

# 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:

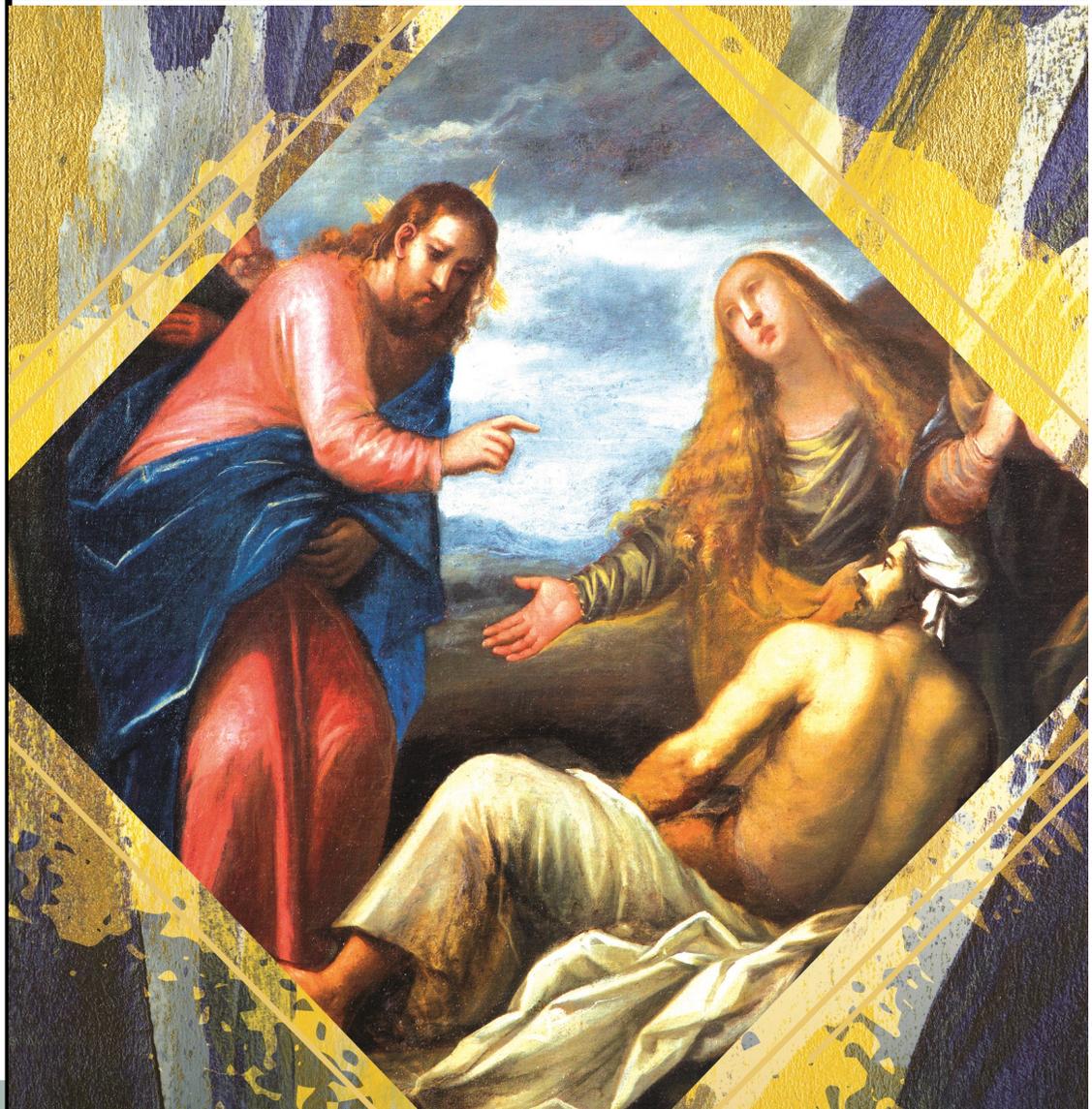
Please check the parish website for Mass times

### 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.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - John 11:43*

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

We are now heading into the most intense time of the year. I encourage us all to enter these days as thoughtfully as we can. Soon enough, we'll be at graduation parties and celebrating Memorial Day. But, for these two weeks, the Church urges us to slow down and to be thoughtful each day of the life of Jesus. A helpful way to do that will be to have a bit more silence than usual in these days. And then, we ought to ask ourselves each day, "What was going on in Jesus' life? What was His mother thinking? His friends?" These are the days of our freedom from sin and death. It is the Passover of the Lord!

Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scott

**Feasibility Study Information**

We welcome Brandi Holys from the Steier Group, who will be leading our planning study. Brandi earned her bachelor's degree from Hastings College and her master's degree from the University of Nebraska. A native of North Platte and graduate of St. Patrick High School, Brandi's work with the Steier Group includes managing an endowment fundraising campaign for her alma mater, a campaign supporting restoration efforts at St. Mary Church in Lincoln, and most recently, a planning study in Springfield, IL. Prior to joining the Steier Group, Brandi worked as the Vice President of Advancement for Gross Catholic High School.

