

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

October 1, 2017
26th 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

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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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"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Jesus spoke them to *"the chief priests and elders of the people."* The ones who were professional law-keepers. The ones who were religious leaders and teachers. The ones who were, in truth, self-righteous, pompous, and presumptuous. Jesus must have known how offensive it would be to his audience to share this unpleasant fact. But he said it anyway because he knew they needed to hear it.

But the point wasn't to offend. The point was to **amend**. Jesus was urging them to change their lives for the better, to come to God with a humble, contrite heart, seeking forgiveness and mercy. These unrepentant upper-crust leaders were plagued by an inability to see their own sins. They were far too focused on identifying where others were going wrong. And, as was his style, Jesus' preaching was adapted according to his audience. These guys needed to get knocked out of their complacency. So Jesus did what he had to do.

It's important to realize, that the reason tax collectors and prostitutes were leading the line to heaven wasn't because of their sins. It was because of their sorrow. The people Jesus had in mind when he mentioned this—like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene perhaps—had repented from their sinful behavior and begun anew. And this is what the Lord longs to see everyone doing, including us. Either we need to acknowledge and repent of our sins, or we are placing ourselves in the same category as the pharisaical priests and elders. And that's definitely not the place to be.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$14,816.10	\$170,905.98
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$187,200.00
Over/(Under)	\$416.10	(\$16,294.02)

Mass Intentions

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
Monday, Oct 2	Holy Guardian Angels	8:10 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Oct 3		8:10 am	+ Bud Dugan by Jesse & Sarah Mercer
Wednesday, Oct 4	St Francis of Assisi	8:10 am	+ Angie Ahne by Donna Monarez
Thursday, Oct 5		8:10 am	+ Illa Carl by Doug & Suzanne Koester
Friday, Oct 6	St Bruno	8:10 am	+ Jack & Dolores Ebenkamp by grandkids
Saturday, Oct 7	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Steve Neises by Larry & Betty Zoglmann
Sunday, Oct 8	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	People of the Parish by Father Seiler 10:30 am + Virginia Winter by Eldon & Sabrina Hemberger

UPCOMING EVENT

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

Quilting: Lotus Leddy's quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 11. Lunch will be served.

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.



We joyfully welcomed the following children into the parish family of St. Joseph

Andi Jo Allen
Baptized September 24, 2017
Daughter of
Jared & Nicole Allen

Ava Nicolle Daniel
&
Heath Alden Daniel
Baptized September 24, 2017
Grandchildren of
Jerry & Pam Hilger

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus suggests that there are two types of "followers", the first is the one who says he will follow the law of the Lord, but he does not follow through, the second one says he does not wish to follow the law of the Lord, but changes his mind and does so. Jesus' question is a difficult one for us today. Stewardship is obviously the right way of life, but it is sometimes a difficult one. Many people find that, while they intend to live the stewardship way of life, they don't ever get around to it. The good news is that it is not too late! Psalm 25 says "...teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior." When we know the right path, and recognize we are not on it, we must be diligent to correct our behavior.

Parish Directory Portraits: Portraits taken in September are available in the back of church. If you don't see your portrait check back next week. Those who ordered portraits will have them mailed to you.

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

Liturgy assignments for October 7 & 8

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Jonathan Berntsen Nathan Berntsen Aiden Dalbom	C-Nancy Koester R-T Ternes	Steve Lange	H-G Ebenkamp C-T Zoglmann C-B Zoglmann	Eldon & Sabrina Hemberger
8:00 a.m.	Jan Stuhlsatz Faith Stuhlsatz Emma Zoglmann	C-Lori Gerber R-Pamela Lange	Jim Brozovich	H-H Ohl C-H Ohl C-D Seiwert	Blaine & Robin Luckner
10:30 a.m.	Kirsten Whitney Reghan Ohl Caitlyn May	C-Beth Crick R-Gala Mies	Karen Struble	H-P Winter C-T Gerber C-R Hartman	Glenn & Gala Mies

March for Life wanted to sincerely thank everyone for supporting March 4 Life Pulled Pork Booth at Fall fest! We appreciate your support and donations! We ran out of food early so we call that a success! We will cook more food next year. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

March for Life is selling Krispy Kreme donuts, coffee, and gift certificates! Contact Lila Stuhlsatz, Jamie Lange, Tonya Stuhlsatz or any youth pilgrim to make your order. Order now through Oct 9 and delivered on October 19.

Readings for the week of October 1, 2017
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17



CYM October Fun! Corn Maze and Zombie Paintball! The trailer with 12 paintball guns turns haunted at night and you will shoot at live mummies! You won't want to miss this! Don't forget \$ for the maize and paintballs, your flashlights, and your Medical Release Form! You have to have that form to ride the bus and go. Medical release forms can be downloaded from the website or picked up in the back of church.

When: Wednesday, October 25 Meet in church for Adoration 6:45 pm Bus leaves at 7 pm. Return at 9:30 pm.

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis:
Workers and the Unemployed.

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

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

- Oct 2-6-Cardinals Care Food Drive-students are trying to collect 750 items in honor of our 75th anniversary
- Mon, Oct 2-Lifetouch Pictures
- Mon. Oct 2-Volleyball at 5:00 in Udall
- Mon. Oct 9-No School-Teacher Inservice
- Tue. Oct. 10-Volleyball vs St Pats, Kingman at 2:00
- Fri. Oct. 13-Walk-a-thon

We had a great Respect Life Week! You can see photos from Twin Day and our visit to Spring View Manor on the school website.

Have you seen the gold 75th anniversary t-shirts our families have been wearing? Would you like to order one? We will be placing our final order for these shirts Oct. 6. There are order forms in the back of church to return to school.

In the weeks ahead, our parish representative from Solutio, Inc., will be setting up the advertising for our website for the year.

Please consider participating in this effort since the revenue from the ads is what makes the website possible at no cost to the parish.

It's a great way to get your name in front of the families in the parish. Advertisements may be purchased for a business, family memorial, or you can sponsor an ad supporting Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus, Vocations, etc.



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