass at 8:00 AM. This time of adoration before Mass invites us to prepare our hearts, deepen our trust in the Lord, and rest in His loving presence.

Happy Birthday to those in January!

Jim Bartman	2nd	Joan Kraus	14th
Mary Gilmore	3rd	Ce Ce Kastens	14th
Bart Rath	8th	Candy Connery	17th
Mary Reineke	8th	Jan Redding	26th
Claudia Burchart	12th	Marlene Werner	26th
Galen Klenda	14th	Dave Kulm	27th



Live The Liturgy

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family"—the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

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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.

