

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:

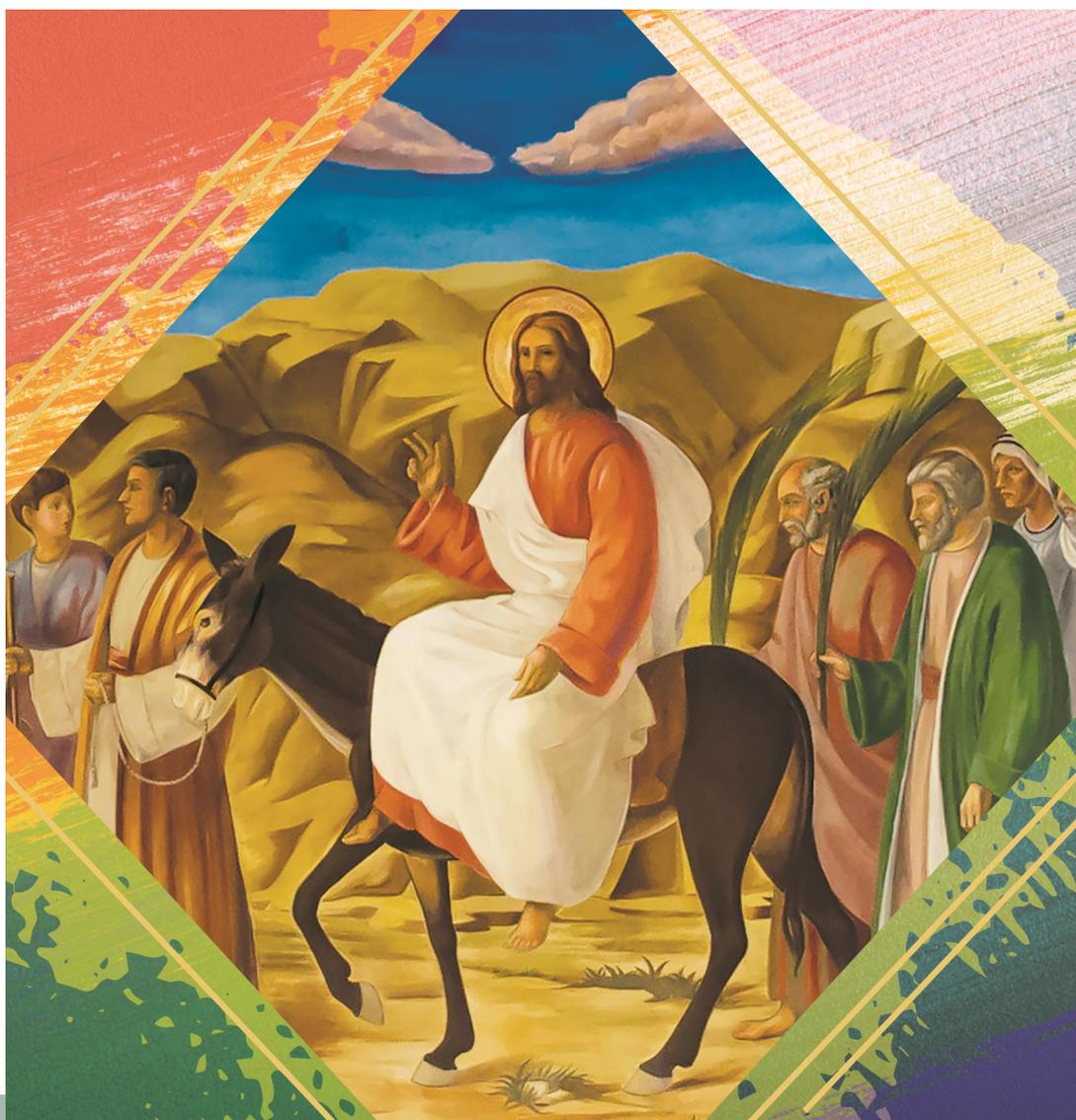
Please check the parish website and the inside of the bulletin for Mass times

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.



PALM SUNDAY

Say to daughter Zion,
“Behold, your kind comes to you,
meek and riding on a ass.” - Mt. 21:5

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As we enter this Holy Week, please know of my prayers for you and your families. These are the holiest days of the year for us, and each day is filled with its own significance, walking with Jesus and calling to mind where He was each day of this last week of His life before the Passion. May this Holy Week be fruitful for you and yours!

Have a prayerful and fruitful 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.

