

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Once again, I want to thank you for your participation in the annual Archdiocesan Appeal as well as for your commitment to stewardship in regards to the life of our parish here at St. Joseph.

This coming week I will be out of town from Wednesday afternoon until Sunday evening. I will be attending the annual meeting for the Catholic Medical Association, which is being held in Seattle this year. I am the chaplain for the Omaha Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, so my attendance at this meeting helps me in fulfilling this responsibility. It also is an opportunity for me to receive some continuing education in the area of medical ethics, which helps to keep me up-to-date in this regards. While I am gone, Fr. Swanson will be here to be celebrant for the weekday and weekend Masses. During this time, if you have a need for a priest in an emergency, please contact one of our neighboring parishes to request a priest.

November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday this year, therefore, it will not be a holy day of obligation, but I encourage as many as can to attend Mass that day. There will be Mass at the regular time of 8:00 A.M. and at 6:00 P.M. on November 1. There will not be a vigil Mass on the evening before. On November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day, the day on which we pray for the souls of our faithful departed. On this day, besides the regular 8:00 A.M. Mass, I will also offer Mass at 6:00 P.M. Remember that our primary focus this time of year should be on the saints and souls in purgatory and not on goblins, ghosts, and ghouls. While Halloween might have some fun and harmless aspects to it, many of the things associated with Halloween are rooted in pagan practices. Therefore we need to be careful not to make too much of it that it overshadows what we should be focusing upon this time of year as Christians. In the home, especially, parents should make sure that the celebration of the saints and the remembrance of the departed

souls in our prayers receives the primary focus.

God bless and have a great week.  
Fr. Gutowski

**MASS  
INTENTIONS****OCTOBER 25 THRU OCTOBER 31**

Monday	Ray Heimes
Tuesday	Conrad Kwapnioski
Wednesday	Ron Kleinschmidt
Thursday	Bud Burchard
Friday	Matthew Hillman
Saturday	Conrad Kwapnioski
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**RE HAPPENINGS**

There will be a Mass for 7-8 grades on November 3 at 7:10.

There is a "Rite of Welcome" scheduled for the Confirmation candidates on Sunday, November 7 during the 9:00 Mass with a reception to follow.

There is a Reconciliation Activity for all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents on Sunday, November 14 from 10-12 in the church social hall.

**ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER**

The Ladies' Guild will hold their annual Soup Supper and Raffle on November 6. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. Please start making or acquiring items for the raffle. More information to follow.  
Thank you.

**STEPHENS' CENTER**

Bob and Suzanne Carmichael and Tim & Diane Ihry prepared and served dinner to the guests at the Stephens' Center on Monday, Oct 19. Many thanks to all of you.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS** (clip & post)

Monday, Tuesday & Friday ...10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday...8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Church Website: [www.StJoSf.org](http://www.StJoSf.org).

Church e-mail: [Secretary@stjosf.org](mailto:Secretary@stjosf.org).

Bulletin items must be sent to the above e-mail address by Tuesday night.

Emergency Phone # 402-689-1708 (Sharon VanTassell)

**Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest**

Here's a chance to win a Tom Osborne and Bo Pelini autographed football! The Springfield Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest for any student in grades 3 through 6 who live in the South Sarpy School District #46 or who attend St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springfield. We hope everyone eligible will enter! Every entry received by November 15th will get a chance to win the football. Entry forms and 11x17 paper can be picked up at Springfield Elementary School, Westmont Elementary School, St. Joseph Church and Springfield Library.

**THANK YOU**

My family and I would like to thank Father Matt for the most beautiful words of comfort after Con's death and for a mass that we shall never forget. Thank you to the ladies for the most wonderful meal. My parish family, my friends and neighbors, with all their kind deeds, will be remembered forever. Pauline Kwapnioski

**PLEDGE CARDS**

You may have noticed that you did not get a pledge card for St. Joseph church in the packet you received from the diocese. We have them now and there is one in each bulletin. If you do not get one, there are additional forms at the back of the church. There is also a box labeled PLEDGE CARDS. You may return both, the card for St. Joseph and the one from the Archdiocese, in that box. Or you may opt to send your card from the diocese directly to them. Either way, your pledge cards will be properly recorded. Thank you!

**COFFEE CAKE SALE**

The Poor Clare Sisters will be selling coffee cakes on Sunday, October 31 after Mass. They are \$10.00 each. They will be sold in the social hall. This sale is to benefit the continuing construction of their new monastery. The Poor Clare Sisters provide our communion wafers.

**DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN CHILD**

Week 31— My skin has been red for a couple of months, but now it's becoming pinker. I weigh about three pounds and I am about 15 inches long.

**LOCAL FOOD PANTRY**

The Methodist Church is seeking donations to their food pantry. Items needed include: Meat & pasta, chicken, tuna, fruit, canned goods, soup, vegetables, jello, pudding, cake mixes, mac & cheese, toilet paper and napkins. If you can help, please drop off your items at the Methodist church any weekday morning.

