

217 North Sixth Street, Conway Springs 620-456-2276

September 24, 2017
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:10 a.m. (Tues. thru Fri.)
Holy Day vigil 7:00 p.m.,
Holy Day 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGES

In order for weddings to take place here at St. Joseph, either the bride or groom must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months before preparations for marriage will begin. In addition, the bride or groom registered in the parish is expected to be actively participating in the life of the Church by living the Stewardship Way of Life. Please contact Father for additional information.

REGISTRATIONS

New parishioners, please contact the Parish Office for a Registration form. Forms may be returned via the collection basket, mail or delivered to the Parish office.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Exposition takes place after Wednesday Mass. Adoration ends before Thursday Mass. Two persons are needed in prayer before Our Lord at all times.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday afternoon from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 7:45—8:00a.m.
(or by appointment)

BAPTISMS

By appointment and usually after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents who plan to have their child baptized are required to be registered and practicing their Catholic faith. The Baptism Information Form must be returned to the Parish Office prior to the scheduled baptism. Please call the Parish Office at (620) 456-2276 with any questions.

PARISH PRAYER LINE

If you would like to sign up for this ministry or if you have a prayer request, call Eileen Harrington at (620) 456-3225 or Bes Becker at (620) 456-2849

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment in our parish school is without tuition for registered families who live their Catholic Faith by following the Commandments publicly, and by observing the Precepts of the Church, including the practice of stewardship through sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure.

Phone Numbers & Email Addresses

Rectory/Office (620) 456-2276
Church Fax (620) 456-3317
School (620) 456-2270
Hall (620) 456-2271
School Fax (620) 456-2272
Parish website www.stjoeecs.org

Church email sjcs@juno.com
Pastor aseiler@sutv.com
Principal email arnold@stjoeecs.org
Altar Society Cathy Osner (620-456-2316)
K of C Phillip Lange (316-644-5683)
P T O Brian Beck (620-456-2132)

Prayer Before Mass

Come, Holy Spirit, quiet my heart and my head, as I gather with my family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Mass. Quiet the thoughts and distractions that will keep me from worship. Open my mouth in prayer and song. Open my ears to hear God's Word. Open my eyes to the mystery of the Eucharist. Open my heart to receive Jesus with Love. May I go forth strengthened to take the Mass into my life this week. Amen.

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"Are you envious because I am generous?" Contrary to standard practice, the landowner paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. But in fact he was not cheating anyone; he was being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to *everyone*, no matter when they joined the fold.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$7,473.50	\$156,089.88
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$172,800.00
Over/(Under)	(\$6,926.50)	(\$16,710.12)

Pro-life Holy Hour:

Sunday, September 24 at 3:00

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept 23	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm Rain
Sunday, Sept 24	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am People of the Parish by Father Seiler
		10:30 am K of C
Monday, Sept 25		8:10 am No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 26	SS Cosmas & Damian	8:10 am + Lewis Rausch by Mildred Boger
Wednesday, Sept 27	St Vincent de Paul	8:10 am + Everett Hartman by Ralph & Rita Landwehr
Thursday, Sept 28	St. Wenceslaus	8:10 am + Gene Martin by Dorothy Youngers
Friday, Sept 29	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	8:10 am + Glenn Knoblauch by Dan & Joyce Ridder
Saturday, Sept 30	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm Rain
Sunday, Oct 1	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am People of the Parish by Father Seiler
		10:30 am + Richard Meyer

UPCOMING EVENT

SUN	Oct 1	Life Chain Sunday
MON	Oct 2	Altar Society Meeting
MON	Oct 16	K of C Meeting

Quilting: Sue Hartman’s quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, September 26 and Wednesday, September 27. Lunch will be served.

Virtus training Sunday, September 24 at St. Joseph. Anyone wishing to serve St. Joseph students must have this training before they can volunteer.

CYM is having our first fun event! Volleyball game and spaghetti dinner next Wednesday, September 27 from 7:00 -9:00! All high school age invited! Bring your friends, we are all the family of Christ whatever your denomination you are invited to join in. If you are interested in helping with meals please contact Lila Stuhlsatz.

Life Chain Sunday: October 1. Come join in standing for justice, freedom of religion and the dignity of human life. Gathering from 2–3 pm at 5th and Spring in Conway Springs. Signs will be provided.