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 2nd, Holy Thursday**
7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (confessions and adoration afterwards)
- **April 3rd, 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 4th, Easter Vigil**
8:30pm - Vigil Mass (with outside Easter Fire beforehand)
- **April 5th, Easter Sunday**
7:00am - Mass (Simple)
9:00am - Mass (Solemn)



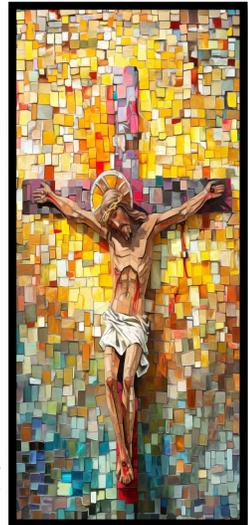
Weekly Collections

Weekend of March 22nd/23rd
Building Fund.....\$130.00
Offertory.....\$3,820.00

**Eucharistic Adoration | Stations of the Cross | Guide Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 1st**

Join us in a day of prayer and reflection as we journey together through Holy Week.

- **Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM**
Spend time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. All are welcome to come for a few minutes or a longer period of peaceful devotion.
- **Stations of the Cross | 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM**
Our TRE students will have the opportunity to walk with Jesus in his final moments on earth through the Stations. Parents, families, and all parishioners are invited to join us.
- **Guided Holy Hour with Father Scott | 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
Conclude the day with a reflective, guided Holy Hour led by Father Scott.



We hope you can join us at any or all of these moments of prayer as we enter the heart of Holy Week together.

Mass Intentions

SUN 3/29	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Jim Parisot
MON 3/30	8:00 a.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
TUE 3/31	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Novotny
WED 4/1	6:45 a.m.		Welsh Family
TH 4/2	7:00 p.m.	+	Kurt Pfeifer
FRI 4/3			
SAT 4/4	8:30 p.m.	+	Jeremy Knott
SUN 4/5	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green

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

Liturgy Ministers Needed for Holy Week Masses

As we prepare for the holiest days of the year, we invite all Liturgy Ministers 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.

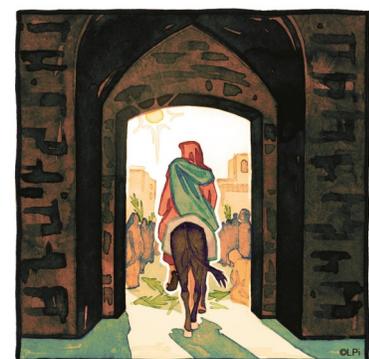
Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, March 29th** - 1st Communion Retreat @ 10am in the Parish Hall (the whole family is welcome!)
- HS boys/girls Bible Study Groups @ 6pm
- **Wednesday, April 1st** - Eucharistic Adoration @ 7am - 9pm
- Preschool CGS @ 9:30am
- TRE @ 6:15pm (Stations @ 7pm-7:30)
- Guided Holy Hour & Adoration @ 8pm
- **Thursday, April 2nd** - Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm
- **Friday, April 3rd** - Stations & Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 3pm
- Celebration of the Passion @ 7pm
- **Saturday, April 4th** - Easter Vigil @ 8:30pm
- **Sunday, April 5th** - Easter Mass @ 7am & 9am

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 or look on our parish website under the *Education* tab.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah speaks of his obedient response to God's call despite his suffering. Have you ever suffered for your faith?

Second Reading

Paul recounts how Jesus' life was characterized by humility and obedience. In what ways do you live by these virtues?

Gospel Reading

There are numerous unique features to Matthew's account of the passion of the Lord, including the details of Judas' suicide. What parts of the passion narrative do you find most engaging?

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.



2026 Steeplechase
5k Run / 1m Walk

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!!

Save the Date: VBS Rainforest 2026

VBS is coming to St. Joseph on June 22nd-26th from 1:30pm - 4:30pm. Look for online registrations SOON!

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!



Live The Liturgy

This week, we see things that break our heart—God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith—God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are you ready?

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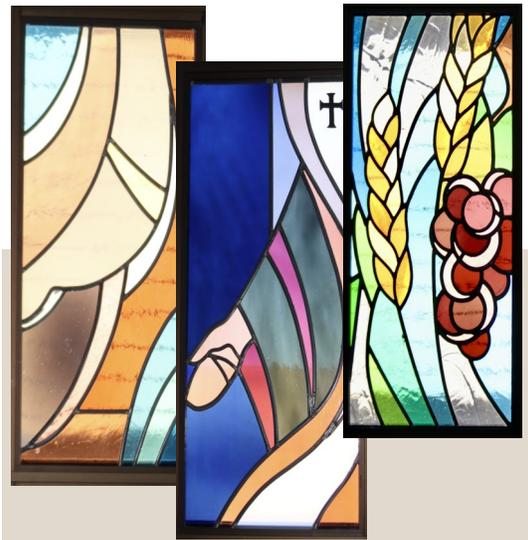
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 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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 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.

