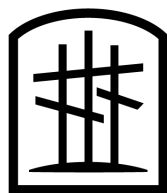


Sunday, January 18th

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



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 your generous giving!

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



2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” - John 1:34

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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.

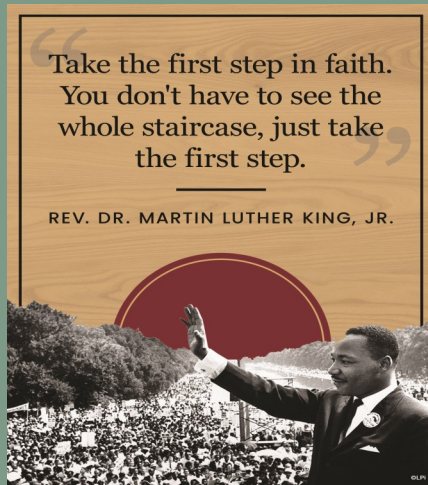
Join St. Joseph's Prayer Chain

Would you like to lift others in prayer, or have someone's intention prayed for? Our Prayer Chain supports our parish family through the power of prayer.

Prayer intentions are sent out through Flocknote. To join, scan the QR code in the bulletin or contact Julie Richards at 402-881-2407.



Share your prayers, receive prayers, and help surround our parish community with God's love.



Weekly Collections

Weekend of January 10th/11th
Building Fund.....\$285
Offertory.....\$5,707.28

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Since November, we've had almost as many funerals as we had in all of 2024. As I reflect on that, I'm so grateful for how our community comes together for funerals. The luncheon, music, service at the altar and overall hospitality are all so generous and so well done. There's never a funeral--never--where someone from outside the parish doesn't comment on how appreciative they are for how our parish carries out our services for the departed and their loved ones. Whenever we have a funeral, it's simply the most important thing that we do in that week.

Thanks to everyone for helping to approach such a sorrowful occasion with such warm generosity and sense of community.

Best,
Fr. Scott

Journey Together This Lent – Host a Small Group!

Lent is the perfect time to grow in faith and fellowship! We're inviting parishioners to host a small group and journey together as you dive into the Sunday Gospel readings or explore FOCUS' study on 1st Corinthians. Share conversation, reflect on God's Word, and deepen your relationship with Christ alongside friends, old and new.

To help you get started, we'll be holding a **"How to Host a Small Group" training next Sunday, January 25th, after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall.** We'll go over how the parish can support you and your group, provide materials, and share tips to make your time together meaningful and fruitful.

Interested? You can email Amanda Staroscik or just show up. All are welcome!

Support Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity – Coffee Sales

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 1/18	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 1/19	8:00 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
TUE 1/20	6:45 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
WED 1/21	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Novotny
TH 1/22	6:45 a.m.	+	Paula Whitney
FRI 1/23	6:45 a.m.	+	Robert Carmichael
SAT 1/24	5:00 p.m.	+	Mary Ann Bryl
SUN 1/25	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		George & Harriet Green

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 1/25 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 1/25 @ 9:00 AM

Iro & Mary Johnson
Teresa Belter/ Jeff Needels
Shelley Cacka/Deb Vacek
Staroscik Family

Saturday, 1/24 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Sharon VanTassel/Teresa Starks
Lectors: Ken Patry/ Mike Fowler
EMHC: Ted Boro
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

- **Saturday, Jan. 17th** - Spanish Classes @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, Jan. 18th** - Donut Sunday after the 9am Mass
 - IXIM coffee sales
 - HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm
 - Parish Council @ 10am
- **Tuesday, Jan. 20th** - Safe Environment Class @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall (Registration Required)
- **Wednesday, Jan. 21st** - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am-11am
 - TRE @ 6:15pm-7:30pm (2nd Grade Parent only Meeting at 6:30pm in Parish Hall)
 - Senior Game Day @ 1pm
- **Sunday, Jan. 25th** - Small Group Training @ 10am in Parish Hall

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, after all weekend Masses ONLY! 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.

STEBENVILLE 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 18th in the parish 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.

Lenten Fish Fry – Mark Your Calendar!

Feb. 27 & Mar. 6, 13, 20 | 4:30–7:00 PM

Join us for a Lenten meal of fish, shrimp, Mac N Cheese, cheese pizza, green beans and more during the Fridays of Lent. Bring your family, invite a friend, and savor both meal and community!

Want to help? Scan the QR code to volunteer! Bring your family, invite a friend, and savor both meal and community!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah teaches that God chose Israel to reveal His glory and bring salvation to the world. Why do you think God uses people to do His will?

Second Reading

Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians with a plea for unity and holiness of all believers. Where do you see your faith community unified and holy?

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. With whom do you talk about Jesus?

Live The Liturgy

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show other who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

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 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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 PRESIDENTJulie Richards
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
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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

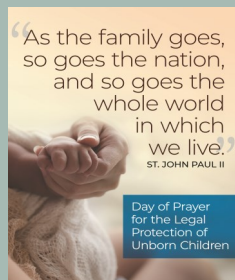
Six months of marriage preparation prior to your wedding is required by the Archdiocese. Contact the parish office to schedule your wedding date and marriage instruction.

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.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - January 22nd

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

Excerpt from <https://www.usccb.org/january-22>