

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.

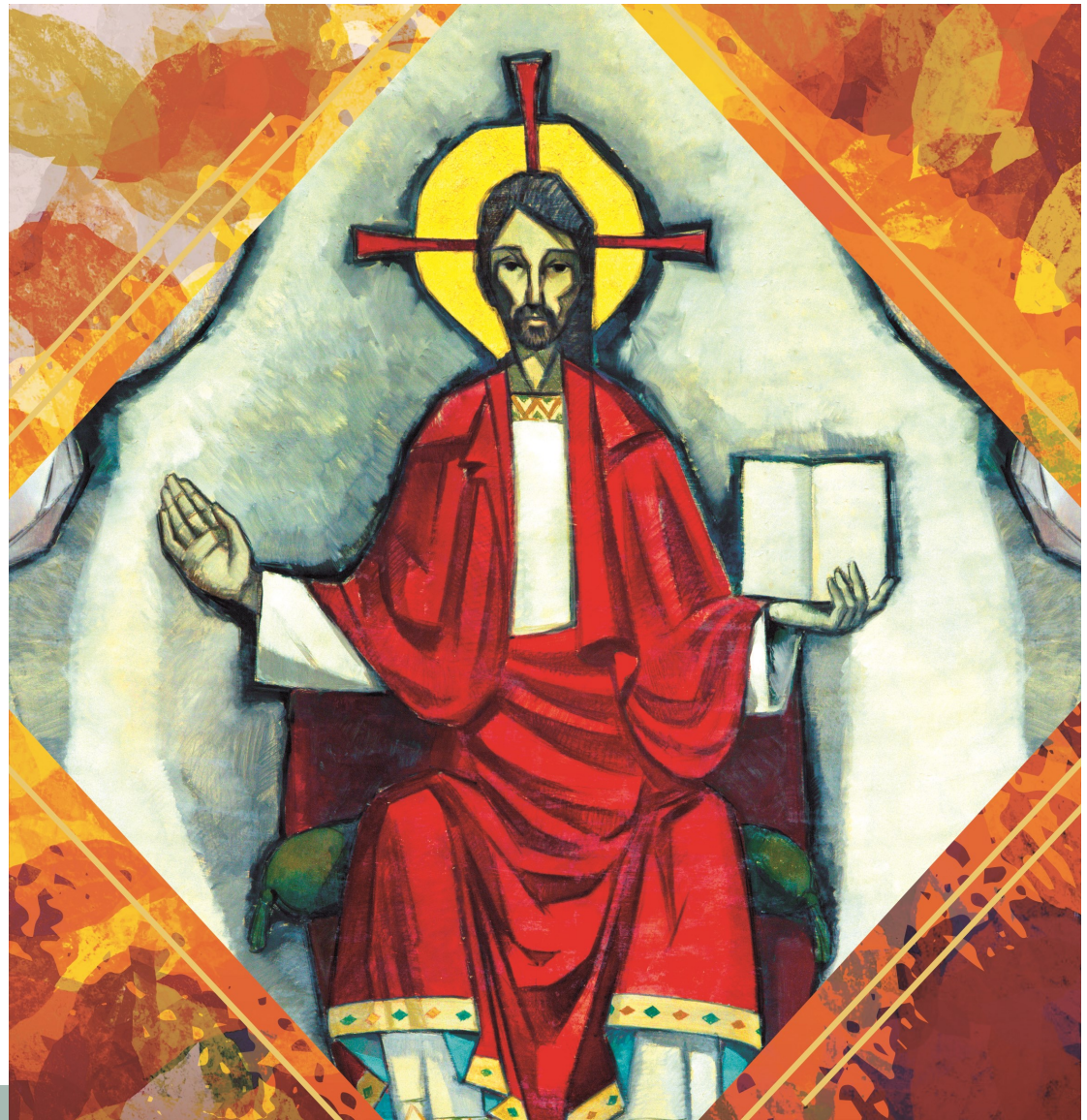
Mass Schedule

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.

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.



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word."
- Jn 17:5-6*

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and to all who assisted with our Mother's Day breakfast last Sunday. It is always such a nice celebration.

This past Wednesday evening, we had our end of the year celebration for religious education. Thanks to all our volunteers and to Sherry Huntwork for all of their tremendous efforts this past year

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.

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 community-wide event will provide practical information, situational awareness strategies, and life-saving guidance on how to respond during an active shooter situation. Participants will learn simple but critical steps that can help keep themselves and others safe in an emergency.

