

# 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 inside the bulletin or go to the church website for Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule.

### 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.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, " He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - John 9:15*

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Please note that there will be no guided holy hour this Wednesday night, as I will be out of town. Also, our parish feast day, March 19th, will be celebrated on Friday, March 20th. This year, we have received permission to transfer the celebration, since I will be out on the 19th, too.

This weekend, we wear rose vestments. We do so as a reminder that our Lenten penances are now halfway done and that this time ends with Jesus' victory over death. Next weekend, Passiontide begins. That means that it will be two weeks before Easter. By ancient practice, all images in the church will be covered. This is an act of mourning for the Holy Cross and a final sign of our preparing to celebrate Good Friday.

Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scott

**Remember in our Prayers**

Let us pray for Margaret Wilson and 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.



**Triduum & Easter Schedule**

- **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Holy Thursday**  
7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Good Friday**  
3:00pm - Stations & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (no Communion)  
3:00pm - Confessions (until the end of the line)  
7:00pm - Celebration of the Passion (with Communion)
- **April 4<sup>th</sup>, Easter Vigil**  
8:30pm - Vigil Mass (with outside Easter Fire beforehand)
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday**  
7:00am - Mass (Simple)  
9:00am - Mass (Solemn)



**Weekly Collections**

Weekend of March 7/8

Building Fund.....\$230  
Offertory.....\$4,374  
Black & Indian.....\$25

**Feasibility Study Information**

Our parish feasibility study begins on March 23rd. A feasibility study helps gauge the level of support for projects a parish is considering and gives every parishioner the opportunity to share their voice. It also helps us understand who may be willing to support a future campaign financially or assist with it in other ways.

This study will focus on three major projects currently under consideration at Saint Joseph: expanding our church, building a new parish hall and kitchen, and adding an adoration chapel. We encourage all parishioners to participate in the process. The results of the study will be shared with the parish in late April.

**Save the Date – Steeplechase 5K & 1-Mile Walk**

Mark your calendars for the **Steeplechase 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk** on **Saturday, June 13 at 8:00am** during Springfield Days! This fun community event welcomes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. All proceeds will benefit the **Springfield Food Pantry**, helping support families in our community. Online registration will be available in about a week—watch for more details coming soon!



**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUN 3/15</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Ron & Tonya Feldhacker
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 3/16</b>	8:00 a.m.	+	Jerry Klenda
<b>TUE 3/17</b>	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
<b>WED 3/18</b>	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
<b>TH 3/19</b>	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
<b>FRI 3/20</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
<b>SAT 3/21</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Frank Novotny
<b>SUN 3/22</b>	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Mick Kreifels

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

**Liturgy Ministers**

**Saturday, 3/21 @ 5:00 PM**  
**Greeters:** Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault  
**Lectors:** Jim Amerine/Ken Patry  
**EMHC:** Ted Boro  
**Gifts Bearers:**

**Sunday, 3/21 @ 7:00 AM**  
  
Mike Kalen  
JoAnn Swanson

**Sunday, 3/22 @ 9:00 AM**  
Donna Devine/Kathy Irvin  
Bob Zielinski/Corey Osborn  
Tim Johnson/ 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

- **Sunday, March 15th** - HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm
- **Tuesday, March 17th** - Ladies Guild meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, March 18th** - No Preschool CGS or TRE  
- No Guided Holy Hour & Adoration
- **Friday, March 20th** - Fish Fry @ 4:30pm-7pm  
- Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm
- **Saturday, March 21st** - Spanish Classes @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm  
- Parish Retreat @ 8:30am at Ablaze House of Prayer
- **Sunday, March 22nd** - GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse Special Program @ 10:30am  
- OCIA class @ 10am  
- HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm

### Last FISH FRY at St. Joseph | Friday, March 20th

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!!

### Grief Support Gathering | Sunday, March 22nd

We warmly invite you to a special 3-hour gathering on Sunday, March 22 from 10:30am-1:30pm. Our presenter, Linda, is a nationally licensed mental health counselor with over 20 years of experience and many years serving alongside her late husband in funeral home ministry offering grief support. After his death in 2020 following 38 years of marriage, her commitment to accompanying others in grief deepened in a very personal way.

This afternoon will offer support and practical guidance. A GriefShare workbook and lunch will be provided. Register by scanning the QR code and completing the Google Form. There is also a paper sign up in the narthex of the church. For questions or more information, contact Ann Kavanaugh at [cannkava@gmail.com](mailto:cannkava@gmail.com) or Deb Hoskins at [Dahoskins1980@gmail.com](mailto:Dahoskins1980@gmail.com).



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level I Formation

Have you considered Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level I formation? St. Joseph is hosting a Level I formation training beginning in August, and we would love for more St. Joseph parishioners to consider joining us! We offer CGS for our preschoolers, kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 3rd graders. CGS training also deeply enriches your own faith through Scripture and the liturgy.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact Trista Welsh at [tristakwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:tristakwelsh@gmail.com) or look on our parish website under the *Education* tab. You can register for the 90 hour training by scanning the QR code.



### 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 on 115th & Fairview Rd.

This year's retreat invites you 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 educational talks, silent 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](mailto:amanda@stjosephspringfield.org) or Fr. Scott.



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

Samuel does not expect the Lord to anoint the young David as Israel's next king. When have you been surprised by God doing something unexpected in your life?

#### Second Reading

Paul expects the believers in Ephesus to live as children of light and learn what is pleasing to the Lord. What could you do this week that is pleasing to the Lord?

#### Gospel Reading

Jesus' healing of the blind man causes confusion and even anger to those who do not see him as the Christ. Have you seen or felt God's presence in this season of Lent?

### Live The Liturgy

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because I was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness or do we choose sight?

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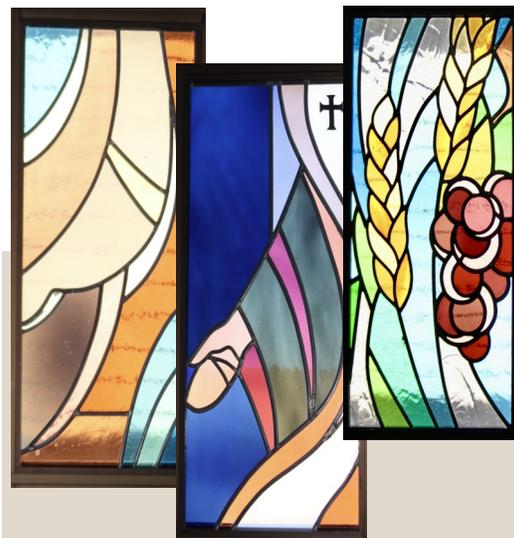
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DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**  
**Deacon Terry Ficenc**  
**Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger**



**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  
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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](http://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*

Our March Charity Corner will support the Nebraska Diaper Bank. Throughout the month, we will be collecting diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes to help families in our community who are struggling to afford these basic necessities. Diapers are one of the most requested—and least donated—items for young families. Your simple gift can make a big difference. Donations can be placed in the Charity Corner in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and for caring for families in need.

Every women of the parish is already a part of the Ladies Guild. If you would like to receive Flocknote messages or emails about upcoming opportunities and events, scan the QR code.

