

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

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

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.

Stewarding our Gifts: Who Are You Following

In this first week of Advent, the message is clear: be watchful and ready! When we watch for something, it is an intentional action. It is more than seeing or waiting, which are somewhat passive actions. No, watching is an intentional action in which one is ready to respond. The father of the prodigal son was watchful: ready to immediately respond to his son when he was seen at a distance. The father leaving his home to greet his son. As stewards, we too are watchful to see Jesus in the Advent season, especially in the people around us.

Immaculate Conception of the BVM: December 8 Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be. Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm and Friday, November 8 at 7:00 am & 7:00 pm. There is a signup sheet in the entrance of church please volunteer for the liturgy assignments. Thank you.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$7,660.25	\$270,119.34
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$316,800.00
Over/(Under)	(\$6,739.75)	(\$46,680.66)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 2	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Lewis Rausch by Leon & Linda Becker
Sunday, Dec 3	1st Sunday of Advent	8:00 am People of the Parish
		10:30 am + Mary Strunk by Dick & Mary Meyer
Monday, Dec 4	St. John Damascene	8:00 am No Mass
Tuesday, Dec 5		8:00 am + Jack & Dolores Ebenkamp by grandkids
Wednesday, Dec 6	St. Nicholas	8:00 am + Virginia Winter by Catherine Winter
Thursday, Dec 7	St. Ambrose	8:00 am + Richard Meyer
		7:00 pm + Ed Roth by Virginia Roth
Friday, Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the BVM	7:00 am + Bud Dugan by Dave & Barb Delker
		7:00 pm + Everett Hartman
Saturday, Dec 9	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Ed Stuhlsatz by children
Sunday, Dec 10	2nd Sunday of Advent	8:00 am People of the Parish
		10:30 am + Gene Martin by David & Nancy Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON	Dec 4	Altar Society Meeting at 6:30 pm
MON	Dec 18	K of C Meeting at 7:30 pm

Altar Society:

Next Funeral Dinner is Circle 1
December 4: Potluck Dinner at 6:30 pm. We will have a Kitchen Item gift exchange (\$10 to \$15).

Please help those in need this Christmas season by participating in the Alter Society Angel Tree! The Angel Tree tags are located on the Christmas tree in the back of church and on the Jesse tree in the front North side of Church. Unwrapped items, along with their tags need to be dropped off in the back of church by Friday, December 22.

Altar Society will once again offer poinsettias in memory of a loved one for the altar. They will be \$8. Place money and family members name in the collection basket or mail to office by December 18 to have your name published on the list for the bulletin. You may turn the names in after that but it may not be published in time for Christmas.

Quilting: Laurie Ebenkamp and Jill Hilger will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6. Lunch will be served.

The Advent Penance Service will be on Sunday, December 17.



**We joyfully welcomed
Georgia Lyn Pelz
into the parish family of
St. Joseph
Baptized November 12
Daughter of
Adam Pelz & Jamie Schulte**

Knights of Columbus:

On December 3 the K of C will be combining the annual Christmas party with a breakfast to support the youth participating in the M 4 L Rally. The breakfast will run from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Free will donation will be accepted to help defray travel costs. The Christmas party will take place after the 10:30 Mass. Children are asked to bring an unwrapped toy, which will be donated to those in need. In exchange they will get a chance to visit with Santa and get a bag of goodies.

Liturgy assignments for December 9 & 10

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Katelyn Koester Haylee Osner Kara Zoglmann	C-Nancy Koester R-Elaine Clark	Steve Lange	H-G Ebenkamp C-T Zoglmann C-B Zoglmann	Clint & Jenny Osner
8:00 a.m.	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Jaden Meyer Isaac Winter	C-R Zoglmann R-Mike Hemberger	Jim Brozovich	H-H Ohl C-H Ohl C-D Seiwert	Kevin & Becky Zoglmann
10:30 a.m.	Cooper Shobe Trenton Holmes Avery May	C-Suzanne Koester R-Gala Mies	Karen Struble	H-P Winter C-T Gerber C-R Hartman	Paul & Peggy Winter

Christmas Call to Sharing 2017: Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all.

Very soon, you will be receiving an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your gift is used to benefit the 46 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese and the 23 priests in retirement. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift this year to support our priests.

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

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.

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis:

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Candle Lighting Service—Sunday, December 3 at the First Christian Church 112 N 12th at 7:00 pm. The Christian church will once again host the candle lighting service. All are welcome to attend.

Mission Mart—There is a green tub in the entrance of church to drop off non-perishable items for our local mission mart. If you are in need of assistance, at any time, for food or to help pay utility bills, you can contact Pastor Bryce Hensen, or Lori Zoglmann @ the United Methodist Church 620-456-2300. Their office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Any other time you may leave a message and they will get back with you..

School News

Upcoming Events

Wed. Dec 13—Christmas Concert @ 7:00



We joyfully welcomed
(name) into the parish
family of
St. Joseph
Baptized date
Son daughter
of



St. Joseph Parish joyfully
celebrated the marriage
of

John Henry & Mary Anne Smith

Celebrated May 27, 2017