

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:

See the website for more details

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

-Matthew 2:2

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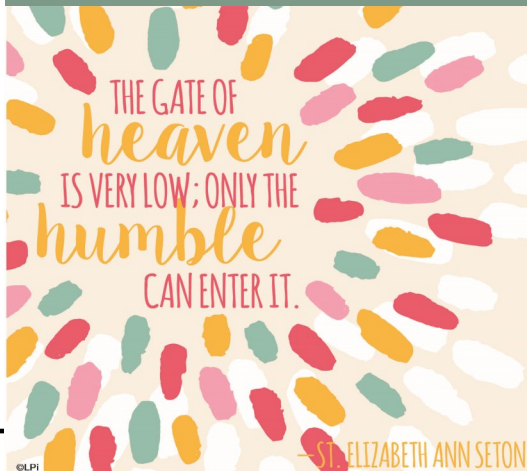
Remember in our Prayers

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

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,

It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to see You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Am



Weekly Collections

December 25th

Offertory.....\$3,225
Building Fund.....\$125
Christmas.....\$22,370

Weekly Collections

Weekend of December 27/28

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Here at the start of the new year, I wish you and yours all the best for a wonderful 2026. It is such a happy privilege for me to serve as your pastor, and I am eager to see where the Lord will lead our growing community in these next twelve months. May 2026 be a great year for us all!

Have a great week and a happy Epiphany!

Sincerely,

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.**

Your presence and prayerful discernment are valued as we listen together for how God may be calling our parish to serve.

First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration on the **first Wednesday of each month.** **Exposition will begin immediately following the 6:45am Mass and conclude with Benediction at 8:50pm. (January 7th)**



Whether you come for a few quiet minutes or stay for a longer visit, this is a beautiful opportunity to rest in His presence, offer your prayers, and draw closer to Christ in the Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

SUN 1/4	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 1/5	8:00 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
TUE 1/6	6:45 a.m.		Members of the Military
WED 1/7	6:45 a.m.	+	Jim Krajcek
TH 1/8	6:45 a.m.	+	Paula Whitney
FRI 1/9	6:45 a.m.	+	John Roubal
SAT 1/10	5:00 p.m.	+	Lyle & Gina Davis
SUN 1/11	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		George & Harriet Green

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

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 1/11 @ 7:00 AM

Beth Anderson
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 1/11 @ 9:00 AM

Donna Devine/Kathy Irvin
Bob Zielinski/Larry Vacek
Michelle Gustafson/Jeff Needels
Ramaeker Family

Saturday, 1/10 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jeff Kreifels/Kathleen Pratt
Lectors: Mike Fowler/John Cronican
EMHC: Kari Cronican
Gifts Bearers:

Parish Events and Formation

- **Tuesday, Jan. 6th** - Walthill/Macy Service Trip
- **Wednesday, Jan. 7th** - Eucharistic Adoration (after the 6:45am Mass until 9p.m.)
 - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am—11am
 - TRE @ 6:15pm—7:30pm
 - Youth Group
- **Saturday, Jan. 10th** - Spanish Classes starts again @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, Jan. 11th** - Info meeting on Steubenville Youth Conference @ 10am in PH

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 longtime member, 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!

Thank you to the Farris, Zach, Zimmer, Mixan, Christiansen, Rudolph, Nuss, Connery, Johnson, Halsey, Kavanaugh, Hamilton, Burgert, Choquette, Staroscik, and Holbrook families for helping provide and serve the meal for the Stephen Center on December 15th. We really appreciate your generosity!



Early Registration STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE Registration

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 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 with children, youth, or vulnerable adults 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.

Walthill/Macy Service Trip - This Tuesday

Join us for our upcoming service trip with Catholic Charities this Tuesday, January 6! The group will leave from St. Joseph at 8:00 a.m. and carpool together. If you'd like to ride along, please contact Sue Knott at 402-810-2033.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?

Second Reading

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that all believers in Jesus (Jews and Gentiles alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?

Gospel Reading

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?

Live The Liturgy

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us - Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

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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.