**Liturgy Ministers Needed for Holy Week Masses**

As we prepare for the holiest days of the year, we invite all Liturgy Ministers—both experienced and new—to help make our Holy Week liturgies prayerful, beautiful, and welcoming for our parish community. Your ministry plays a vital role in creating a reverent and meaningful experience for everyone who gathers during this sacred time.

Signup sheets are available in the narthex of the church. Thank you for sharing your gifts and helping our parish enter Holy Week with grace and beauty.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUN 3/22</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.		Mick Kreifels
<b>MON 3/23</b>	8:00 a.m.		John Kurtz
<b>TUE 3/24</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Rita Munnelly
<b>WED 3/25</b>	6:45 a.m.		Swenson Family
<b>TH 3/26</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Bill Schutz
<b>FRI 3/27</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Lois McKim
<b>SAT 3/28</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Charley Bacon Sr.
<b>SUN 3/29</b>	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Jim Parisot

*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 for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.

**Easter Candle Donation**

This year's Easter Candle was donated by the family of Steve Kotlarz, in his memory.

He will be remembered each time the candle is lit.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**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 14th/15th

Building Fund.....\$480  
Offertory.....\$5,743  
Black & Indian.....\$45

**Liturgy Ministers**

**Saturday, 3/28 @ 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks  
**Lectors:** Mike Fowler/John Cronican  
**EMHC:** Leigh Ann Amerine  
**Singers:**

**Sunday, 3/29 @ 7:00 AM**

Erin Patera  
Julie Masters

**Sunday, 3/29 @ 9:00 AM**

The Staroscik family  
Larry Vacek/Joe Boro  
Shelley Cacka/ Deb Vacek

\*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 22nd** - HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm
- **Monday, March 23rd** - Rosary Making gathering @ 6:30pm
- **Wednesday, March 25th** - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am  
- TRE @ 6:15pm  
- Guided Holy Hour & Adoration @ 8pm
- **Friday, March 27th** - Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm
- **Saturday, March 28th** - Spanish Classes @ 9am in St. Bernadette Rm
- **Sunday, March 29th** - First Communion Retreat 10am - 12:30pm (the whole family is welcome to join!)

### 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.



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

We hear from the prophet Ezekiel the Lord's promise to raise His people from the dead. What gives you hop in this promise?

#### Second Reading

Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit dwells in those who believe in Jesus and that the same Spirit will raise our mortal bodies from the dead. How should this impact the way we live our lives today?

#### Gospel Reading

Despite her grief over the death of Lazarus, Martha believes that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, the Son of God. How has this season of Lent strengthened your faith in Jesus?

### Live The Liturgy

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb. These words he cries into the depths of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling to you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

### 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, family-friendly event welcomes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities.

This year's race will start and finish at St. Joseph's, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere right in the heart of our parish community. In addition to race participation, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting canned food donations to support the food pantries of Louisville and Springfield, helping local families in need.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Springfield Food Pantry, making every step you take a step toward supporting your neighbors. Online registration will be available soon—watch for more details!

**Lace up, show up, and help us run for a cause that matters!!**

### Guide Holy Hour and Adoration on Wednesday

We warmly invite you to join us for a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, March 25th and April 1st from 8pm to 9pm. Father Scott will lead a guided Holy Hour to help us enter more deeply into prayer. This is a beautiful opportunity to slow down, listen to the Lord, and pray together as a parish family.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Fish Frys such a wonderful success! From those who planned, prepped, cooked, served, and cleaned up—your time, energy, and generosity truly made a difference.

We're also so grateful to everyone who came out to support us by sharing a meal together. Your presence brought great joy and a sense of community to each evening. It's because of all of you that these gatherings were filled with good food, warm fellowship, and lasting memories. Thank you for being such a vital part of our parish family!



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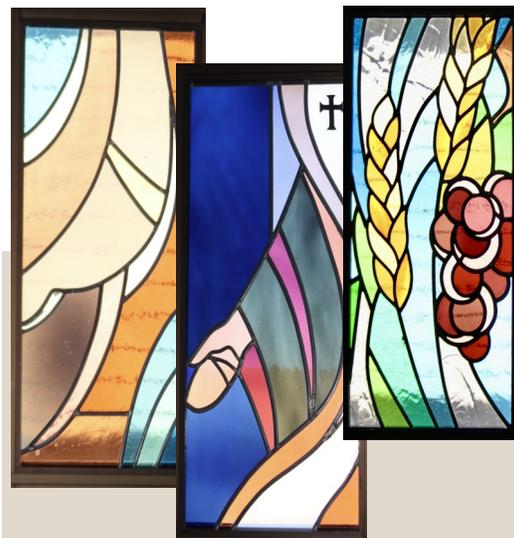
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 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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](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.

