

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

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.



6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of Heaven.’ - Matthew 5:20

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This weekend, we announced about looking for more music ministers, both as song leaders and as musicians. We have some very generous musicians and singers who assist now with Masses, but we could definitely use more. If you are interested in assisting and are a confident singer or musician, please reach out to any of our current musicians after Mass to visit with them. They would love to have your help, too!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

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.



Have you moved or had a change in your contact information this past year? We'd be grateful if you would let Sharon in the parish office know so we can keep our records up to date and stay connected with you. Please contact the parish office at your convenience with any updates.

Parish Retreat: A Day of Recollection

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST 8:30AM - 3PM

Join us for our parish retreat *A Day of Recollection* at the Ablaze House of Prayer (115th & Fairview Rd.).



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. Guided by Fr. Scott, the day will include prayerful talks, prayer, small group reflection, Mass, and lunch.

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

Steubenville Fundraiser This Sunday @ Donut Sunday

Join us this weekend after the 9:00am Mass for Donut Sunday! Enjoy coffee and donuts while supporting our youth as they raise funds for the Steubenville Youth Conference—a powerful summer experience where teens encounter Jesus. Scan the QR code to check out a video on what the conference is all about.



A free-will donation box will be available. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Ash Wednesday
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
February 18th

Mass Times:
6:45AM & 5:30PM

Mass Intentions

SUN 2/15	7:00 a.m.	+	Barb Rath
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 2/16	8:00 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
TUE 2/17	6:45 a.m.	+	Kurt Pfeifer
WED 2/18	6:45 a.m.	+	Rita Munnely
TH 2/19	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
FRI 2/20	6:45 a.m.	+	Mick Kreifels
SAT 2/21	5:00 p.m.	+	Frank Novotny
SUN 2/22	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		Meister Family

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

Weekly Collections

Weekend of February 7th/8th

Building Fund.....	\$850
Offertory.....	\$11,719
One Rose One Life.....	\$20

Liturgy Ministers

Sunday, 2/22 @ 7:00 AM

Beth Anderson
JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 2/22 @ 9:00 AM

Staroscik Family
Jeff Needels/Corey Osborn
Mickelle Gustafson/Donna Devine
Staroscik Family

*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, Feb. 14th**- Spanish Classes @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, Feb. 8th** - Donut Sunday (Freewill donation to support Youth Group)
- HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm
- **Tuesday, Feb. 17th** - Finance Committee Mtg
- **Wednesday, Feb. 18th** - NO RE classes
- Senior Game Day @ 1pm

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. Check out the Lenten Resource table in the narthex. Sign up and experience Lent in community!

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)
- Wednesday Evenings, time and place TBD - with Jim & Lara Turco/Justin & Jamie Nuss

If you are looking to start a group and don't know where to start. Scan the QR code to watch a practical "How To Host a Small Group" video. You can also reach out to Corey Osborn at coreywosborn@gmail.com or Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org for more guidance and support in starting a small group.



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

Sunday, 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 | *Saturday, March 7th*

**Please note time change*

Join other volunteers from St. Joseph's at the Nebraska Diaper Bank on **Saturday, March 7 from 9AM - 11AM** to help count and bundle diapers for those families in need. Julie Richards has offered to carpool from St. Joseph's. Meet in the parking lot by 8:30AM. 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)

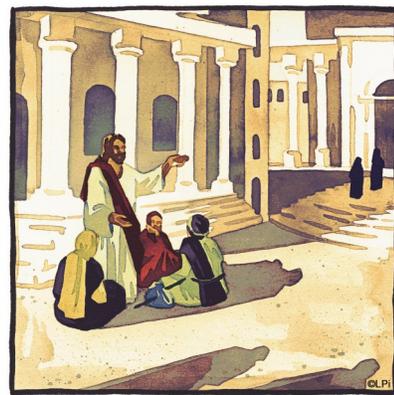


Lent FISH FRIES at St. Joseph

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. **NEW this year!** Bring cash to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win some meat with our meat wheel!!

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



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Sirach speaks of the human freedom to choose between good and evil and of God's desire for us to act justly. What good could you do this week for a friend or family member?

Second Reading

Paul teaches that God reveals His wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. How might you be more open to listening to the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus offers stern warnings against breaking the commandments, holding grudges, committing adultery, divorcing your spouse, and falsifying oaths. Why do you think Jesus holds us to such high moral expectations?

Live The Liturgy

Jesus does not want us to live within the law. He wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life—only then will it flow forth into the world.

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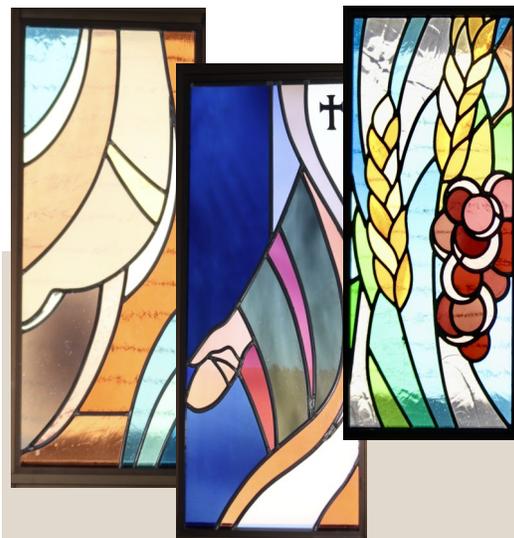
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FEEDING THE FLOCK MINISTRY.....**Sue Knott/Laurel Zielinski**
 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
Deacon Terry Ficenc
Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father will hear confessions 30 minutes before daily masses and 45 minutes before weekend masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registered parishioners should contact Fr. Scott directly about baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months of marriage preparation prior to your wedding is required by the Archdiocese. Contact Fr. Scott directly about marriage preparation.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut in, and would like a visit from Fr. Scott, please contact him directly.

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.

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.

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.