

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

February 18, 2018 1st Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:05 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 456-3283 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 frsmeltzer@stjoeecs.org
Principal email arnold@stjoeecs.org
Altar Society Peggy Winter (620-584-6605)
K of C Phillip Lange (316-644-5683)
P T O Danny Pauly (620-456-3514)

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.

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for "signs." He's the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

"Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb 17	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Gene Martin by Dana Thome
Sunday, Feb 18	1st Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday, Feb 19		8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Feb 20		8:05 am	Rain
Wednesday, Feb 21	St. Peter Damian	8:05 am	+ Steven Grow by Linda Meyers
Thursday, Feb 22		8:05 am	+ Marilyn Novoscone by Steve & Karen Lange
Friday, Feb 23	St. Polycarp	6:00 pm	+ Leo Nenoit
Saturday, Feb 24	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Doris Dick by Albert & Evelyn Osner
Sunday, Feb 25	2nd Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	K of C

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN	Feb 18	Birthline Bingo at 7:00 pm
MON	Feb 19	K of C Meeting at 7:30 pm
FRI	Feb 23	Stations & Mass at 6:00 pm
		K of C Fish Fry
SUN	Feb 25	Birthline Bingo at 7:00 pm
MON	Mar 5	Altar Society Meeting Get Acquainted Potluck at 6:30 pm

Altar Society:

Circle 1—Next funeral
 Circle 2—Rosary before Mass for February
 Circle 1 has next funeral.
 Altar Society Get Acquainted Potluck and Quilt
 Showing Monday, March 5 at 6:30 pm. Please
 plan to attend.

Fridays during Lent: Stations and Mass will be at
 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper to follow. There is a sign
 up sheet in the entrance of church. Thank you.

There will be a reception in the cafeteria following
 all of the Masses this weekend, February 17 and
 18, to welcome our new pastor Father Smeltzer.

Birthline of Wellington would like to thank the pa-
 rishioners of St. Joseph Church for the wonderful
 support they have given to us through their gener-
 ous donations for our recent Heart Fundraiser. St.
 Joseph has been very supportive of our efforts to
 help young mothers and their babies. We appreci-
 ate each and every one of you!

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$8,150.59	\$400,992.03
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$475,200.00
Over/(Under)	(\$6,249.41)	(\$74,207.97)

Liturgy assignments for February 24 & 25

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Com- munion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Elijah Howard Kevin Ebenkamp Aiden Dalbom	T Ternes	Steve Lange	H-M Ebenkamp C-N Koester C-G Ebenkamp	Tony & Michelle May
8:00 a.m.	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Jaden Meyer Isaac Winter	Kim Becker	Jason Carl	H-J Doffing C-J Pauly jr C-D Stuhlsatz	Lawrence & Joan Hemberger
10:30 a.m.	Kirsten Whitney Sammy Holmes Natalie Doffing	Dave Doffing	Linda Ohl	H-J Klausmeyer C-P Winter C-T Klausmeyer	Doug & Suzanne Koester

The 5th and 6th grade students at St. Joseph
 School will perform “The Living Passion” on the
 following dates:

Feb. 23—St. Joseph Church—8:10 am and 6 pm
 March 2—Danville—7:30 pm
 March 9—St. Joseph Church—6 pm
 March 27—Conway Springs Baptist Church—11 am

All churches and community members are invited
 to attend.

This very moving experience will take you in
 Christ’s steps through his suffering and death on
 the cross. It is a very fitting time of reflection during
 this Lenten season as we prepare for the Resurrec-
 tion.

The students invite you to attend “The Living Passion”.

Marian Mantle Group: For the return of our chil-
 dren to the practice of the Catholic Faith will meet
 Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. Praying the Rosary, Par-
 ents’ Litany and the Way of the Cross.

Please Pray For: the sick and homebound, and
 those in harm’s way. Especially Alex Grimm serv-
 ing in South Korea.

Food Handlers Classes: Saturday, February 10 at
 Pleasant View Baptist Church in Derby, 1335 N
 Buckner St. at 9:30 am
 February 22 at 6:30 pm at Saint Catherine of Siena.

The Universal Living Rosary is in need of rosaries for a priest in China. Mail to: Universal Living Rosary, PO Box 1303, Dickinson, TX 77539 or put in the back of church. Peace in Christ.

Midwest Catholic Family Conference Fundraiser: Contemporary Christian singer, Matt Maher, will be at the Cotillion Ballroom on Thursday, March 1. This is a concert for all ages and will help raise money to cover expenses. Ticket cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. You can order tickets online at catholicfamilyconference.org.

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..

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

Over the next few weeks, we will see the development of the covenants God established with His people, in an effort to build an ongoing relationship with them. In the time of Noah, God sent a great flood to “clean up” the Earth. Afterward, he made a covenant—a promise—to never do so again. He left Noah and the remaining survivors as the new caretakers (stewards) of His creation. This great flood can be viewed as a massive “baptism” for the Earth—a removal of sin/impurities. As such, our own baptism ties us into Noah’s covenant, and requires that we act as stewards of our bodies and our souls, keeping them free from sin/impurities.

School News

UPCOMING DATES

FEB. 23-Living Stations of the Cross performed at 8:05 and 6:00

FRI. MAR. 2-Living Stations performed in Danville at 7:30

WED. MAR. 7-Family Reading Night and Book Fair

FRI. MAR. 16-Kindergarten Screening

Letters to prospective Kindergarten parents were mailed out this week. If you do not receive an information packet this week and have a child who will be 5 by Aug. 31, (or if you know of a family that we should reach out to) please contact Mrs. Whitney in our school office at 620-456-2270. We would love to have you at our school this fall!

Thank you to all those who took ornaments and made our School Wish Tree such a success! We will bring it back again later this year!



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