

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

September 10, 2017
23rd 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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"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, *"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."*

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also *pray* together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about

in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$8,459.00	\$137,768.95
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$144,000.00
Over/(Under)	(\$5,941.00)	(\$6,231.05)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept 9	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Richard Meyer
Sunday, Sept 10	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am + Virginia Winter by Jim & Sandra Ast
		10:30 am People of the Parish by Father Seiler
Monday, Sept 11		8:10 am No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 12	Most Holy Name of Mary	8:10 am No Mass
Wednesday, Sept 13	St. John Chrysostom	8:10 am + Alvin Merrill
Thursday, Sept 14		8:10 am + Bud Dugan by Don & Rita Schierer
Friday, Sept 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	8:10 am + Leo Benoit
Saturday, Sept 16	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Steve Neises by John & Debra Hecht
Sunday, Sept 17	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am People of the Parish by Father Seiler
		10:30 am + Glenn Knoblauch by Phyllis, Jennifer & Sheila

UPCOMING EVENT

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

Parish Picnic—Sunday, September 17

Activities begin at 3

Dinner at 5

Religious education tickets are now available through the K of C. They are \$100/ea and there are 10 tickets available. To purchase a ticket, contact Tony Ternes at 316-259-1642. The purpose of the K of C Religious Education program is to provide money to parishes for their Catholic education programs. Each ticket is entered into a drawing, which takes place mid-December. Get yours today for a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$25,000.

Quilting: Patty Ebenkamp, Melissa Doffing & Donna Devlin’s quilt group will be quilting at Old Town Tuesday, Sept 12 and Wednesday, Sept. 13. Lunch will be served.

Virtus training Sunday, September 24 at St. Joseph. Anyone wishing to serve St. Joseph students in any way must have this training before they can volunteer. You may RSVP to Paula at 456-3470 or text your name to 620-440-1626. Walk ins are welcome.

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

The word stewardship often calls to mind the three Ts: time, talent, and treasure. But today’s readings remind us that we are also stewards of people—we are stewards of one another. The reading from Ezekiel instructs us to “dissuade the wicked from his way.” We are to try with great perseverance to help one another on the path to holiness. In today’s culture, that behavior can often be interpreted as being judgmental. The answer to this problem comes in the Gospel of Matthew. We are to respond and correct with love, for “Love does no evil to the neighbor.” An atheist once said that Christians who don’t share the truth of the Gospel with non-believers must really hate those people. So, let’s treat others with the greatest possible love by inviting them to join us as we follow Jesus Christ.

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.

**Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis:
Parishes.**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Liturgy assignments for September 16 & 17

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Elijah Howard Kevin Ebenkamp Lance Pauly	C-Elaine Clark R-Jack Dalbom	Sarah Mercer	H-T Zoglmann C-V Struble C-G Ebenkamp	Chad & Amanda Zoglmann
8:00 a.m.	Robin Heimerman Roselyn Zoglmann Janel Meyer	C-Rebecca Zoglmann R-Ted Palsmeier	Paul Lange	H-D Seiwert C-B Mercer C-S Mercer	Lawrence & Joan Hemberger
10:30 a.m.	Natalie Doffing Brooke Beck Adaline Pauly	C-Michelle Leddy R-Suzanne Koester	Cassie Brozovich	H-R Ohl C-L Ohl C-D Fitts	Brian & Amy Linn

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.

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..

Readings for the week of September 10, 2017

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34- 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b- 2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/ Lk 6:43-49



School News

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 22—Farm Safety Day for 5th grade
- Sept 24—Virtus Training 1-4 in cafeteria
- Sept 25-29— Respect Life Week

School Newsletter

We want to continue keeping the parish up to date about our school, but we worry that printing copies of the school newsletter for every bulletin is not being good stewards of the parish's gifts. Starting this week, we will no longer print copies for every single bulletin, but parishioners can still see the bulletin in three different ways.

1. We will have extra copies of the newsletter available at the back of the church, so that those interested can pick on up.
2. Each week we will post the newsletter on our website-stjoeecs.org.
3. We will email the newsletter directly to you! If you would like us to do this, simply send a quick email to blake@stjoeecs.org with the subject line Newsletter Email
4. This will help us save A LOT of paper! Thank you!

Updated Website

This weekend, we will be launching our new and improved parish website. Solutio, a local Catholic website company, has redesigned our website at no cost to our parish. We will have laptops at the Open House to showcase the website and our teachers and aides will be happy to assist anyone who wants to learn how to check out the bulletin or newsletter online!

75th Anniversary

As part of our festivities at our Parish Picnic, we would like to recognize the family that has had the longest streak at St. Joseph Catholic School! I have visited with a family that has had students here nonstop for 64 of our 75 years? Can anyone top that?



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