

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.



EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

- Mt 28:5b-6

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

All the best to you and yours for a happy Easter! Just as we said on the Sunday when we heard about Lazarus, "the dead man came out". As St. Paul says, "If Christ has not risen from the dead, your faith is in vain." And so, the empty tomb is the sign for us of our hope, of victory over death and all its connected difficulties. Take time this week to celebrate and to give thanks for such a wonderful gift!

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. As has been our practice, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between the 7am and 9am Masses, with benediction at about 8:50am.

Also, starting next weekend, we will have First Communion celebrations throughout the Easter season during Mass. It will be great to see so many receive the Eucharist for the first time!

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.

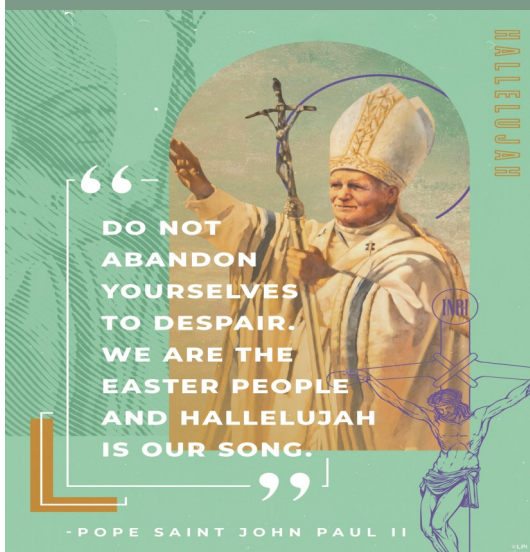
Thank you Sara Wyatt and the family of Ann and James Kavanaugh for preparing and serving the meal at the Stephen Center on March 16th. Your service is greatly appreciated!

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.



- Nancy Heidman 1st
- Charlotte Vodicka 18th
- Geneve Bowen 23rd
- Marlene Meyer 26th



Mass Intentions

SUN 4/5	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Jim Parisot
MON 4/6	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
TUE 4/7	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
WED 4/8	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
TH 4/9	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
FRI 4/10	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
SAT 4/11	5:30 p.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
SUN 4/12	7:00 a.m.	+	Jim Parisot
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

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

Weekly Collections

Weekend of March 28th/29th

Building Fund.....\$205.00
 Offertory.....\$3,902.00

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

Saturday 4/11 @ 5:00 PM

- Greeters:** Jeff Kreifels/Kathleen Pratt
- Lectors:** Marla Kildow/Ken Patry
- EMHC:** Laurie Fowler
- Gift Bearers:**

Sunday 4/12 @ 7:00 AM

- Mike Kalen
- Spencer Choquette

Sunday, 4/12 @ 9:00 AM

- Justin & Julie Nieveen
- Jeff Needels/Corey Osborn
- Donna Devine/Tim Johnson
- Gassert Family

*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 7th** - Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, April 8th** - Preschool CGS @ 9:30am
- TRE @ 6:15pm
- **Saturday, April 11th** - Spanish class @ 9am
- **Sunday, April 12th** - Eucharistic Adoration between the 7am & 9am Masses
- HS boys/girls Bible Study @ 6pm in the St. Bernadette RM

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.

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.



2026 Steeplechase
5k Run / 1m Walk

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 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!**



At Rainforest Falls, kids explore the nature of God! Rainforest Falls is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! 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. **REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

Religious Education Registration for 2026-2027 is coming soon!

Religious Education registration for the 2026–2027 year will be opening soon! We're excited to once again offer the same flexible options as this year, including:

- weekly Traditional Religious Education (TRE) on Wednesday evenings
- monthly Family Formation
- weekly Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) on Wednesday mornings

To learn more about each option and find the best fit for your family, please visit our Religious Education page.

Live The Liturgy

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

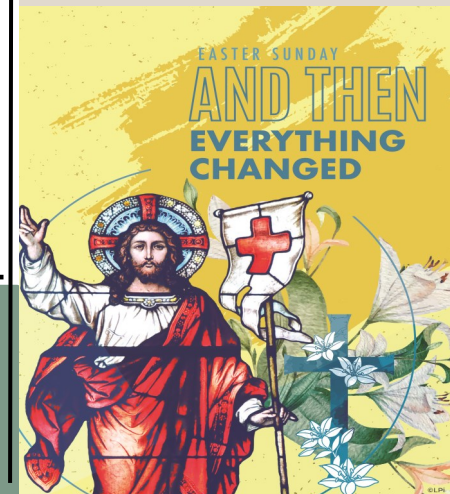
Peter testifies to others about what the Apostles witnessed with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Do you ever share your faith with friends or family?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Colossians to see themselves as already risen with Christ, anticipating his return in glory. Does anticipating Christ's return impact any of your daily decision-making?

Gospel Reading

Both the angel of the Lord and the risen Jesus greet Mary Magdalene and the other Mary with these words of comfort: "Do not be afraid." Who in your circle of friends or family needs to be comforted this week?



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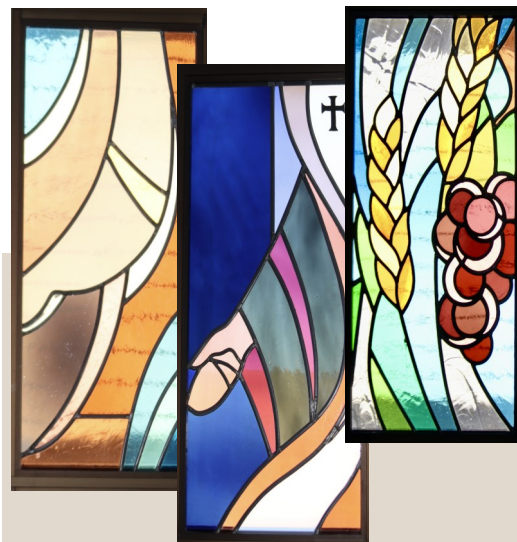
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FEEDING THE FLOCK MINISTRY.....**Sue Knott/Laurel Zielinski**
 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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 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*

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.

