

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

September 17, 2017
24th 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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"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. When we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking

revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$10,847.43	\$148,616.38
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$158,400.00
Over/(Under)	(\$3,552.57)	(\$9,783.62)

Mass Intentions

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
Monday, Sept 18		8:10 am No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 19	St Januarius	8:10 am + Mary Strunk by Larry & Betty Zoglmann
Wednesday, Sept 20		8:10 am + Francis & Antionette Puetz by John & Judy Holzman
Thursday, Sept 21	St. Matthew	8:10 am + Jim Erker by Kenny & Mary Kay Kruse
Friday, Sept 22		8:10 am + Jerry Davis by Bernard & Donna Devlin
Saturday, Sept 23	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm Rain
Sunday, Sept 24	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am People of the Parish by Father Seiler
		10:30 am K of C

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

March for Life at Fall Fest: March for life needs your support. We will be serving pulled pork sandwich meals at Fall Fest! This year we will be located in the concession stand. Come out and get a yummy lunch and support our pilgrims! Anyone who would like to help with food donations or volunteer to work a shift can sign up in the back of church. Thanks!

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: Sue Hartman’s quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, September 26 and Wednesday, September 27. Lunch will be served and all help will be appreciated.

Liturgy assignments for September 23 & 24

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Haylee Osner Katelyn Koester Melissa Ebenkamp	C-Leslie Mies R-Susie Steffen	Amy Zoglmann	H-M Ebenkamp C-N Koester C-G Ebenkamp	Derek & Megan Zoglmann
8:00 a.m.	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Jaden Meyer Isaac Winter	C-Marcia Stuhlsatz R-Beth Carl	Phillip Lange	H-J Doffing C-J Pauly jr C-D Stuhlsatz	Rob & Paula Heimerman
10:30 a.m.	Cooper Shobe Anthony Reep Layne Whitney	C-Sarah Mercer R-Dave Doffing	Linda Ohl	H-T Klausmeyer C-P Winter C-J Klausmeyer	John & Christina Maus

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

The theme of today’s readings comes through loud and clear: Give mercy in the same way you hope to receive mercy. In our sinfulness, we all hope to receive mercy, yet we are often reluctant to share it with those who have wronged us. In order to break this habit, we need only look to Jesus Christ, who tells us to forgive our sinful brother seventy-seven times (in other words, as many times as it takes)! The first reading tells us that “wrath and anger are hateful things,” and indeed they are, yet “the sinner hugs them tight.” As Christian stewards we must remember that mercy and compassion bring about joyful hearts, and that we should follow the example of Jesus in showing forgiveness to one another.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring Trap Shoot on Sunday, September 24 at 12 noon at the CS Rodeo Grounds. Refreshments will be available.

Life Chain Sunday: October 1. Come join in standing for justice, freedom of religion and the dignity of human life. Gathering from 2–3 pm at 5th and Spring in Conway Springs. Signs will be provided.

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.

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.

Readings for the week of September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/
Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/
Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10,
17-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15



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 Zogmann @ 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

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

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open House last Sunday! We loved seeing so many children, parents, grandparents, and parishioners in our building.

Our school newsletter is available online at stjoeecs.org or you can receive it by email if you ask our school secretary at blake@stjoeecs.org.

75th Anniversary events at the Parish Picnic

At 3:30 in the school gym we will present a slideshow with photos from our school’s history, followed by a tour of the building.

At 4:30 in the grass south of the school we will be taking a group photo of as many St. Joseph students, past and present that we can gather together.



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