



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.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." -John 20:29

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast day recalls for us the disposition of Jesus towards us. It answers the question, "When God looks at me, what does he see?" He sees a person whom He loves deeply, whom He thinks and cares about. He sees a person whom He wants to be in relationship with, but who turns away from him on account of sin. That disposition, that desire to free us from all the actual sin of our life, that is the Divine Mercy. This is the eighth day, the "octave day" of Easter, and so we celebrate it again as if it were Easter itself, but we focus on this deep, overflowing love that Jesus has for us.

Happy Easter,

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.

Mowing Volunteers Needed!



Spring has sprung and your St. Joseph Church campus is in need of people to help with mowing throughout the mowing season. The paper signup list is located on the credenza in the church entryway. If you are interested and have questions, please call or contact: Ralph Meister at 402.707.8426.

Help Shape the Future – Survey Closes April 15th

We want to hear from you! As part of our planning study for St. Joseph Parish, each family was mailed a letter, fact sheet about the projects, along with a survey for your feedback. Please complete and return your survey – or use the QR code below to complete it online – before April 15th.



7th & 8th Grade Youth Group Night – Don't Miss It!

Hey 7th & 8th graders—come hang out with current youth group students on **April 22nd from 6:00-8:00 PM** for a night of food, friends, and making a difference! We'll be in the kitchen and parish hall at St. Joseph's making meals for Feed the Flock ministry and writing encouraging notes for missals. And yes, there will be pizza! Join us and find out what our Youth Group is all about.

Mother's Day Brunch

All mothers are warmly invited to enjoy a delicious brunch hosted by our Knights of Columbus on **May 10th**, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. Come relax, be celebrated, and enjoy time in fellowship—we look forward to honoring you!

Mass Intentions

SUN 4/12	7:00 a.m.	+	Jim Parisot
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 4/13	8:00 a.m.	+	Bill & Evelyn Looby
TUE 4/14	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Novotny
WED 4/15	6:45 a.m.		Members of the Military
TH 4/16	6:45 a.m.	+	Larry Feldhacker
FRI 4/17	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Novotny
SAT 4/18	5:30 p.m.	+	Mick Kreifels
SUN 4/19	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz

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

“DO NOT ABANDON YOURSELVES TO DESPAIR. WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG.”

- POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II



Weekly Collections

Weekend of Easter

Building Fund.....	\$310.00
Offertory.....	\$6,150.00
Easter.....	\$3,922.00

Liturgy Ministers for the Weekend of April 11th /12th

Saturday 4/18 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks
Lectors: Mike Fowler/John Cronican
EMHC: Ted Boro
Gift Bearers:

Sunday 4/19 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
 JoAnn Swanson

Sunday, 4/19 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
 Bob Zielinski/Larry Vacek
 Shelly 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

- **Tuesday, April 14th** - Ladies Guild Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, April 15th** - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am
 - Senior Game day @ 1pm in the parish hall
 - Family Formation @ 5:30pm
 - TRE @ 6:15pm
- **Saturday, April 18th** - Spanish class @ 9am
- **Sunday, April 19th** - Donut Sunday after 9am Mass
 - HS boys/girls Bible Study @ 6:30pm in the St. Bernadette RM

REGISTER TODAY!!! 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.

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 is open now! Sign up to race or walk by scanning the QR code or by going to www.stjosephspringfield.org/steeplechase.

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

Save the Date: VBS Rainforest Falls 2026

Join us for VBS Rainforest Falls, happening **June 22nd–June 26th from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at St. Joseph's!** Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.



We are also in need of adult and youth volunteers to help make VBS as fun and spirit-filled as possible. Please head over to the website and check out the positions that are needed.

Religious Education Registration for 2026-2027

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 academic year to enroll your children in St. Joseph's Religious Education program. We are offering three different options that include:

- **Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)** - For children ages 3–6 (must be potty trained). Meets Wednesdays from 9:30–11:00 AM, following the TRE calendar.
- **Family Formation (FF)** - Meets monthly (typically the 2nd Wednesday) from 5:15–7:30 PM. A family-based program rooted in prayer and Scripture, following a three-year cycle of the Catechism. Required for 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students and their parents.
- **Traditional Religious Education (TRE)** - Weekly sessions for grades K–6 on Wednesdays from 6:15–7:30 PM.



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! 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.



Live The Liturgy

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

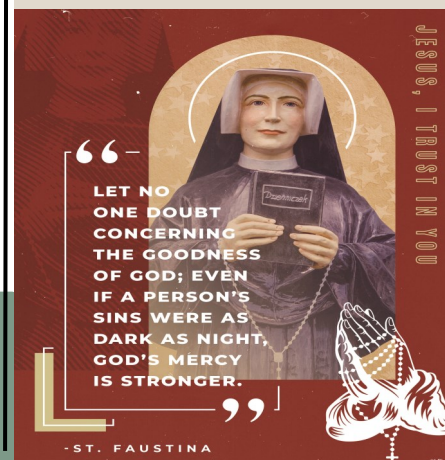
In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the community of believers in Jerusalem experienced much joy and harmony. In what ways do you help build up your faith community?

Second Reading

With Jesus' resurrection from the dead, Peter can now speak of an inheritance that awaits all believers and will one day be revealed to us. How should knowledge of this upcoming gift impact our living in the present moment?

Gospel Reading

Thomas needed concrete evidence before he would believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. What convinces you that Jesus is risen and alive?



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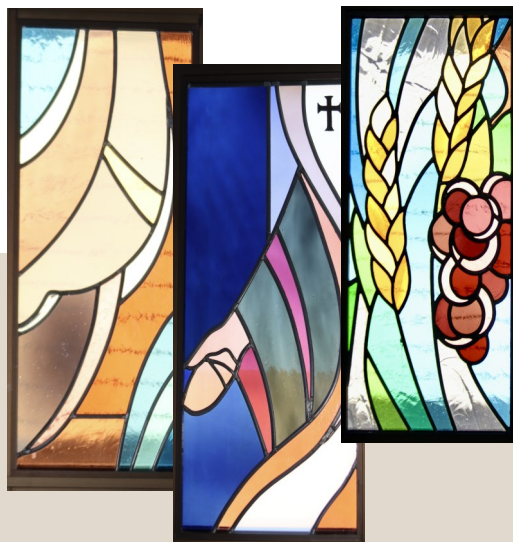
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FEEDING THE FLOCK MINISTRY.....Sue Knott/Laurel Zielinski
 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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 PRESIDENTJulie 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*

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.

