

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 (not a day of obligation).....Feb. 18th
Masses will be at 6:45AM & 5:30 PM

CONFESIONS:

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.



4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“When Jesus saw the crowd, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.”

-Matthew 5:1

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who put out such a great spread this past Sunday. It was short notice that Archbishop McGovern was coming, and the hospitality was great.

Sometimes, people say that "February is the longest month". Just think; in these days we all have a chance to bring the peace and joy of Christ to those whom we meet and for whom winter is long and a little bit dreary!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

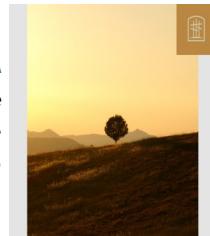
Journey Together This Lent – Host a Small Group!

Join us for another practical "How to Host a Small Group" session **this Sunday, February 1st, in the Parish Hall**. Corey Osborn will share practical tips on how to help make your gatherings easy and meaningful, why small groups are important and how the parish will support you in it. Interested? Email Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org or Corey Osborn at coreyosborn@gmail.com or simply show up. All are welcome! Childcare will be provided if needed!

Parish Retreat: A Day of Recollection

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH 8:30AM - 3PM

Join us for our parish retreat *A Day of Recollection* at the Ablaze House of Prayer (115th & Fairview Rd.). Guided by Fr. Scott, the day will include prayerful talks, sacred silence, small group reflection, Mass, and lunch.



This year's retreat invites us to slow down within the rhythm of the Mass, listening more closely, seeing more clearly, and opening ourselves to the grace God pours out each time we gather at the altar. Saturday, March 7 from 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Register for a day of prayer, peace, and renewal by reaching out to Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org or Fr. Scott.

Mass Intentions

SUN 2/1	7:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
	9:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
MON 2/2	6:45 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
TUE 2/3	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
WED 2/4	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
TH 2/5	6:45 a.m.		Special intention
FRI 2/6	6:45 a.m.	+	Gary Schiebel
	2:00 p.m.		Priest's Intention
SAT 2/7	8:00 a.m.	+	Brenda Jones
	5:00 p.m.	+	Frank Novotny
SUN 2/8	7:00 a.m.	+	Barb Rath
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 2/8 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 2/8 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Larry Vacek/ Joe Boro
Donna Devine/Tim Johnson

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

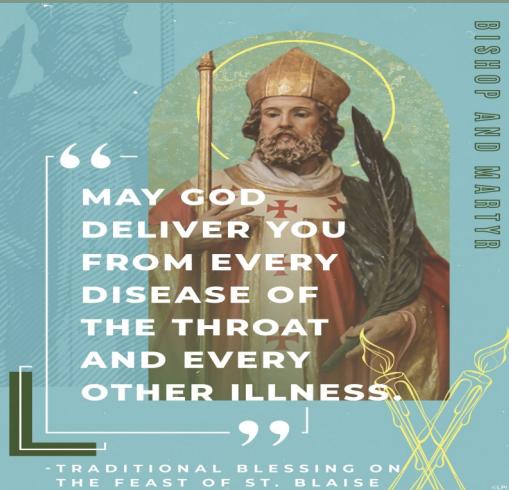
Would you like to lift others in prayer, or have someone's intention prayed for? Our Prayer Chain supports our parish family through the power of prayer.

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



Blessing of the Throat

Following the weekend Masses on February 7th and 8th, there will be a throat blessing in honor of St. Blaise, whose feast day occurred on February 3rd. St. Blaise is recognized as the patron saint of throat ailments.



Weekly Collections

Weekend of January 24/25
Building Fund.....\$35
Offertory.....\$4,047.72

Saturday, 2/7 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault
Lectors: Marla Kildow/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Kari Cronican
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.

Lenten Materials & Events

Small Groups: Walk Through Lent Together

Lent gives us a shared season of prayer, reflection, and renewal. It's a natural time to gather with a few friends or neighbors once a week and walk through the season together, focused on Christ.

Join a St. Joseph's Small Group:

- Wednesday mornings, 7:30 AM – Parish Hall Reflect on the Sunday Gospels with Sharon VanTassell
- Day, time & place is TBD - with John & Kari Cronican (more information will be provided parishioners join to accommodate schedules)

More groups and details will be available soon. Check out the Lenten Resource table in the narthex. Sign up and experience Lent in community!

* If you are looking to start a group, join us this Sunday after the 9AM Mass in the parish hall for a practical "How To Host a Small Group" session or reach out to Corey Osborn at coreywosborn@gmail.com or Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.

Service Opportunities

• PROJECT LINUS | Sunday, February 22

This Lent, let your sacrifice become comfort for a child. Join us in making fleece tie blankets to be donated to Project Linus, a nonprofit that provides blankets to hospitals and organizations serving children who have experienced trauma or abuse. Each blanket becomes a tangible reminder that they are seen, loved, and not alone.

Our parish goal is to create 50 blankets, and every pair of hands helps.

Saturday, February 22

After the 9:00 AM Mass

All materials, instructions, and lunch are provided, making this a meaningful and accessible Lenten service opportunity for families, including children.

Can't join us that day? You can still take part. Blanket kits will be available upon request to make at home, just return completed blankets to St. Joseph's by February 27. Questions reach out to Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.

