

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

## **December 10, 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent**

### **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](http://www.stjoeecs.org)

Church email [sjcs@juno.com](mailto:sjcs@juno.com)  
Pastor [aseiler@sutv.com](mailto:aseiler@sutv.com)  
Principal email [arnold@stjoeecs.org](mailto: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.

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

John the Baptist was not tempted to conform to this world. He knew who was coming after him, and he wasn't afraid to shout it out. He proclaimed an authentic baptism in the Holy Spirit — a baptism we all share in! In this baptism, we are not only called to be stewards of God's gifts, but we also hope to be found "without spot or blemish" at the end of time. Advent season is a time to reflect on our baptismal promises, to clean up the blemishes, and look forward to the coming of the Savior who is already among us!

**Christmas Call to Sharing 2017:** We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests.

You should have received an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing—a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 46 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.

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#### Our Gifts To God

	<u>last week</u>	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$10,525.00</b>	<b>\$280,644.34</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$14,400.00</b>	<b>\$331,200.00</b>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>(\$3,875.00)</b>	<b>(\$50,555.66)</b>

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 9	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Ed Stuhlsatz by children
Sunday, Dec 10	2nd Sunday of Advent	8:00 am People of the Parish
		10:30 am + Gene Martin by David & Nancy Young
Monday, Dec 11	St. Damasus I	8:00 am No Mass
Tuesday, Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	8:00 am Rain
Wednesday, Dec 13	St. Lucy	8:00 am + Doris Dick by Albert & Evelyn Osner
Thursday, Dec 14	St. John of the Cross	8:00 am Jacob Thompson by 3rd grade
Friday, Dec 15		8:00 am + Jerry Davis by Howard & Helen Ohl
Saturday, Dec 16	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Angie Ahne by Donna Monarez
Sunday, Dec 17	2nd Sunday of Advent	8:00 am + Nick Mies by Matt & Clara Freund
		10:30 am People of the Parish

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MON	Dec 18	K of C Meeting at 7:30 pm
TUES	Jan 2	Altar Society Meeting at 7:30 pm
SUN	Jan 21	Father Son Breakfast after 10:30 Mass

**Altar Society:**

Instead of dropping the money for candles in the drop box on the stand please use the envelopes provided and place in the collection baskets.

Have a flair for decorating, an eye for style, or just want to help? Join the Church Decorating Committee, call or text Brenda All at 316-706-7564.

Please help those in need this Christmas season by participating in the Alter Society Angel Tree! The tags are located on the trees in the back and front of Church. Unwrapped items, along with their tags need to be dropped off in the back of church by Friday, December 22.

Altar Society will once again offer poinsettias in memory of a loved one for the altar. They will be \$8. Place money and family members name in the collection basket or mail to office by December 18 to have your name published on the list for the bulletin. You may turn the names in after that but it may not be published in time for Christmas.

**The Advent Penance Service** for St. Joseph will be on Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm  
Haysville will be December 17 at 2:00  
Wellington will be December 17 at 7:00  
Clonmel will be December 20 at 7:00

**Liturgy assignments for December 16 & 17**

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Jonathan Berntsen Nathan Berntsen Lance Pauly	C-Nancy Koester R-Jack Dalbom	Sarah Mercer	H-T Zoglmann C-G Ebenkamp C-V Struble	Ed & Teresa Pauly
8:00 a.m.	Kendall Heimerman Nathan Doffing Zane Zoglmann	C-Marcia Stuhlsatz R-Ted Palsmeier	Phillip Lange	H-D Seiwert C-B Mercer C-S Mercer	Mark & Kim Becker
10:30 a.m.	Brook Beck Adaline Pauly Kirsten Whitney	C-Beth Crick R-Michelle Leddy	Jessie Gerlach	H-D Fitts C-L Ohl C-R Ohl	Curtis & Melissa Winter

**Christmas Masses:**

December 24: Mass at 4:00 and 8:00 pm  
December 25: 12 Midnight and 9:00 am.  
January 1: 8:00 am

**CYM:** To begin the Advent season, the CYM youth created the symbols of the Jesse Tree, tracing our salvation history. Their creations were then presented during Adoration and were hung on the tree. They enjoyed this project and were very creative. We hope you enjoy them too.

The Homeless SleepOut was a great success! All of the 8th grade PSR students participated by spending the night outside with only a box for shelter. They were given a bottle of water and two hot dogs for the entire event. Each person fasted and prayed for a particular person or group of people. Besides getting to enjoy time with friends, students gained appreciation for simple things like warm water, socks and shoes. The class also collected donation of hats, gloves and money. They were then able to pack Blessing Bags that will be distributed in December to people in need. Thank you to all who donated and prayed for the success of our SleepOut!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** the sick and homebound, and those in harm's way. Especially Alex Grimm serving in South Korea.

**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.

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The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everybody for supporting the March For Life benefit breakfast held last weekend. The proceeds will aid 12 students and several chaperones from our parish on their trip to Washington in January to stand up for the dignity of life.

Also, thank you to those that participated in the KofC Christmas party and donated gifts that will support local children through the Angel Tree Program.

The winner of the Pennies from Heaven 50/50 raffle was Chad Zoglmann

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Linda Linn has moved—and would love visitors and cards  
550 Circle Lake Road  
Wichita KS 67209

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This Tuesday there is a nationwide call to pray entitled “Rosary on the Coasts and Borders” “to ask Our Lady to save the U.S.A. from Islamic jihad, from the denial of the Christian Faith , and for an end of abortion.”

Here in Wichita, we have been asked to gather together on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday, December 12 (joining thousands of others praying all across America) outside the Cathedral to be a visible presence of prayer following the Noon Mass.

Please pray the rosary with us or on your own that day to ask God to heal and protect our country.

**Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis:**

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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It's Time For The Annual Eve Of The Eve Dance!

The theme for 2017 is Glow!

Glow sticks, black lights, neon-it's going to be a blast! In addition to the yearly dance competition (best couple, best individual male, best individual female), prizes will be awarded for the “Glowiest/Brightest” individual male and females!

Semi-formal attire preferred, but not required.

This event is open to all high school youth of the Diocese

Saturday, December 30 at 7 pm–11 pm

St. Mary Parish Derby

2300 E. Meadowlark Blvd, Derby

Admission is \$5/person or \$20/group of 5

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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**

Wed. Dec 13—Christmas Concert @ 7:00



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