

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

March 11, 2018 4th Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:05 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 456-3283 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 frsmeltzer@stjoeecs.org
Principal email arnold@stjoeecs.org
Altar Society Peggy Winter (620-584-6605)
K of C Phillip Lange (316-644-5683)
P T O Danny Pauly (620-456-3514)

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.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read Jesus' words to Nicodemus in the **Fourth Gospel**. Jesus will be lifted up on the cross to heal us from the power of sin and death. This gospel, which is written like a trial, tells us the verdict. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

Our gospels this week are all from **John's Gospel**. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the Sabbath. Because of this, and because he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus says his opponents do not want to come to him for life. He calls God his father and says, "I have testimony greater than John's." Unafraid of his opponents, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, "for his hour had not yet come." Thinking they know where Jesus is from (in both senses: where he lived now and his origin in heaven), his enemies insist that Jesus can't be a prophet: "Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

"Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 10	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Rocky Weber by Gerald & Sue Hartman
Sunday, Mar 11	4th Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	+ Nick Mies by Craig & Elaine Jones
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday, Mar 12		8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Mar 13		8:05 am	+ Richard Meyer
Wednesday, Mar 14		8:05 am	+ Doug Ring by Bill & Diann Roth
Thursday, Mar 15		8:05 am	+ Clifford Waggoner by St. Joseph Staff
Friday, Mar 16		6:00 pm	+ Fr. Thomas Scaletty
Saturday, Mar 17	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Jerry Davis by Larry & Betty Zoglmann
Sunday, Mar 18	5th Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	+ Francis Ebenkamp by Dolores Ebenkamp

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI	Mar 9	Stations & Mass at 6:00, soup supper
SUN	Mar 11	Parish Penance Service at 7:00 pm
FRI	Mar 16	Stations & Mass at 6:00, soup supper
SUN	Mar 18	Birthline Bingo at 7:00 pm
MON	Mar 19	K of C Meeting at 8:00 pm
FRI	Mar 23	Stations & Mass at 6:00 pm
		K of C Fish Fry

Altar Society:

Circle 2—Next funeral

Circle 3—Rosary before Mass for March

- Schedule for Quilt Bingo; March 25.

Circle 1—Set up

Circles 2 & 3—Clean up at intermission and at the end

Circle 4—Kitchen, 2:30 to the end

Circle 5—Kitchen—10:30 to 12:30

Circle 6—Kitchen—12:30 to 2:30

Please remember to pay your quilt leader. If you haven't been contacted by a quilt leader, check the list in the back of church to see if your name is on the list. If its not, contact Emily Coleman.

As a courtesy to Old Town, a \$25 contribution would be appreciated to help pay for electricity, coffee, etc, and also for the use of the facility.

Contribute to the Easter flower fund in memory of a loved one, by placing envelope containing \$10 in the collection basket or sending to parish office ear-marked as such. As flowers fade they will be placed in the north sacristy for you to plant at home. Deadline is Palm Sunday, March 25.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$15,023.30	\$440,289.38
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$518,400.00
Over/(Under)	\$623.30	(\$78,110.62)

Liturgy assignments for March 17 & 18

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Com- munion	Offetory
5:30 p.m.	Jonathan Berntsen Nathan Berntsen Haylee Osner	Elaine Clark	Marc Robinson	H-T Zoglmann C-G Ebenkamp C-V Struble	Nicholas & Susan May
8:00 a.m.	Robin Heimerman Rosalyn Zoglmann Emma Zoglmann	Ted Palsmeier	Catherine Koester	H-D Seiwert C-B Mercer C-S Mercer	Aaron & Liz Hemberger
10:30 a.m.	Brook Beck Adaline Pauly Isabella Andra	Lori Gerber	Jessie Gerlach	H-D Fitts C-L Ohl C-R Ohl	Gerald & Sue Hartman

St. Joseph Parish Penance service will be March 11 at 7:00 pm.

Fridays during Lent: Stations and Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper to follow. There is a sign up sheet in the entrance of church. Thank you.

Quilting: A quilt for Community Concern will be at Old Town on Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14. A pot luck lunch will be served.

Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald house can be turned in to the school office or left at the back of church. These pop tabs will be given to help cover the operating costs for the Ronald McDonald house.

PTO Scholastic Book Fair will be after all masses this weekend in the cafeteria. You can purchase books for your children or grandchildren to read. You can also purchase books that can be donated directly to school. With all purchases, we earn a percentage of the profits to use to buy books for our library. Money donations will be collected too. You can pay with cash, checks, or credit cards.

Marian Mantle Group: For the return of our children to the practice of the Catholic Faith will meet Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. Praying the Rosary, Parents' Litany and the Way of the Cross.

The KofC March Knight and Family of the Month are Fr. Stuart and the David & Patty Ebenkamp Family. If you know of a Knight or family that deserves recognition, please send nominations to kofc2987@gmail.com. Thank you to all of the hard working Knights and families for making St. Joseph's a great parish!

Knights, have you been getting the KofC emails from our new email address? If not, you're missing out on communications from our council. If you have not received an email from kofc2987@gmail.com within the last few weeks, you're not on the list. Please send an email to kofc2987@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Please Pray For: the sick and homebound, and those in harm's way. Especially Alex Grimm serving in South Korea.

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

Stewardship involves recognizing and receiving God's gifts. Today's Gospel describes the greatest of God's gifts – His only begotten son. Jesus was raised up on the cross as a sign for all to see. He came to shed light on the truth. He IS the truth. Do you, fellow steward, see Him? Do you follow Him? Do you recognize the gift that He is? Do you live a life that demonstrates gratitude for the gift you have received? Take a moment today to gaze upon the crucifix and receive God's most precious gift that is Jesus Christ.

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 DATES

Fri. Mar. 16-Kindergarten Screening
Fri. Apr. 6-TALENT SHOW!

Please pray for our students in the upcoming weeks as they take their state assessments! These tests, in reading, math, science, and social studies, show the state if our school is doing its job of educating young minds. We have explained to the students that while these tests are important, they should not be worried about them because they are prepared and ready to show the state how smart they truly are! We simply ask that each student try their very best! This year, we have more volunteers giving students one-on-one help. Math Enrichment has helped us to challenge our students and give them targeted review. Our students have taken off on their independent AR reading, with 8 million more words read than last year! Most importantly, we hope every student knows that their teacher loves, respects, and believes in them! I am looking forward to seeing the assessment results and feel confident that they will show what we are doing is empowering our students to succeed! Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

The chromebooks have arrived! Because of many generous donations, we were able to purchase a set that will be shared throughout our classrooms. Thank you to PTO for putting on such a tremendous Winter Carnival! We also received a donation in memorial of Nick Mies from LaVern and his family. Thank you also to Knights of Columbus and CYM! A memorial from Nathan Doll is helping to purchase a special cart that will keep these learning tool safe! Thank you St. Joseph families!



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