

# 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:

Ascension of Our Lord  
-Wed. May 13th.....5:30PM  
-Thurs. May 14th.....6:45AM

Please check the parish website.

### 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.



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept.” John 14:16-17*

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day! Today's a great time for each of to pray for our moms and to give thanks to God for their place in our lives. It's also a day to pray for families who struggle to conceive and to ask for God's grace in their lives.

Special thanks to Fr. Scott Schilmoeller for covering Masses this weekend while I am away. Fr. Scott lives at our Newman Center at UNO and serves as our Director of Vocations.

Have a great week!

Best,  
Fr. Scott

**SAVE THE DATE: Active Shooter Survival Training**

Join us for a **FREE Active Shooter Survival Training** presented by the FBI Omaha Field Office on **Thursday, June 11th from 6:00–8:00 PM** at St. Joseph Parish Hall. This important training will provide practical information and guidance on how to respond in an active shooter situation. All are welcome to attend.

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

Deacon Tim McNeil, the Director of the Deaconate 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 deaconate formation program in detail

**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.

*Happy Mother's Day*

Join us for brunch in the parish hall after the 9am Mass on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.



Hosted by Knights of Columbus

**Sunday Mass Attendance Count**

Apr. 25 — 457  
Jul. 25 — 437  
Oct. 25 — 436  
Jan. 25 — 453  
Apr. 26 — 485  
**Next Count:** Jul. 26

**Weekly Collections**

Weekend of April 25/26

Building Fund.....\$795.00  
Offertory.....\$3,936.00

**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUN 5/10</b>	7:00 a.m.	+	John Kurtz
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>MON 5/11</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Karen Ficenec
<b>TUE 5/12</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Nathan Bryl
<b>WED 5/13</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Lois Beck
	5:30 p.m.		People of St. Joseph
<b>TH 5/14</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Rich VanTassell
<b>FRI 5/15</b>	6:45 a.m.	+	Zach Thomas
<b>SAT 5/16</b>	5:00 p.m.	+	Brenda Jones
<b>SUN 5/17</b>	7:00 a.m.		People of ST. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Sue Lechtenburg

Mass intentions may be requested for a suggested offering of \$10; please contact Sharon VanTassell in the parish office to schedule.

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

**Saturday 5/16 @ 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks  
**Lectors:** Ken Patry/Jim Amerine  
**EMHC:** Ted Boro  
**Gift Bearers:**

**Sunday 5/17 @ 7:00 AM**

Beth Anderson  
JoAnn Swanson

**Sunday, 5/17 @ 9:00 AM**

Angie & Kevin Carlson  
Larry Vacek/Joe Boro  
Michelle Gustafson/Donna Devine

\*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, May 11th** - Ladies Guild Meeting @ 7pm
- **Tuesday, May 12th** - Safe Environment Training class @ 6pm - 8:30pm
- **Wednesday, May 13th** - End of the Year RE Tailgate (Mass @ 5:30, meal & games to follow)
- **Saturday, May 9th** - Spanish class @ 9am
- **Sunday, May 10th** - Mother's Day Brunch after 9am Mass
  - OCIA meeting @ 10am in large RE meeting room
  - HS boys & girls Bible Study - Theology of the Body @ 6:30pm

### End of the Year RE TAILGATE

All Religious Education families are invited to join us for our End of the RE Year Celebration on **Wednesday, May 13th!** We will begin with **Mass at 5:30 PM** as we give thanks for a wonderful year of growing in faith together. Following Mass, everyone is invited to stay for a tailgate-style celebration featuring sandwiches, chips, fresh veggies, fruit, ice cream, and popsicles. Kids can enjoy the gaga ball pit, balls, and yard games while parents relax and spend time visiting with one another. Bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy an evening of faith, food, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate our parish families together!

**Don't forget to register for next year's RE classes (TRE, FF, and Preschool CGS)!**

### Volunteer to help at the Steeplechase 5K & 1-Mile Walk

The Steeplechase will be held on **Saturday, June 13th** during Springfield Days. 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.



If you would like to register to run or walk in the race, head over to St. Joseph's website and click on the Steeplechase page to find the online registration.

### 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.

### 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, food booth or Steeplechases Race, 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.



### Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

We hear how even the Samaritans came to believe in Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. When have you been surprised by God?

#### Second Reading

Peter taught his community to learn how to explain their faith to others, even if they are hostile. Do you feel confident defending the faith?

#### Gospel Reading

Jesus assures his disciples that God gives us the Holy Spirit to serve as our Advocate. What might you pray for this week from the Holy Spirit?

### Live The Liturgy

When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again—even today.

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 402.203.4708 - Home

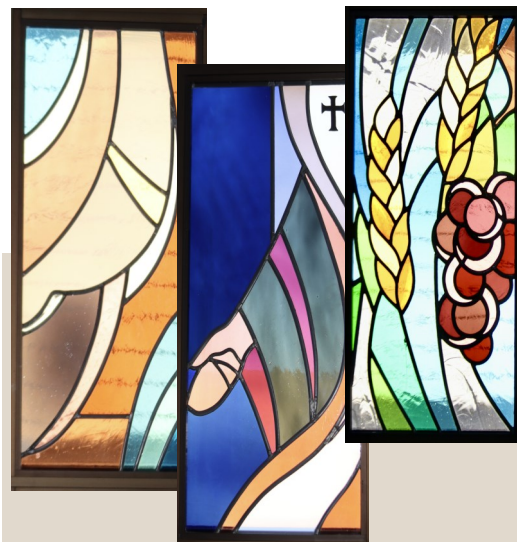
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FEEDING THE FLOCK MINISTRY.....**Sue Knott/Laurel Zielinski**  
 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**  
**Deacon Terry Ficenec**  
**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.

