

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

December 24, 2017 4th 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

In our first reading, we witness King David being called to build the temple—a sacred place to house the Ark of the Covenant. In the gospel, we see Mary being called to carry the infant Jesus—the New Covenant. And today, if you take the time to look in a mirror, you will see a baptized Christian, called to carry Jesus in his/her heart and share Him with everyone he/she encounters. There is beautiful continuity from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and from sacred scripture to you and I. It is one of the most beautiful gifts we could receive on this Christmas Eve. Today, find a moment of silence. Humble yourself before God and give thanks.

Christmas Call to Sharing 2017:

“Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love.” St Maximilian Kolbe
Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	7/1/17 to date
Received	\$23,429.00	\$312,816.34.34
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$360,000.00
Over/(Under)	\$9,029.00	(\$47,183.66)

Mass Intentions

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
		4:00 pm + Kirk Koester by Nancy Koester
		8:00 pm + Virginia Winter by Don & Carmen May
		Midnight + Deceased members of May & Zoglmann family by family
Monday, Dec 25	Nativity of the Lord	9:00 am + Fr. Leroy Linnebur
Tuesday, Dec 26	St. Stephen	8:00 am No Mass
Wednesday, Dec 27	St. John	8:00 am + Lewis Rausch by Larry & Betty Zoglmann
Thursday, Dec 28		8:00 am No Mass
Friday, Dec 29		8:00 am No Mass
Saturday, Dec 30	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Ryan Hamilton by Bill & Jodi Hamilton
Sunday, Dec 31	4th Sunday of Advent	8:00 am + Bud Dugan by Jesse & Sarah Mercer
		10:30 am People of the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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



**We joyfully welcomed
 Sophia Ruth Rush
 into the parish family of
 St. Joseph
 Baptized December 17
 daughter of
 Janet Rush**

Liturgy assignments for Christmas Masses

Time	Servers	Commentator/ Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
Dec 24 4:00 p.m.	Eli Howard Trenton Holmes Sammy Holmes	C-Beth Carl R-Elaine Clark	Lange family	H-Mike Ebenkamp C-Peggy Winter C-Tim Gerber	1st grade class
8:00 p.m.	Brook Beck Kirsten Whitney Layne Whitney	C-Sarah Mercer R-Richard New	Jessie Gerlach	H-Ted Palsmeier C-Lillian Palsmeier C-Mel Becker	Ralph & Linda Ohl
Mid night	Isaac Winter Melissa Ebenkamp Emma Zoglmann	C- R-Lori Gerber	Leslie Mies	H-Vic Struble C-Betty Zoglmann C-Greg Ebenkamp	Glenn & Gala Mies
Dec 25 9:00 a.m.	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Jan Stuhlsatz Faith Stuhlsatz	C- R-Suzanne Koester	Cece Robinson	H-Howard Ohl C-Helen Ohl C-Dan Stuhlsatz	

Liturgy assignments for December 30 & 31

Time	Servers	Commentator/ Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Com- munion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Elijah Howard Kevin Ebenkamp Aiden Dalbom	C-Elaine Clark R-T Ternes	Marc Robinson	H-Mike Ebenkamp C-Betty Zoglmann C-T Zoglmann	Chad & Amanda Zoglmann
8:00 a.m.	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Jaden Meyer Isaac Winter	C-Kim Becker R-Mike Hemberger	Jason Carl	H-John Doffing C-Lillian Palsmeier C-Dan Stuhlsatz	Jim & Rene' Brozovich
10:30 a.m.	Cooper Shobe Anthony Reep Lanye Whitney	C-Linda Ohl R-Suzanne Koester	Leslie Mies	H-P Winter C-D Fitts C-J Klausmeyer	Brian & Emily Beck

There is a kid friendly Nativity in the back of church. Children, please feel free to visit this “hands-on” Nativity.

A special thank you to Brenda Allen and the decorating committee for Advent and Christmas.

Thank you to all Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Servers, Musicians, and anyone who helped with the Christmas Masses.

Church Directory: You may pick up your directory in the back of church.

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.

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.

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

Dec 21–Jan 2: Christmas Break

Wed. Jan. 3–Reading Extravaganza 12:30-3:30

Mon. Jan 8–PTO Meeting and Parent University—all parishioners are invited to hear Sr. Maria Jacinta, IHM speak at 7:30

Mon. Jan 15–No School Teacher Retreat

Sat. Jan 20–First Reconciliation for 2nd graders

Sat. Jan 27–Carnival

Parent University: On Jan. 8, our topic will be “Building a Stronger School.” We all want our school to grow and thrive for generations to come. How do we help to make that happen? Just as the building is only as strong as its bricks, our school is only as strong as the individual families. Sr. Maria Jacinta, IHM, will offer practical suggestions for how you can grow in your faith and share Gods love with your children. All parishioners are invited to hear her speak at 7:30 in the cafeteria.

Thank you!

Dear parishioners, Words are not enough to thank you for all your prayers and support this semester! Yes, these last few months have held challenges, but overall, I still feel incredibly blest to be at St. Joseph, surrounded by such wonderful children, supportive families, and caring teachers and staff that give their all each day. We continue to welcome you in our school, and hope that you have been able to join us for some of the great events we’ve held, like our Open House, All Saints Parade, Veteran’s Day Celebration, and the Christmas Concert. On behalf of our teachers and staff: Thank so much for your stewardship! We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas! Our school is looking forward to many more blessings in 2018. In Christ, Mr. Arnold



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