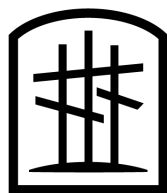


Sunday, January 11th

The Baptism of the Lord



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:

Ash Wednesday.....Feb. 18th
Masses will be at 6:45AM & 5:30 PM

CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses

Thank you for you generous giving! Your financial support

is vital to the well-being of our church and parish ministries.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” -Matthew 3:17

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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.

Bob Green's family would like to extend a grateful thank you to all who contributed to his memorial fund at his passing.

Please keep the Kreifels family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Mick Kreifels, who entered eternal rest last Sunday. May God's peace and comfort surround them, and may Mick rest in the loving mercy of Christ.



Weekly Collections

Weekend of January 3rd/4th

Christmas.....\$205
Religious Retirement.....\$585
Building Fund.....\$40
Offertory.....\$5,995

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This week, we head out again on the journey through Jesus' public life and ministry. Our guide this year will be St. Matthew. As I mentioned at Mass, consider taking time to open your bibles at home and to read through this Gospel from beginning to end in preparation for the year.

You may notice the absence of some familiar faces for the next couple of months. The snowbirds have started flying south for the winter. Safe travels to all who are on the road.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

Parish Discernment Meeting – Catholic Charities Partnership

All parishioners are invited to join us for a discernment meeting to prayerfully explore the possibility of partnering with Catholic Charities in serving those in need in our community.

Catholic Charities is the second largest food pantry in the area, with pantries at multiple locations, and also provides a wide range of services including a domestic violence shelter, mental health counseling, legal assistance, and business services for individuals and families. **More information will be shared at the meeting on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.** All are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

Support Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity – Coffee Sale

Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity, the Archdiocese of Omaha's Guatemalan mission program, partners with Knights of Columbus councils across the archdiocese to support clean water initiatives, Catholic education, health and welfare programs, and to strengthen the Church in our sister diocese of Huehuetenango, Guatemala.



On Sunday, February 18, stop by the table in the Parish Hall to purchase a bag of ground or whole bean coffee. Your purchase directly supports these important efforts and helps make a meaningful difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Guatemala.

Mass Intentions

SUN 1/11	7:00 a.m.		George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 1/12	8:00 a.m.	+	Rita Munnely
TUE 1/13	6:45 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
WED 1/14	6:45 a.m.	+	Jim Krajcek
TH 1/15	8:00 a.m.	+	Paula Whitney
FRI 1/16	6:45 a.m.		Davis Family
SAT 1/17	5:00 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
SUN 1/18	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 1/18 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
Julie Masters

Sunday, 1/18 @ 9:00 AM

Staroscik Family
Joe Boro/Amy Krance-Wendt
Donna Devine/Tim Johnson
Johnson Family

Saturday, 1/17 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault
Lectors: Sharon VanTassell/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Gifts Bearers:

*We invite parishioners to share their gifts by serving in our liturgy as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, greeter, lector, or as a family to bring up the gifts. To get involved, please contact Sharon in the parish office at secretary68059@gmail.com or 402-253-2949.

Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, Jan. 11th** - Info meeting on Steubenville Youth Conference @ 10am in PH
- **Tuesday, Jan. 13th** - Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 6pm in the RE building
 - Ladies Guild Meeting @ 6pm in the Parish Hall
 - Catholic Charities & St. Joseph's Partnership Discernment Meeting @ 7pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, Jan. 14th** - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am-11am
 - TRE @ 6:15pm-7:30pm
 - Family Formation @ 5:30pm-7:30pm
- **Saturday, Jan. 17th** - Spanish Classes @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, Jan. 18th** - Donut Sunday after the 9am Mass
 - IXIM coffee sales

Ladies Guild Chicken Noodle Soup – Super Bowl Weekend

The Ladies Guild will be offering homemade Chicken Noodle Soup to take home for Super Bowl weekend—perfect for an easy and delicious meal!

To order, please fill out an order form, found in the narthex, and return the completed form along with payment to the Ladies Guild mailbox, located on the wall next to the parish office.

Soup orders may be picked up on February 7 and 8, before and after all weekend Masses. Thank you for supporting the Ladies Guild.

Rosary-Making January 26

The Rosary Making Ministry invites you to join us for our **next gathering on Monday, January 26 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall**. Whether you're a seasoned rosary maker or someone simply curious to learn, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, share conversation, and spend time creating rosaries that will be given to those in need.

✚ All materials are provided—just bring yourself and a friend! Come enjoy a relaxed and meaningful evening growing in community and faith as we serve others through this beautiful ministry.

Stephen Center - January 19

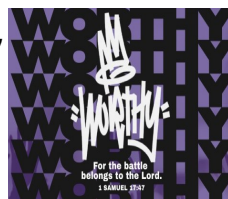
We are in need of individuals to help prepare and serve the meal at the Stephen Center on January 19th. Please sign up by scanning the QR code to help.

If you have any questions please contact Angie Iverson 402-203-0723 or Ann Kavanaugh 402-679-0659. Thank you for your generosity!



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Calling all current 8th-12th graders! The 2026 Steubenville "Worthy" Conference is July 10-12 in Springfield, MO. This is a high-energy conference where hundreds of Catholic teens will gather to be transformed by the love of Christ.



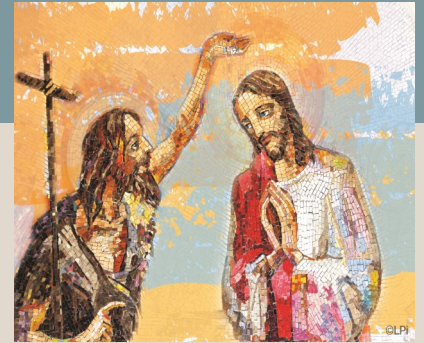
Formal interest form is due by Wednesday, January 28th at 5pm with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Scan the QR Code to fill out the registration. Informational sessions will be after the 9am mass on Sunday, January 11th and 18th in the social hall. Questions? Contact Kelly Johnson at tkjohnson2223@gmail.com or 402-880-8724.

Safe Environment Class - January 20

All parishioners who volunteer or are interested in volunteering at a church event are encouraged to become Safe Environment certified. **St. Joseph will host a Safe Environment training led by Sherry Huntwork on Tuesday, January 20th, from 6:30–8:00pm.**

Whether you are interested in helping with funeral luncheons, preparing meals or providing childcare for Family Formation, assisting with the Fish Fries, or teaching our youth in Religious Education, Safe Environment certification is required prior to serving. This training helps ensure a safe, welcoming, and faith-filled environment for everyone in our parish community.

Registration is required and can be completed through the CMG Connect website.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah speaks of God using a servant to deliver justice to the nations of the world. When have you felt God calling you to do His work?

Second Reading

Peter testifies how God and the Holy Spirit were active in the life and public ministry of Jesus. Do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist initially hesitates baptizing Jesus. Do you have a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement?

Live The Liturgy

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

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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 PRESIDENTDeb Hoskins
MUSIC MINISTRY & YOUTH CHOIR
COORDINATOR.....Candy Connery
YOUTH GROUP LEADERS.....Kelly Johnson & Julie Nieveen

Parish Office

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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.

January Charity Drive – Food Kits for Our Community

~Sponsored by Ladies Guild

During the month of January, our parish Charity Drive will collect donations to assemble food kits for local businesses and food pantries. These kits will be kept on hand and shared with anyone who may need a helping hand in preparing a meal for the day.

A list of needed items is available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and for helping care for those in need in our community.