



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 you generous giving!

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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” - John 14:6-7

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,
As I mentioned last weekend, I will give more details this weekend at the Masses about our capital campaign. If you were traveling last weekend, please be sure to read the parish letter from last weekend, which is included in the bulletins on the parish website. Also, please pray for this new and momentous phase of our parish life.

May is the month of Our Lady, and it's a great time to get into the practice of praying the Rosary. It is often said that there is no prayer more recommended by the saints than the Rosary, and with good reason. Staying close to Mary always brings us closer to her Son.

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott

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 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 diaconate formation program in detail

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

Mass Intentions

SUN 5/3	7:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00 a.m.	+	George & Harriet Green
MON 5/4	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
TUE 5/5	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
WED 5/6	6:45 a.m.		Communion Service
TH 5/7	6:45 a.m.	+	Kurt Pfeifer
FRI 5/8	6:45 a.m.		Callicut Family
SAT 5/9	5:00 p.m.	+	John Kurtz
SUN 5/10	7:00 a.m.	+	John Kurtz
	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.

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.



Thank you!

Thank you to Sharon VanTassel, Rosemary and John Francavilla, and Mary and Iro Johnson for preparing and serving the meal at the Stephen Center this month. Your service is appreciated!

On behalf of the 2 auction companies and the person handling Bob Green's Estate, I want to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who showed up to help clean out the basement of Bob's house. A job well done!

I was especially pleased with the number of volunteers and the fact that there was a lot of people who I didn't know, but recognize from seeing in church at St. Joseph's. You can all feel proud for showing what St. Joseph's church is all about. I am sorry that I could not personally tell you all Thank You but I had a different issue that I had to take care of.

-Ralph Meister

Weekly Collections

Weekend of April 25/26

Building Fund.....	\$50.00
Offertory.....	\$3,513.00
Home & Foreign.....	\$223.00

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

Saturday 5/9 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Deb Hoskins/Danette Thibault
Lectors: John Cronican/Sharon VanTassell
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Gift Bearers:

Sunday 5/10 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
Spencer Choquette

Sunday, 5/10 @ 9:00 AM

Iro & Mary Johnson
Bob Zielinski/Corey Osborn
Shelley 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, May 5th** - Walthill/Macy Service Trip all day
- Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, May 6th** - Eucharistic Adoration 7am-9am (Guided Holy Hour from 8pm-9pm with Fr. Scott)
- Preschool CGS @ 9:30am
- TRE @ 6:15pm
- **Saturday, May 9th** - Spanish class @ 9am
- **Sunday, May 10th** - Mother's Day Brunch after 9am Mass
- OCIA meeting @ 10am-11:30am in large RE meeting room
- HS boys & girls Bible Study - Theology of the Body @ 6:30



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.

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!!

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

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?

Second Reading

Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a "living stone." How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him. Who or what challenges your patience?

Live The Liturgy

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

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.



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

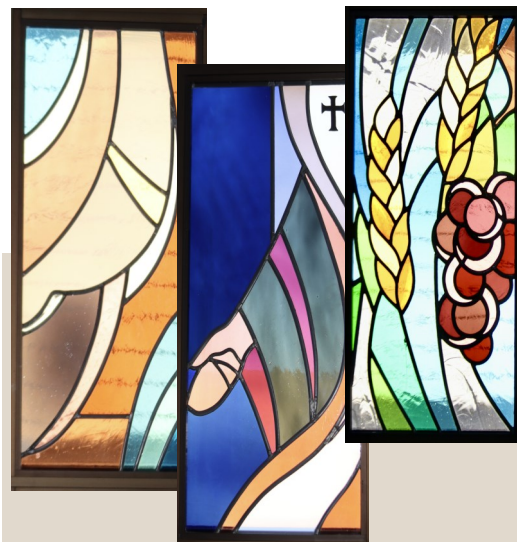
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR.....**Sherry Huntwork**
 shuntwork@msn.com
 402.253.2949 ext. 4 - Office

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/stjsof

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.

