



# 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 your generous giving! Your financial support

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



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” - John 10: 9-10*

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Starting next week, we'll recite the Rosary before the 5pm and 9am Masses. This has been a long custom in the parish during the month of May, which is the Month of Our Lady. The Rosary is sometimes called "the prayer of the saints", since it seems like everyone who has become a saint in the second millennium of the Church after the Rosary became commonplace has this devotion. We also pray it everyday after daily Mass throughout the year. Please feel free to join us this month.

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.

**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.

**Come & See Event for Prospective Permanent Deacons**

Are you a Catholic man aged 31-55 discerning a call to serve the Church as a permanent deacon? You and your wife are invited to a special "Come and See" event on **Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM in the St. Patrick Church in Gretna parish center located at 508 Angus St Gretna, NE.**

Deacon Tim McNeil, the Director of the Diaconate Program, will offer an opportunity to:

- Discover the "character" and ministry of the deacon
- Understand the requirements for entering the diaconate formation program
- Learn about the evaluation and application timeline for the class beginning in September 2027
- Explore the four-year diaconate formation program in detail

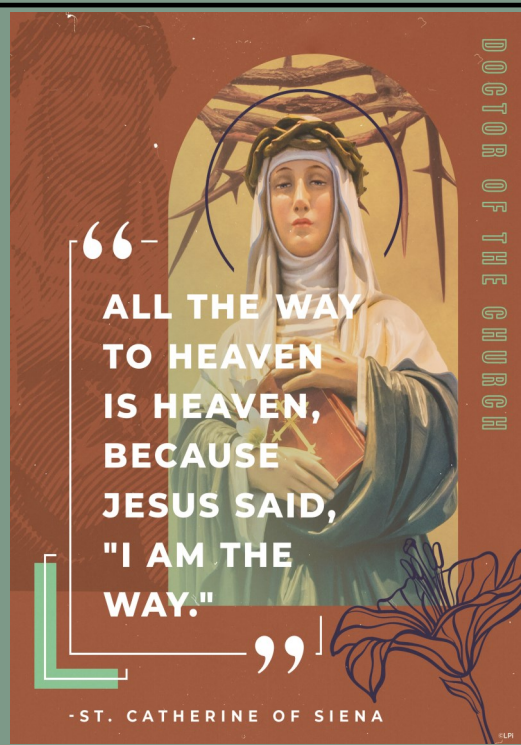
If you are interested in attending, please notify Fr. Scott by May 6th.

**Mother's Day Brunch**

All are invited to join us for a special Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 10th, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass.** This delicious meal is generously hosted by our Knights of Columbus as a way to honor and celebrate all mothers and the incredible gift they are.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUN 4/26</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	Loretta DeMarco
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 4/27</b>	8:00 a.m.	+	Karen Ficeneck
<b>TUE 4/28</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Steven Bacon
<b>WED 4/29</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Novotny
<b>TH 4/20</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Rita Munnelly
<b>FRI 5/1</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Rita Munnelly
	2:00 p.m.	+	Barbara Gaughan
<b>SAT 5/2</b>	8:00 a.m.		Priest's Intention
	5:30 p.m.		Special Intention
<b>SUN 5/3</b>	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green



**Weekly Collections**

Weekend of April 18/19

Building Fund.....	\$885.00
Offertory.....	\$5,146.00
Easter.....	\$200.00

**Liturgy Ministers for the Weekend of May 2nd & 3rd**

**Saturday 5/2 @ 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Jeff Kreifels/Kathleen Pratt  
**Lectors:** Marla Kildow/Mike Fowler  
**EMHC:** Kari Cronican  
**Gift Bearers:**

**Sunday 5/3 @ 7:00 AM**

Mike Kalen  
Julie Masters

**Sunday, 5/3 @ 9:00 AM**

Staroscik Family  
Teresa Belter/Jeff Needels  
Donna Devine/Tim Johnson

\*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

- **Monday, April 27th** - Rosary Making Ministry @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, April 29th** - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am  
- TRE @ 6:15pm
- **Saturday, May 2nd** - Spanish class @ 9am
- **Sunday, May 3rd** - HS boys/girls Bible Study @ 6:30pm in the St. Bernadette RM

### REGISTER TODAY!!! Steeplechase 5K & 1-Mile Walk

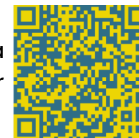
Mark your calendars for the **Steeplechase 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk on Saturday, June 13 at 8:00am during Springfield Days!** This fun, family-friendly event welcomes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities.



