

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

**May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter**

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 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we hear the powerful words that Jesus uses to send us on our mission: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

Jesus invites us to remain in his love. That is a powerful freedom. If we can reflect this week on ways we can remain in his love, and not let anything take away our peace, we will grow in great freedom.

Jesus tells us that his one commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. He wants us to imitate the very "way" he loves us - completely, un-conditionally, in a self-sacrificing way. It can be the focus of our entire week to ask for the grace to love the people in our lives the ways Jesus loves us. But, that begins, if it is to be deep and transformative, needs to begin by reflection on how much Jesus loves us

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me. Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day. It is not complicated to have a relationship with God but it takes focus. We can end our day with a simple prayer of thanksgiving.

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, May 5	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Nick Mies by Greg & Laurie Ebenkamp
Sunday, May 6	6th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society
Monday, May 7		8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, May 8		8:05 am	+ Joe O'Neill
Wednesday, May 9		8:05 am	+ Edith Nuessen by Ron Andra
Thursday, May 10	Ascension of the Lord	8:05 am	+ Virginia Winter by Kevin & Jacqueline Stuhlsatz
Friday, May 11		8:05 am	+ Rocky Weber by Kent & Lori Gerber
Saturday, May 12	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Angie Ahne
Sunday, May 13	7th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	Seniors
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON	May 7	Altar Society Meeting at 7:30 pm
MON	May 21	K of C Meeting at 8:00 pm

Altar Society:

Circle 2—Next funeral

Circle 5—Rosary before Mass for May

Copies of the 2019 Quilt List are available in the back of church. Please let Emily Coleman know if you have any questions.

St. Joseph Parish

We have youth in our parish to be proud of. What a fine reflection of their parents and parish community. God bless each one of you.

Our Confirmation class has served all year for most of the parish events. Most of them exceeded their required service hours. Thank you all so much for that. Now that you are confirmed..and for all those confirmed before you..this is just the beginning of carrying out our service to God by serving in the parish. Look for opportunities, don't wait to be asked.

I especially want to express thanks to those teenagers who helped each week with the Sunday PSR. Molly and Sadie Schmanke, teaching first grade: John Hartman 2nd grade aide, and Isaac Meyers prayer monitor and all around handy man, thank you very much. Paula Ast

All Seniors and their parents or guardians are cordially invited to attend the Senior Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, May 13 at St. Joseph Church at the 8:00 am Mass. Pictures will immediately follow mass on the school steps (weather permitting). Breakfast will follow. Please RSVP via contact information on invitation by April 30.



We joyfully welcomed
Grayson David Zoglmann
 into the parish family of
St. Joseph
Baptized April 29
 Son of
Brandon & Stacy Zoglmann

Thank you to all of the Knights of Columbus members, and young men, that helped with the Mother Daughter Breakfast ! It was wonderful to have a good crew, and helped spread the workload. We are grateful for your contributions and couldn't have done it without you.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$6,688.00	\$515,429.30
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$633,600.00
Over/(Under)	(\$7,712.00)	(\$118,170.70)

Liturgy assignments for May 12 & 13

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offertory
Sat 5:30 pm	Jonathan Berntsen Nathan Berntsen Nathan Doffing	Richard New	Steve Lange	H-G Ebenkamp C-T Zoglmann C-B Zoglmann	Trent & Annie Jones
Sun 8:00 am	Seniors	Seniors	Seniors	H-D Stuhlsatz C-H Ohl C-H Ohl	Seniors
10:30 a.m.	Reghan Ohl Adaline Pauly Sammy Holmes	Dave Doffing	Cassie Brozovich	H-P Winter C-T Gerber C-R Hartman	Brandon & Janie Pauly

Red Cross Blood Drive: St. Joseph will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, May 7. To set up an appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org and find a time that is convenient for you. To shorten your waiting time, go to the Rapid Pass and fill out all information to bring with you when you donate. Appointments are schedule from 12–6 pm. Please find time in your busy schedule to donate blood for someone who is desperately needing it.

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.

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

We know stewardship is more than just chores that need to be accomplished in the parish or at home, such as cleaning the church, mowing the grass, or ushering at Mass; while these jobs need to be done, stewardship is more about how we treat our parents, visiting our grandparents, and raising our children in the Catholic Faith: it's about relationships. All of these "duties" or "responsibilities" can often feel like chores that have to be done, but when we approach the sharing of our gifts in gratitude, realizing all is a gift, then we realize Jesus is our friend, not a taskmaster. We realize He wants a relationship.

School News

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

The students and staff of St. Joseph would like to invite all our volunteers to celebrate Mass with us on Tuesday, May 15. Following Mass, we will have a short reception in the school cafeteria to honor your stewardship! Whether you have been a room mom, a field trip driver, a classroom helper, a lunch room monitor, a book fair cashier, a concession stand worker, or any other way you have helped strengthen our school-we hope you can join us this morning so we can pray for you and show you our gratitude! We also want to invite all our parishioners who come to Daily Mass with us and have kept us in your prayers all year!

IT'S FIELD TRIP SEASON!

As we head into the last weeks of the year, all of our grades are going on field trips to learn more about this amazing world that God has created!

Kindergarten-Sedgwick County Zoo

1st Grade-Tanganyika Wildlife Park

2nd Grade-Exploration Place

3rd Grade-Old Town and All Star Sports

4th Grade-Salt Mine and Hutch Zoo.

5th and 6th Grade-Cathedral, Lord's Diner, and Museum of World Treasures

Thank you to all the parents who are driving for these field trips! We couldn't do it without you! Thank you also to Gambino's, who welcomed several classes as they learned about small businesses!



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