

Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.....8AM

~Please check the weekend
bulletin for daily Mass
changes

CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before daily
Masses and 45 minutes
before weekend Masses

HOLY DAYS:

Please check the parish website
and weekend bulletin for Mass
times on Holy Days

Thank you for your tithing!

Your financial givings
are vital to the well
being of our parish
and ministries. Scan
the QR code to give
your tithing online.



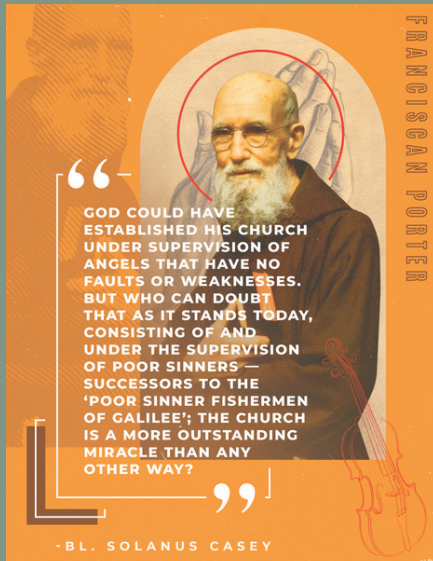
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16*

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Remember in our Prayers

Let us pray for Margaret Wilson, Henry Looby, and for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.



A Call to Prayer for our parish

As St. Joseph Parish moves forward with plans for the future, we invite every parishioner to join in prayer for our parish, clergy, volunteers, and all those involved in the work ahead. We encourage each parishioner to offer a rosary each month asking the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph to intercede for us. Those who wish to pray together are invited to join a guided rosary on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Church. May the Holy Spirit guide all that we do, and through the intercession of Mary and St. Joseph, may our parish continue to be a place where Christ is known, loved, and served for generations to come.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of August 15/16

Building Fund.....\$2,310.00
Offertory.....\$2,500.00
Assumption.....\$455.00

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped in preparing such a beautiful celebration last Sunday for Confirmation. Everything went very well, and the music, food, and environment were great. The archbishop was very complimentary.

As we look forward now to the start of the academic year, please pray for our young people who will be starting up religious education in a couple of weeks. Thanks to all who are already busy with getting ready for the new RE year!

Have a great week!

Best,
Fr. Scott



2030 Project - Campaign Update

The many gatherings and parish activities over the summer have reminded us that Saint Joseph is more than a building—it's a community built on relationships, belonging and service. As we enter the final weeks of the 2030 Project pledging phase, we invite you to consider how your support can help strengthen our parish for the future. We are a community worth investing in.

To make a gift online, please use the campaign envelopes next to the parish office and use the secure mailbox in the door. Or you may schedule monthly payments online using this QR code:



As always, you can find more information and updates on the campaign and construction on St. Joseph's website page www.stjosephspringfield.org under "Building Expansion Project" in the main menu.

Mass Intentions

Sun. 8/23	7:00a.m.		People of St. Joseph
	9:00a.m.	+	Gary Scheibel
Mon. 8/24	8:00a.m.	+	Jeff Finch
Tue. 8/25	6:45a.m.	+	Bob Green
Wed. 8/26	6:45a.m.	+	Karen Ficenec
Thurs. 8/27	6:45a.m.	+	James Kavanaugh Family
Fri. 8/28	6:45a.m.	+	Pam Ostransky
Sat. 8/29	5:00p.m.	+	Werner Family
Sun. 8/30	7:00a.m.		John Kurtz
	9:00a.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.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of August 29 & 30

Saturday 8/29 @ 5:00 PM

Greeters: Sharon VanTassell/Teresa Starks
Lectors: Mike Fowler/Jim Amerine
EMHC: Laurie Fowler
Singers:

Sunday 8/30 @ 7:00 AM

Erin Patera
Michelle Gustafson

Sunday 8/30 @ 9:00 AM

Donna Devine/Kathy Irvin
Larry Vacek/Corey Osborn
Shelley Cacka/ 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

- **Sunday, 9/23** - HS boys & girls Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- **Monday, 9/24** -RE Catechists training @ 6pm
- **Wednesday, 9/26** -RE Catechists training @ 6pm

St. Joseph's Youth Group

All high school students are warmly invited to join our Youth Group! Together, we'll grow in faith through Bible studies, discussions, Lectio Divina, guest speakers, fellowship, and works of mercy—all while building friendships and growing closer to Christ. **Our first gathering will be a special field trip to O,NE at the CHI Center on Sunday, August 23, from 4:30-8:00 PM.** We'll meet at St. Joseph at 3:45 PM to carpool; a Field Trip Waiver must be completed in order to attend. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this journey of faith together! For more information or to join, email Kelly Johnson at tkjohnson2223@gmail.com.