Online registration is open now! Sign up to race or walk by scanning the QR code or by going to [www.stjosephspringfield.org/steeplechase](http://www.stjosephspringfield.org/steeplechase).

If you are willing to volunteer and lend a helping hand, there are a variety of responsibilities and positions we need help with. Head over to the race page on our website or scan the QR code to the right.

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



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

The crowds believed Peter's proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

#### Second Reading

Peter speaks of Jesus' wound healing us. Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

#### Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life. How has believing in Jesus enriched your life?

#### Live The Liturgy

"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice," Jesus says. Do you know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to you? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life and follow where it leads.

### ENOA Resource Table and Presentation

Caring for aging family members now or in the future can be challenging without knowing what is available in the community. Joining us on **May 16 & 17 after each of the masses** will be Kailey Edelman, Director of Community Engagement/ADRC, from the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. She will have a resource table set-up in the social hall and will be available for questions.

### Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners

The Ladies' Guild is pleased to award scholarships to two deserving students. Emerson Osborn will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and Kaelynn Harder will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus scholarship recipients, Kelsey Haynes- Biernbaum Scholarship \$1,500, Morgan Quinn- K of C Daughters of Isabella Scholarship \$1,000 and Elijah Turco Knights of Columbus Scholarship \$1,000.

They will be recognized before the 9:00 a.m. Mass on May 3. Congratulations to Emerson, Kaelynn, Kelsey, Morgan, and Elijah. Please pray for their journey ahead!

### Register NOW!! VBS Rainforest Falls 2026

Join us for VBS Rainforest Falls, happening **June 22–June 26 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at St. Joseph's!** Sign your children up today for a wild and faith-filled week!



We are also in need of adult and youth volunteers to help make VBS as fun and spirit-filled as possible. We specifically are looking for someone to teach our Preschoolers. Please head over to the website to see other available positions needed. You can also scan the QR code to register your child today.



### Safe Environment Training

If you are volunteering during a church event or would like to help with VBS, lead a bible study, or RE you will need to be safe environment certified first. Join us on **Tuesday, May 12th from 6pm - 8:30pm at St. Joseph.** Register at the CMG Connect website or contact Sherry Huntwork by email at [shuntwork@msn.org](mailto:shuntwork@msn.org)

### St. Joseph Business Directory

Let's strengthen our parish community by supporting one another and choosing the businesses and services of our fellow parishioners whenever possible. You can find a paper list in the narthex or online under "About" on the parish's website. If you would like to add your business to the parish business directory, please reach out to Amanda Staroscik.

PASTOR.....**Father Scott Hastings**  
 Vicar General & Moderator to the Curia sahastings@archomaha.org  
 402.827.3854 - Office

PARISH SECRETARY.....**Sharon VanTassell**  
 sharon@stjosephspringfield.org  
 402.203.4708 - Home

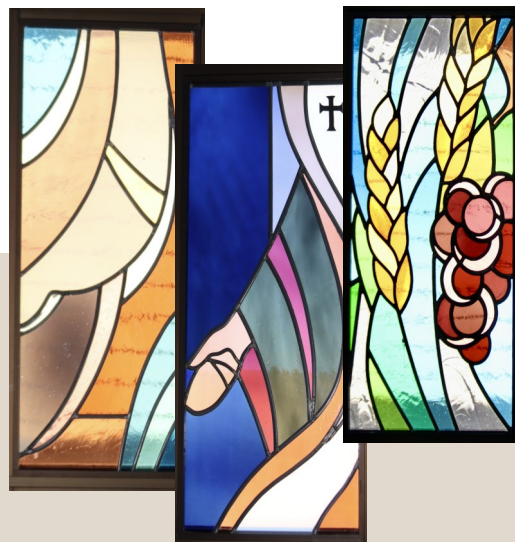
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR.....**Sherry Huntwork**  
 shuntwork@msn.com  
 402.253.2949 ext. 4 - Office

COMMUNICATIONS, EVENTS & EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR.....**Amanda Staroscik**  
 amanda@stjosephspringfield.org  
 402.659.3138

PRAYER CHAIN & CARE CHAIN CONTACT.....**Julie Richards**  
 402.881.2407

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 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/stjoseph

**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 May Charity Drive, which will start next week, will support the essential work of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA), which serves older adults in our community. You can help by donating much-needed everyday items to assist those they serve.

**Requested items:** small laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, Walmart gift cards, and Hy-Vee gift cards.



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.