• NEBRASKA DIAPER BANK

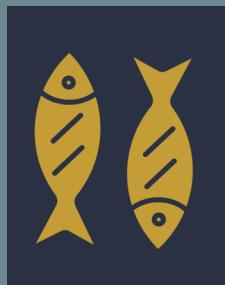
Join other volunteers from St. Joseph's at the Nebraska Diaper Bank on **Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM** to help count and bundle diapers for those families in need. Reach out to Amanda Staroscik by email at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org if you would like to come. (Note: Kids must be 12 years of age to volunteer)



Lent FISH FRIES at St. Joseph

Feb. 27 | Mar. 6

Mar. 13 | Mar. 20



Mark your calendars with this year's Fish Fry dates. Doors will be open from **4:30 PM to 7:00 PM!** We will have fried and baked fish, shrimp, baked potatoes, French fries, all the best sides, and plenty of fun for the whole family.

Kids will love the face painting, balloon animals, and ice cream, while the rest of us enjoy great food, drinks and even better company!



If you would like to lend a hand working at one of our Fish Fries, scan the QR code to sign up!!

Ash Wednesday

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

February 18th

Mass Times:

6:45AM & 5:30PM



Lenten Devotionals & Family Resources

Lent invites us to slow our steps and turn our hearts toward God. We have a variety of options available for individuals and families, offering simple, meaningful ways to pray, reflect, and grow in faith together throughout Lent's forty days. Whether you're looking for quiet personal prayer or a shared rhythm at home, there's something for you. Please take one and let it accompany you on your Lenten journey. Resources can be found in the narthex of the church.

Parish Events and Formation

- **Saturday, Jan. 31st** - Spanish Classes @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, Feb. 1st** - "How to Host a Small Group" Session in the Parish Hall after the 9am Mass
 - HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm
- **Tuesday, Feb. 3rd** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, Feb. 4th** - Eucharistic Adoration from 7am - 9pm
 - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am-11am
 - TRE @ 6:15pm-7:30pm
- **Friday, Feb. 6th** - First Friday Anointing Mass @ 2pm
- **Saturday, Feb. 7th** - First Saturday Mass @ 8am (Exposition at 7:15am)
- **Sunday, Feb. 8th** - OCIA class @ 10am in the Large RE room
 - HS Boys/Girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm

LAST CALL for Take-Home Chicken Noodle Soup

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 by Monday, Feb 2nd** 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.



Reminder: Day Service Trip – Walthill & Macy, NE

Join us for a service trip with Catholic Charities as we travel to Walthill and Macy, Nebraska to pack and distribute food boxes to families in need. We will go on **Tuesday, February 3** and meet at St. Joseph's at 8:00 AM to carpool. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors and live out our faith through action. Interested in joining? Let Sue Knott know at 402-810-2033.

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, February 4, St. Joseph will have Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Exposition will begin after daily Mass, and the day will conclude with Benediction at 8:50 PM. Take this opportunity to pray, reflect, and spend time in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Knights of Columbus & Ladies Guild Scholarships

Scholarship applications for St. Joseph's seniors are now available. The Ladies' Guild and the Knights of Columbus, each have their own application. Students may win either a Ladies' Guild scholarship or a Knights of Columbus scholarship, but not both. Applications for both Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus can be found on St. Joseph's website www.stjosephspringfield.org.

The Ladies' Guild application is for children of St. Joseph's registered members and focuses on the student's involvement in the St. Joseph's community and service outside of St. Joseph. Ladies' Guild will award one \$1,500 scholarship and up to three \$1,000 scholarships. Once filled out, the application should be placed in an envelope labeled "Ladies' Guild Scholarship" and placed in the Ladies' Guild mailbox **by 10 p.m. on March 15, 2026**. Please do not write your name on the outside of the envelope. Questions? Contact Erin Patera at 402-305-7469.

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 10894 is pleased to offer up to five scholarships for graduating high school seniors and homeschool students, including the \$1,500 William Biernbaum Scholarship and four additional \$1,000 awards. Scholarships are awarded through a review process, with special consideration given to students who have generously served St. Joseph through participation and leadership, as well as involvement in their school and wider community; preference is given to active Knights of Columbus family members. **Applications are due Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 AM.**



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant" of Israel who will live humbly and seek justice. Are there people in your life who live this way?

Second Reading

Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised. How would you characterize your faith community?

Gospel Reading

Jesus begins his "Sermon on the Mount" with the many ways that people are blessed. What do you consider your biggest blessing?

Live The Liturgy

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists on the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

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Vicar General & Moderator to the Curia

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FEEDING THE FLOCK MINISTRY.....**Sue Knott/Laurel Zielinski**
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 PRESIDENT**Julie 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
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.

EUCARISTIC 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.

Monthly Charity Drive

Sponsored by the Ladies' Guild

The February charity drive is pre-packaged, shelf stable meal kits. Please take a two gallon bag with the recipe cards inside. Choose one recipe and buy the ingredients for the recipe. Place the ingredients in the two gallon bag along with the recipe sheet and return to the church. Feel free to make more than one meal kit. The kits will be distributed to the local food pantries and Least of My Brethren.