

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

August 27, 2017
21st 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

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.

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"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,"* Jesus renamed him with a title that means *"rock."* And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build *his* church. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church—*"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"*—to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and

compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$12,186.39	\$118,296.43
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$115,200.00
Over/(Under)	(\$2,213.61)	\$3,096.43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Aug 26	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Lewis Rausch by Ron & Kim Friess
Sunday, Aug 27	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	People of the Parish by Father Seiler
		10:30 am	K of C
Monday, Aug 28	St. Augustine	8:10 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Aug 29		8:10 am	+ Illa Carl by Pat & Sharon Carl
Wednesday, Aug 30		8:10 am	+ Everett Hartman by Don & Lois Becker
Thursday, Aug 31		8:10 am	+ Steve Neises by Craig & Elaine Jones
Friday, Sept 1		8:10 am	+ Jack & Dolores Ebenkamp by grandkids
Saturday, Sept 2	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Angie Ahne by Virginia Nicolet
Sunday, Sept 3	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	People of the Parish by Father Seiler
		10:30 am	Thanksgiving for the Katherine Drexel Fund

UPCOMING EVENT

SUN	Sept 17	Parish Picnic
TUE & WED	Sept 19 & 20	Rummage Sale
SUN	Oct 1	Life Chain Sunday

Annual Financial Report

The parish and school annual financial reports for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 can be found in the entrance of church and on the parish's website at www.stjoecs.org under the bulletins link.

Our expenditures exceeded our receipts for the parish due to weekly collections being below budget. The collections for the past fiscal year were approximately 17% less than what was budgeted. The parish disbursements were reduced and ended up being 4.5% less than budgeted. Overall the church had a net loss of \$73,841 and the school had a net income of \$36,945 for a combined net loss of \$36,896. We had to transfer the remaining funds in the church savings account at the diocese to cover our expenses. Our funds in checking and savings accounts declined by 29% which amounts to \$98,440. Our endowments earned 8.7% which resulted in earnings of \$61,545. Our overall fund balances in the banks and at the diocese declined by the net loss of \$36,896 which is a 3.5% decrease.

Our budgeted weekly collections needed for the current fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 is \$14,400 per week. This is about a 3% increase from the prior year budget of \$14,000 per week.

We thank you for your past support and your continuing support in the future. Your contributions are very important in helping us operate the parish and school.

If you have any questions regarding the annual report you may contact Fr. Andy at 456-2276 or Chad Andra, CPA at 620-456-3495. If you would like to learn more about various ways to give to the church or school during your lifetime or through your estate they would be glad to provide confidential information to you.

Stewarding our Gifts:
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life
 Who are you following? The question is not unrelated to the one Jesus asks in today's Gospel: Who do people say that the Son of Man is? Surely we would all say that we are following Jesus, but who do you say that Jesus is? If you can't answer that question, then perhaps you do not know Him that well. Stewardship requires that we know, love, and serve our Lord, and those terms are properly ordered. Before we can love or serve Him, we must first know Him. So as followers of Jesus Christ, let us strive to know Him well in the hope that we can one day be with Him for eternity.

Quilting: Marcia Stuhlsatz quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30. Lunch will be served.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast for the Dean & Patsy Leddy Family this Sunday, August 27. Please come join us for great food and fellowship from 8—noon.

New members of the Parish Pastoral Council:

Ross Hemberger Joel Hartman
 Stephanie Ohl Chris Stevens

Liturgy assignments for September 2 & 3

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Aiden Dalbom Katelyn Koester Melissa Ebenkamp	C-Robin Luckner R-Richard New	Steve Lange	H-T Ternes C-M Ebenkamp C-N Koester	Clint & Jenny Osner
8:00 a.m.	Kendall Heimerman Nathan Doffing Zane Zoglmann	C-Kim Becker R-Mike Hemberger	Jason Carl	H-L Palsmeier C-D Stuhlsatz C-T Palsmeier	Allen & Susan Hemberger
10:30 a.m.	Cooper Shobe Trenton Holmes Sammy Holmes	C-Jane Klausmeyer R-Keith Leddy	Karen Struble	H-M Becker C-J Pauly C-V Struble	Doug & Suzanne Koester

Parish Directory Portraits Sept. 7–11.

Parish Directory portraits sign up still available online at www.stjoeecs.org. If you are unable to keep your appointment time please cancel prior to picture day as not to take an available spot for others still needing to schedule. If you are a staff member of the parish or school please make sure to get your individual photo taken for the directory activity pages.

Remember to bring nonperishable food item to your appointment for the local food bank and receive a \$5 discount.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: the sick and homebound, and those in harm’s way. Especially Alex Grimm serving in South Korea. Please call the office to add to the prayer list.

PSR Registration: Registration forms are in the plastic holder in the entrance of church. Please have forms turned into the office by August 21 so books can be ordered. The fee is \$10 for one child or \$20 per family. Confirmation students please have a copy of your Baptismal certificate if you were not baptized at St. Joseph.

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.

Readings for the week of August 27, 2017	
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/ Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30



Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis:

Artists.

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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

- Aug. 28 First PTO Meeting at 7 in cafeteria
- Sept 4 No School
- Sept. 10 Open House

Thank you parishioners for all your prayers! We can truly feel the grace from everyone’s prayers pouring over us! It has been a great first week at our school!

75th Anniversary

We are looking for old school pictures to use for a slideshow at our Parish Picnic. Would you please look through your old albums and share any pictures with Jordan Hollis? We really want pictures that will represent our entire history. We will scan them into our computer and return them to you! You can reach her at 316-304-7779. If you would like to scan the pictures yourself, you can email them to her at jhollis717@gmail.com. Thank you!



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