

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:

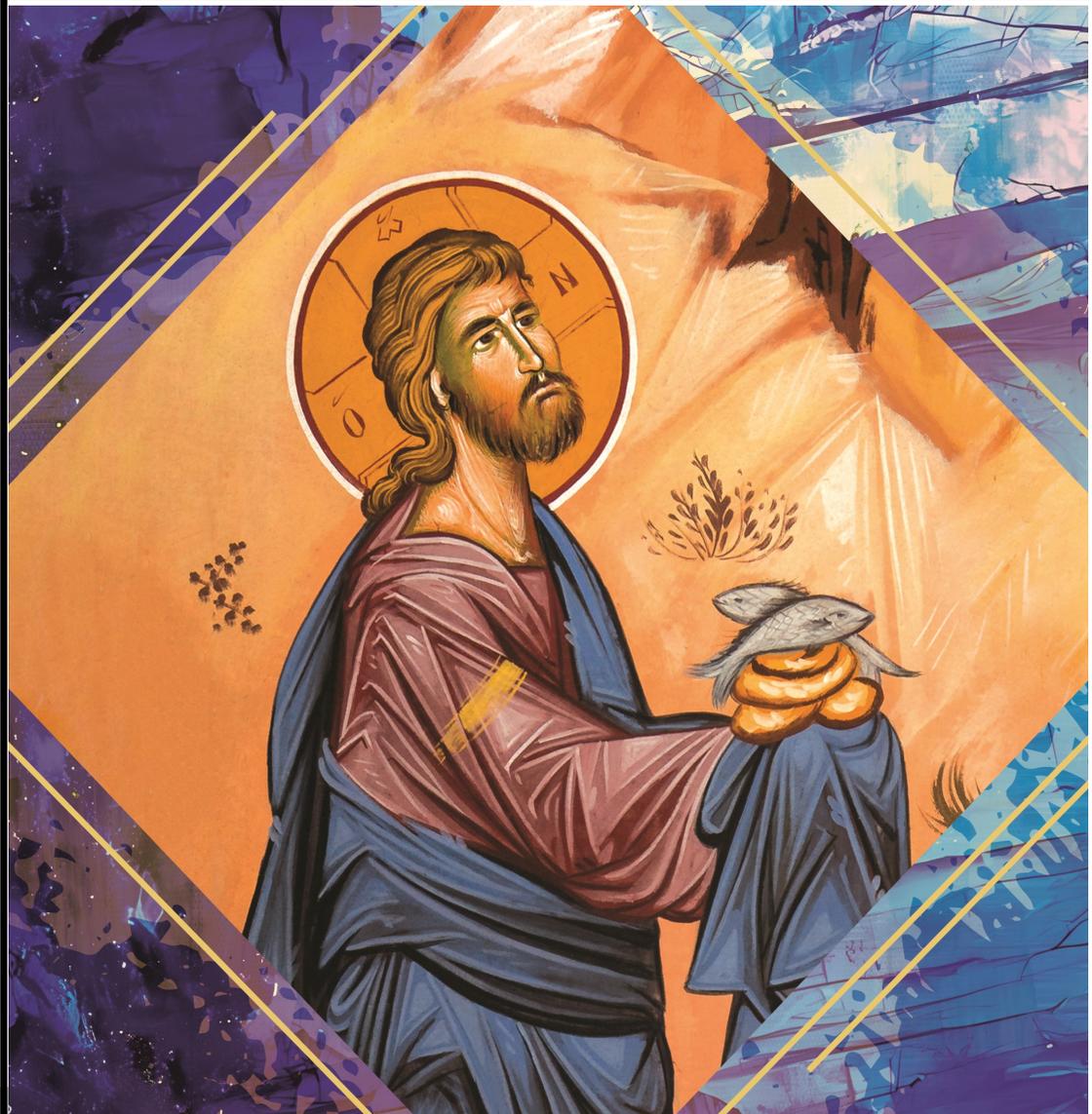
Ash Wednesday (not a day of obligation).....Feb. 18th
Masses will be at 6:45AM & 5:30 PM

CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses

Thank you for your generous giving! Your financial support

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



5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." -Matthew 5:16

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

In a couple of weeks, we will begin Lent. Ash Wednesday will be on the 18th. It's a good time to begin some planning, to see how we will live this Lent. You may have noticed the table in the back of the church with some resources, as well as the items here in the bulletin. Also this year, we will try something new. On the Wednesdays of Lent, we will have a guided holy hour from 8-9pm. We'll have time for adoration of the Eucharist in silence, as well as some guidance from me each week. In my own life, guided holy hours really taught me how to pray, to hear the voice of the Lord and to get accustomed to the silence. We will not have a holy hour on March 18th, as I'll be traveling. If this is of interest to you, please feel free to join me. Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

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.

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

Knights of Columbus & Ladies Guild Scholarship

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.

Mass Intentions

SUN 2/8	7:00 a.m.	+	Barb Rath
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 2/9	8:00 a.m.	+	Kathy Biernbaum
TUE 2/10	6:45 a.m.	+	Eleanor Tex
WED 2/11	6:45 a.m.	+	Bob Green
TH 2/12	6:45 a.m.	+	John Kurtz
FRI 2/13	6:45 a.m.	+	Lois McKim
SAT 2/14	5:00 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassel
SUN 2/15	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Bud Burchard

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

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 this 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.



Ash Wednesday
Not a Holy Day of Obligation

February 18th

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

Weekly Collections

Weekend of February 1st/2nd
Building Fund.....\$35
Offertory.....\$4,047.72

Liturgy Ministers

Saturday, 2/14 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault
Lectors: Mike Fowler/Ken Patry
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Gifts Bearers:

Sunday, 2/15 @ 7:00 AM

Beth Anderson
Julie Masters

Sunday, 2/15 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Amy Krance-Wendt/Teresa Belter
Mickelle Gustafson/Jeff Needels

*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. 7th** - Spanish Classes @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, Feb. 8th** - OCIA @ 10am in the large RE room
 - HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm
- **Tuesday, Feb. 10th** - Ladies' Guild monthly meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, Feb. 11th** - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am-11am
 - TRE @ 6:15pm-7:30pm
 - Family Formation @ 6pm - 7:30pm (dinner starts @ 5:30)

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 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. 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!!



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

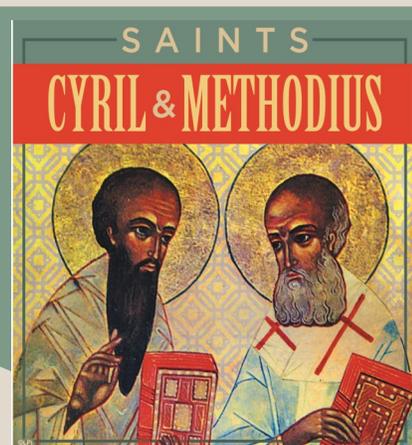
We hear from Isaiah that the Lord expects us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and avoid false accusations and hateful speech. Which of these virtues could you practice this week?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Corinthians to ground their faith in the power of God and not in human wisdom. How can you make this a regular habit?

Gospel Reading

Jesus challenges his disciples to have a positive influence in the world. Who do you know makes the world a better place?



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PRAYER CHAIN & CARE CHAIN CONTACT.....**Julie Richards**
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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 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.

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.