

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

## **March 18, 2018 5th 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  
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Pastor [frsmeltzer@stjoeecs.org](mailto:frsmeltzer@stjoeecs.org)  
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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 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, we will use **John's Gospel**. Jesus says that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." However, he describes this glory in a surprising way, which explains who he is for us and who we are called to be: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."

The first readings this week prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but well worth reading, story of Susanna, which ends in "blessing God who saves those who hope in him." The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus' saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects "the servants who trusted in him." God entered a covenant with Abraham. In the midst of his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, "For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" God promises to unite the people in an everlasting covenant.

Our gospels are again from the **Fourth Gospel**. Presented with a woman caught in adultery, Jesus replies, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "Whoever keeps my word will never see death. ... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, "the Father is in me and I am in the Father." After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, "it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."

"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, Mar 17	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Jerry Davis by Larry & Betty Zoglmann
Sunday, Mar 18	5th Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	+ Francis Ebenkamp by Dolores Ebenkamp
Monday, Mar 19	St. Joseph	7:00 pm	Rain
Tuesday, Mar 20		8:05 am	+ Bill Davis by Jim & Marcia Stuhlsatz
Wednesday, Mar 21		8:05 am	+ Joe O'Neill by Mike & Margaret Willson
Thursday, Mar 22		8:05 am	+ Leo Benoit
Friday, Mar 23		6:00 pm	+ Rocky Weber by Randy & Carol Andra
Saturday, Mar 24	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Angie Ahne by Bernard & Barbara Kraus
Sunday, Mar 25	Palm Sunday	8:00 am	K of C
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

### UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN	Mar 18	Birthline Bingo at 7:00 pm
MON	Mar 19	Feast of St. Joseph: Mass at 7:00 pm
		K of C Meeting at 8:00 pm
FRI	Mar 23	Stations & Mass at 6:00 pm
		K of C Fish Fry
SUN	March 25	Quilt Bingo Games at 2:00

**Altar Society:**

Circle 2—Next funeral

Circle 3—Rosary before Mass for March

Please remember to pay your quilt leader. If you haven't been contacted by a quilt leader, check the list in the back of church to see if your name is on the list. If its not, contact Emily Coleman.

As a courtesy to Old Town, a \$25 contribution would be appreciated to help pay for electricity, coffee, etc, and also for the use of the facility.

Contribute to the Easter flower fund in memory of a loved one, by placing envelope containing \$10 in the collection basket or sending to parish office earmarked as such. As flowers fade they will be placed in the north sacristy for you to plant at home. Deadline is Palm Sunday, March 25.

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**Attention Parents of young children:** Please be mindful of the snacks you bring to church for your children. Try to refrain from food or drinks that will stain or damage the pews. Thank you.

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There will be Mass on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 pm, in honor of the Feast day of St. Joseph.

**Our Gifts To God**

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$8,806.13</b>	<b>\$449,095.51</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$14,400.00</b>	<b>\$532,800.00</b>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>(\$5,593.87)</b>	<b>(\$83,704.49)</b>

**Liturgy assignments for March 24 & 25**

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Com- munion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Elijah Howard Kevin Ebenkamp Aiden Dalbom	Jack Dalbom Susie Steffen	Amy Zoglmann	H-G Ebenkamp C-N Koester C-M Ebenkamp	Tim & Gay Pauly
8:00 a.m.	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Jaden Meyer Isaac Winter	Marcia Stuhlsatz Ted Palsmeier	Jim Brozovich	H-D Stuhlsatz C-John Pauly jr C-J Doffing	Blaine & Robin Luckner
10:30 a.m.	Kirsten Whitney Isabella Linn Natalie Doffing	Dave Doffing Need one	Linda Ohl	H-T Klausmeyer C-R Ohl C-J Klausmeyer	Jesse & Sarah Mercer

**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.

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We want to thank all of you who came out and supported our Scholastic Book Fair! We had another record breaking year in total sales! We sold over \$3,000 in merchandise. We earned over \$1,600 to spend on Scholastic books for our library. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped set up, do sales, and clean up!

St. Joseph School PTO

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If you are missing dishes, please check the cafeteria for ones that may have been left after funerals or soup suppers.

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Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald house can be turned in to the school office or left at the back of church. These pop tabs will be given to help cover the costs for the Ronald McDonald house.

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

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**Please Pray For:** the sick and homebound, and those in harm's way. Especially Alex Grimm serving in South Korea.

Attention Bingo Fans!!! Our final Birthline Bingo of the year will be this Sunday (March 18th) in the cafeteria. We've had great crowds at the other bingo's and we hope to see you one last time. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners for their faithfully attendance and for those that have donated refreshments for the concession stand. As usual, doors open at 6:00pm, in time for a meal from the concession stand, and Bingo play will begin at 7:00pm sharp!

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be this Monday (March 19th) at 8:00pm. We hope to see as many Brother Knights as possible, and are looking forward to Fr. Stuart's "Father's Corner" discussion on our parish's Patron Saint - St. Joseph.

Is it Dad's night to cook? Are you looking for a little more excitement in your life? The Knights of Columbus are here to help! The 2nd, and final, Fish Fry of the year will be on Friday March 23rd. Serving will run from 5:00pm - 8:00pm, and we hope to see another large, hungry crowd. Dine-in and carry-out options are available.

#### Upcoming Events

Talent Show-Apr. 6

First Communion- Apr. 8

Spring Concert-Apr. 18

All parishioners are invited.

#### Message from Mr. Arnold

I am very happy to share that I have signed my contract to be principal at St. Joseph next year! I am proud of the many things that have been accomplished this year, and the credit goes to our bright students, involved parents, hard-working teachers and staff, and our supportive parishioners! Working together, our school is becoming stronger and stronger. I am very excited for what next year holds! Thank you for all the prayers that you have sent our way this year! They have made the difference!

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

“..unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat..”

If we are truly following Jesus Christ, then we understand that we must die to self in order to grow in love. This is the example set by Jesus and it is the message of today's Gospel. Easter is quickly approaching, but be sure to make the most of these last weeks of Lent. Examine your heart. Have your Lenten practices allowed you to grow as a steward of Christ's love? Have you managed to deepen your relationship with Him? Remember... “Whoever serves me must follow me, and wherever I am, there also will my servant be.”



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