DivorceCare: Healing and Hope After Divorce

Saint Joseph Parish is exploring the possibility of offering DivorceCare, a 13-week, video-based support group that provides encouragement, practical tools, and a caring community for those seeking healing and hope after separation or divorce. The program is open to everyone, and you do not need to be Catholic to participate. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to lead this program; training is provided, so no previous experience is necessary. If you are interested in participating or would consider leading DivorceCare, please contact Fr. Scott.

Religious Education 2026-2027

Summer is quickly coming to an end, and before the busyness of a new school year takes over, we encourage you to register your children for Religious Education today. Faith is first learned and lived at home, and our RE programs are here to support parents in helping their children know, love and follow Jesus in their daily lives. Families may choose from two faith formation options, both running from September through May: Family Formation and Traditional RE. Scan the QR code to register!



Join us as we kick off the new RE year with our **Beginning of the RE Year Bash on Wednesday, September 9!** We'll begin with **5:30pm Mass, followed by a grill out, games and time to relax and connect with other parishioners and friends.**

Radiant & Unfading: A Journey Through the Book of Wisdom

Join us for a 14-week Bible study on the Book of Wisdom! Come explore this beautiful book of Scripture and discover how its timeless teachings can deepen your faith and guide us in living wisely in today's world. **We will meet on Sundays starting on September 13th either at 10:15am or 6:30pm in the RE building.** Meeting time and location will be confirmed after signing up. All are welcome! A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

Looking to grow in faith this fall? We're looking for parishioners who would be willing to lead a Bible study or prayer group—whether you're experienced or simply have a heart for helping others grow closer to Christ. If you're interested, please reach out to Amanda Staroscik at amanda@stjosephspringfield.org.

Share Your Gift of Music

Junior Choir is open to children in second grade and above. Choir is a great opportunity to serve God, learn the hymns of our faith, and meet new friends. In order to accommodate the schedules of both FF and TRE, we only meet once per month, at 5:30pm just before FF begins.

Our first choir practice will be October 14th, followed by singing at Mass on Sunday, October 18th at 9AM.

We invite our new members to join us as we sing at the Mass celebrating the beginning of the religious education year on September 9 at 5:30PM.

College Student & Military Outreach

The Ladies Guild is preparing for its College Student/Military Outreach program and would love your help! Please send the names and addresses of any college students or military members from our parish so we can include them in this special outreach.

Please send information to Julie Nieveen at julie.nieveen@gmail.com.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah's palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor or revere?

Second Reading

Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, "Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" What question do you have for the Lord?

Gospel Reading

Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community?

Live The Liturgy

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

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 Laurel Zielinski (402.933.7554) or Sue Knott (402.253.8432)

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

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

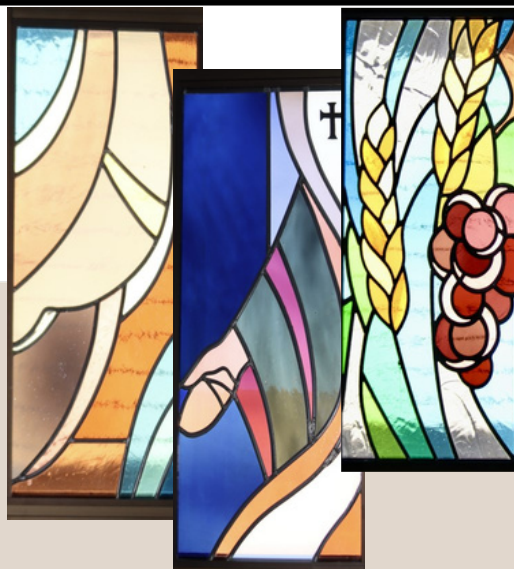
Bulletin Submissions

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 corrections or updates, please let us know.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father will hear confessions 30 minutes before daily masses and 45 minutes before weekend masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registered parishioner can contact Fr. Scott directly for baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

6 months 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.

Monthly Charity Drive | Sponsored by the Ladies' Guild

Our August Charity Drive will focus on travel-sized toiletries and personal care items for families in Macy and Walther. Donations of small shampoo, soap, baby wipes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. are items that are not typically included in the monthly food pantry distributions. These will be packaged into Ziploc bags to hand out at the October mobile food pantry event. We are hoping to make 250 bags.

