

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

December 17, 2017 3rd 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

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.

Stewarding our Gifts: Who Are You Following

The gift-giving and gift-receiving season is upon us, and parents, in particular, are preaching the importance of Gratitude! However, there is no need to wait for this time of year to practice what we preach! Our second reading today reminds us to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks to God..." What a perfect time to consider the gifts God has blessed us with and show Him our gratitude by sharing these gifts with our family and friends. And how can we share them with the stranger, the poor, those who live in the margins of society?

Christmas Call to Sharing 2017:

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education.

Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 46 seminarians and 23 retired priests.

Our Gifts To God

	<u>last week</u>	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$8,743.00	\$289,387.34
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$345,600.00
Over/(Under)	(\$5,657.00)	(\$56,212.66)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 16	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Angie Ahne by Donna Monarez
Sunday, Dec 17	3rd Sunday of Advent	8:00 am + Nick Mies by Matt & Clara Freund
		10:30 am People of the Parish
Monday, Dec 18		8:00 am No Mass
Tuesday, Dec 19		8:00 am + Kay Powell by Kathleen Ternes
Wednesday, Dec 20		8:00 am Rain
Thursday, Dec 21	St. Peter Canisius	8:00 am + Ed Roth by Virginia Roth
Friday, Dec 22		8:00 am + Gene Martin by Tom & Jane Klausmeyer
Saturday, Dec 23	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Lawrence R Hemberger by family
Sunday, Dec 24	4th Sunday of Advent	8:00 am Rain
		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:

Altar Society meeting Jan 2 at 7:30 pm
Father Son Breakfast Jan 21 after 10:30 Mass
Next Funeral is Circle 1

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.

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

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

There is a paper in the entrance of church to volunteer for liturgy assignments. Thank you

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of the month: Ian Blaine
Family of the month: Curtis & Melissa Winter family

Church Directory: The St. Joseph church directories are back! If you had your portrait taken you may pick up your directory in the back of church this week. You will find your directory in alphabetical order. If you would like a directory and were unable to make it in the book you may also get a copy. There are extras. Please only one copy per family! Thank you.

Watch special EWTN Advent and Christmas programming. EWTN is proud to bring you Live Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC., as well as inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations the whole family will enjoy. Watch EWTN on your local channel or online! For more information, go to ewtn.com.

Liturgy assignments for December 23 & 24

Time	Servers	Commentator/Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Haylee Osner Melissa Ebenkamp Emma Zoglmann	C-Robin Luckner R-T Ternes	Amy Zoglmann	H-G Ebenkamp C-N Koester C-M Ebenkamp	Tim & Gay Pauly
8:00 a.m.	Robin Heimerman Roselyn Zoglmann Jan Stuhlsatz	C-Beth Carl R-Jim Schmitz	Cassie Brozovich	H-J Doffing C-J Pauly jr C-D Stuhlsatz	Melvin & Bes Becker
10:30 a.m.	Isabella Andra Sammy Holmes Natalie Doffing	C-Leslie Mies R-Dave Doffing	Linda Ohl	H-J Klausmeyer C-T Gerber C-T Klausmeyer	Gary & Jan Wolke

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.

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..

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.

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

<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p><u>School News</u></p>
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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