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Trap Shoot on Sunday, September 24 at 12 noon at the CS Rodeo Grounds. Refreshments will be available.

**Stewarding our Gifts:
Who Are You Following**

A Christian steward recognizes the gifts God has given him, and is grateful for those gifts. A less grateful person might be jealous of the gifts God has Given others, and this is sinful. Today’s Gospel reading —a very well-known parable—illustrates this sinful jealousy. The first workers in the vineyard had already agreed upon a wage for the day, and they got to work. But at the end of the day, when they saw the later workers receiving the wage they had agreed upon, they greedily assumed they would get more. How often do we relate to these workers? How often do we think we deserve more than others because we have worked harder or longer at a task? Yet isn’t God, like the owner of the vineyard, free to give His gifts as He sees fit? And shouldn’t it be our pleasure to receive those blessings we receive with great gratitude? If we are busy being grateful, it won’t occur to us to be covetous.

Religious education tickets are now available through the K of C. They are \$100/ea and there are 10 tickets available. To purchase a ticket, contact Tony Ternes at 316-259-1642. The purpose of the K of C Religious Education program is to provide money to parishes for their Catholic education programs. Each ticket is entered into a drawing, which takes place mid-December. Get yours today for a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$25,000.

Liturgy assignments for September 30 & October 1

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Kara Zoglmann Katelyn Koester Melissa Ebenkamp	C-Robin Luckner R-Jack Dalbom	Marc Robinson	H-T Ternes C-M Ebenkamp C-N Koester	Greg & Laurie Ebenkamp
8:00 a.m.	Kendall Heimerman Nathan Doffing Zane Zoglmann	C-Kim Becker R-Mike Hemberger	Paul Lange	H-D Stuhlsatz C-L Palsmeier C-T Palsmeier	Bob & Sally Mercer
10:30 a.m.	Cooper Shobe Trenton Holmes Sammy Holmes	C-Jane Klausmeyer R-Keith Leddy	Leslie Mies	H-V Struble C-J Pauly C-M Becker	Ben & Tracy May

Gentlemen, have you been looking for a way to become more active in the parish and for a way to deepen your Catholic faith? Then the Knights of Columbus wants you. There will be a Major Degree held on November 12 at the parish hall. This is a great opportunity to become part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. For those Brother Knights that have only received their first degree, this is the perfect time to receive the second & third degrees. Please contact our Membership Director—Mark Hemberger at 620-440-1528, Recruitment Committee Member—Paul Lange at 316-644-4437, Grand Knight—Phillip Lange at 316-644-5683, or any member of the Knights of Columbus.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: the sick and homebound, and those in harm's way. Especially Alex Grimm serving in South Korea.

Readings for the week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn,
7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:
7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45



**Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis:
Parishes.**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Marian Mantle Group: For the return of our children to the practice of the Catholic Faith will meet Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. Praying of the Rosary, Parents' Litany and The Way of the Cross.

School News

Upcoming Events

- Sept 25-29— Respect Life Week
- Mon, Sept 25-No Bus Service
- Wed, Sept 27-School Spelling Bee in gym at 1:20
- Wed, Sept 27-Volleyball Game at 4:15 in Colwich
- Mon, Oct 2-Lifetouch Pictures
- Mon. Oct 2-Volleyball at 5:00 in Udall

Our school newsletter is available online at stjoece.org or you can receive it by email if you ask our school secretary at blake@stjoece.org. Also on our website, you can view the 75th Anniversary slideshow and see the past and present students picture we took at the parish picnic!

Congratulations to our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Catherine Koester, who had her baby on Sept 15! She is enjoying Lawson Jerome at home and we are thankful to have Mrs. Emily Beck as her long-term sub for the next several weeks.

Message from Mr. Arnold-I would like to thank all the parishioners and school families for the warm welcome that has been extended to me. I am in awe of the community spirit that is alive here as I've attended the Open House, Parish Picnic, and Fall Fest over the last few weeks! I am very happy that God has brought me here! Please keep praying for our school staff and me!



We joyfully welcomed
the following child in-
to the parish family of
St. Joseph

name
Baptized May 21, 2017
Son of
John and Mary Smith



St. Joseph Parish joyfully
celebrated the marriage
of

John Henry & Mary Anne Smith

Celebrated May 27, 2017