This training is open to everyone in the community, so please help spread the word! Invite your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and family members to attend. The more prepared our community is, the safer we all become.

Food Booth Volunteer Opportunities during the Sarpy County Fair

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus will be gearing up to once again serve great food at the Sarpy County Fair, **July 29th–August 2nd!** Volunteer signups will be available soon, so please watch for opportunities to help serve at the booth. It takes everyone from the parish to make the food booth a success. Whether you volunteer or simply come hungry, your support is much appreciated!

Mass Intentions

SUN 5/17	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	Sue Lechtenburg
MON 5/18	8:00 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
TUE 5/19	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Novotny
WED 5/20	6:45 a.m.	+	Kent Looby
TH 5/21	6:45 a.m.	+	Ed & Virginia Ficenec
FRI 5/22	6:45 a.m.	+	Bill Schutz
SAT 5/23	5:00 p.m.	+	Joyce Keller
SUN 5/24	7:00 a.m.	+	Bud Burchard
	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

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 23rd & 24th

Saturday 5/23 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jeff Kreifels/Kathleen Pratt
Lectors: Mike Fowler/Ken Patry
EMHC: Leigh Ann Amerine
Gift Bearers:

Sunday 5/24 @ 7:00 AM

Mike Kalen
Rosemary Garcey

Sunday, 5/24 @ 9:00 AM

Kevin & Angie Carlson
Amy Krance-Wendt/Teresa Belter
Jeff Needels/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.



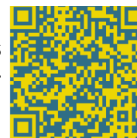
Parish Events and Formation

- **Sunday, May 17th** - Donut Sunday after the 9am Mass
- HS boys & girls Bible Study - Theology of the Body @ 6:30pm
- **Tuesday, May 19th** - Finance Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 20th** - RE volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Senior Game Day @ 1pm
- **Saturday, May 23rd** - Spanish class @ 9am



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 or scan the QR code to the left. Register soon to secure your race t-shirt.

ENOA Resource Table and Presentation

Caring for aging family members now or in the future can be challenging without knowing what resources are available in the community. Joining us on this weekend, May 16 & 17 after each Mass 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 to answer questions and provide helpful information for caregivers, seniors, and families.

In addition, during Donut Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, Kailey will give a brief presentation in the large RE room with more details about the services and support the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging provides and how they can assist individuals and families navigating aging-related needs.

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.



Register for the 2026-2027 Religious Education

Have you register your child for RE, yet? St. Joseph offers three religious education opportunities for children in Preschool through 8th Grade: Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), Family Formation (FF), and Traditional Religious Education (TRE).

Parents can register their children and learn more about each program by visiting the parish website, clicking on "Education," and then "Youth Formation." If you have questions, please contact Sherry Huntwork, Director of Religious Education, at shuntwork@msn.com.

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 the Apostles gathered in prayer with others (including Mary) in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' ascension into heaven. When do you find yourself being called to prayer?

Second Reading

Peter teaches that we may suffer insults and ridicule for our belief in Jesus. Have you ever been insulted by other for your faith?

Gospel Reading

We hear Jesus praying for us to his heavenly Father. Have you ever prayed for Jesus in prayer?

Live The Liturgy

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship—one that is our to begin. How will we know God this week?

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 402.203.4708 - Home

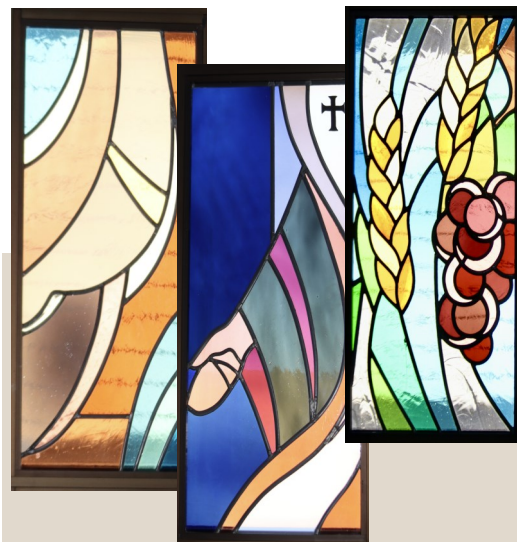
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FEEDING THE FLOCK MINISTRY.....**Sue Knott/Laurel Zielinski**
 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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 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.