Thank you for your continued generosity of the Ladies' Guild charity drives!

Every woman 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.



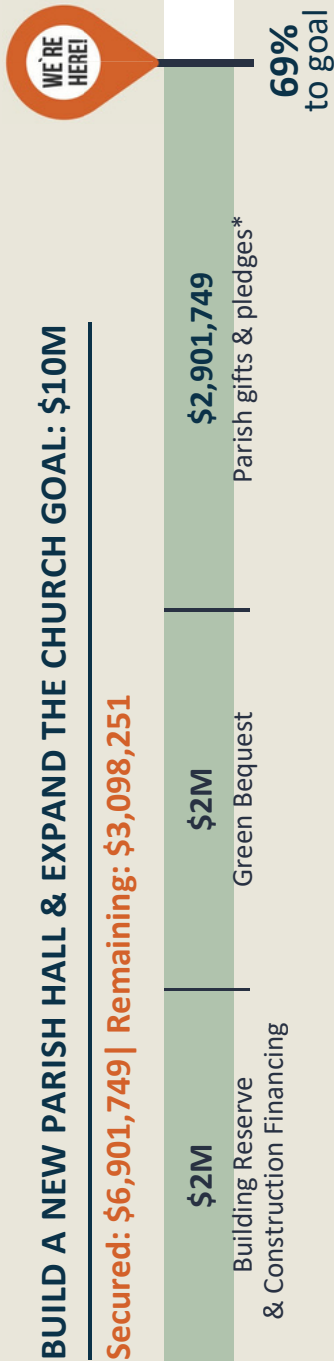


2030 PROJECT

50 YEARS
BUILDING TODAY. MOVING FAITH FORWARD.

BUILD A NEW PARISH HALL & EXPAND THE CHURCH GOAL: \$10M

Secured: \$6,901,749 | Remaining: \$3,098,251



OUR CAMPAIGN IS OFF TO A TREMENDOUS START!



\$6,901,749*

Includes gifts and pledges received so far from 150 households.



Fundraising Goal Remaining = \$3,098,251

Permits have been secured for the rectory and work is in progress. Now we have a goal of raising the \$3.2 million remaining.



WE NEED YOU!

To those who have already made a pledge, thank you for your generous support! In making sure we have invited all to participate, a response card is being provided to all parishioners at Masses this weekend. If you haven't received your campaign packet and pledge card, please contact our campaign manager, Brandi Holys at 402-995-9868 or bholys@steiergroup.com

*gifts and pledges received as of 8.12.2026

PLEDGE PAYMENT SCHEDULE - 3 YEARS

TOTAL GIFT	BI-WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
\$1,080	\$13.85	\$30.00	\$360.00
\$1,800	\$23.08	\$50.00	\$600.00
\$2,400	\$30.77	\$66.67	\$800.00
\$3,000	\$38.46	\$83.33	\$1,000.00
\$3,600	\$46.15	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
\$5,000	\$64.10	\$138.89	\$1,666.67
\$6,000	\$76.92	\$166.67	\$2,000.00
\$7,000	\$89.74	\$194.44	\$2,333.33
\$8,000	\$102.56	\$222.22	\$2,666.67
\$9,000	\$115.38	\$250.00	\$3,000.00
\$10,000	\$128.21	\$277.78	\$3,333.33
\$12,000	\$153.85	\$333.33	\$4,000.00

TOGETHER, WE MOVE THE VISION FORWARD

We started the summer with big dreams for our parish — the 2030 Project — followed by a few campaign receptions, our fair food booth and plenty of opportunities for fellowship. Our church may be small, but we are deeply connected.

We know one another. We show up for one another. And when there's work to be done, we do it together.

From setting up and serving food to welcoming visitors and cleaning up, every contribution matters. And in between, there are conversations, laughter and plenty of fellowship. Our recent gatherings have been a wonderful reminder that Saint Joseph is about more than a building. It's about relationships, belonging and community.

Thank you to our general chairs, Cindy & Joe Connolly, Allison & Andy Mixan and Trista & Tom Welsh. Thank you to Deacon Terry Ficenec, who was a gracious and outstanding reception host.

As we enter the final weeks of the 2030 Project pledging phase, your support moves this vision forward.



ONLINE GIVING:
Monthly or one-time online gifts to the campaign can be made online by scanning this QR Code:

