

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

**April 22, 2018
4th Sunday of Easter**

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

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Church Fax (620) 456-3317
School (620) 456-2270
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School Fax (620) 456-2272
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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 Easter** we reflect on the Paschal Mystery more deeply. **Psalm 118** says, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Peter quotes this psalm in preaching that the crippled man was healed, "in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." In **John's Gospel**, Jesus tells us, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - we can be renewed by another prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, and more confident. If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, that we are never alone.

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, Apr 21	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Francis & Mike Ternes by Kathleen Ternes
Sunday, Apr 22	4th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	+ Virginia Winter by Jesse & Sarah Mercer
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday, Apr 23	St. George	8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Apr 24		8:05 am	+ Rosemary Andra by family
Wednesday, Apr 25	St. Mark	8:05 am	Rain
Thursday, Apr 26		8:05 am	+ Rocky Weber by Albert & Evelyn Osner
Friday, Apr 27		8:05 am	+ Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, Apr 28	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Apr 29	5th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	+ Gene Martin by family
		10:30 am	K of C

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN	April 29	Mother/Daughter Breakfast
MON	May 7	Altar Society Meeting

Altar Society:

Circle 2—Next funeral
 Circle 3—Rosary before Mass for March
 Circle 2—Mission Rummage Sale
 Circle 4—Mother/Daughter Breakfast
 The annual Mother Daughter Breakfast is Sunday, April 29, after 10:30 Mass. All mothers and Communion age daughters are invited.

Quilting: Karla Schmitz and Mary Love quilt group will be quilting on Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25 at Old Town. Lunch will be served.

All Seniors and their parents or guardians are cordially invited to attend the Senior Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, May 13 at St. Joseph Church at the 8:00 am Mass. Pictures will immediately follow mass on the school steps (weather permitting). Breakfast will follow. Please RSVP via contact information on invitation by April 30. There will be a practice for all attending Seniors on Sunday, April 29 at 7:00 pm in the church.

The Knights of Columbus April Family of the Month is Gary & Paula Ast and the Knight of the Month is Tim Crick. If you know of a deserving family or Knight please send nominations to kofc2987@gmail.com.



We joyfully welcomed
Dakota Christian Bawl
 into the parish family of
St. Joseph
Baptized April 15
 son of
Dallas Bawl & Christine Rausch

Open House: Jeanette Hilger's 85th Birthday. At Kyle Trueblood Elementary Gym on Sunday, April 29 from 1—3 pm. Well wishes only, no gifts.

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 costs for the Ronald McDonald house.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	7/1/17 to date
Received	\$8,780.79	\$496,617.25
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$604,800.00
Over/(Under)	(\$5,619.21)	(\$108,182.75)

Liturgy assignments for April 28 & 29

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offertory
Sat 5:30 pm	Katelyn Koester Caitlyn May Haylee Osner	Tony Ternes	Sarah Mercer	H-M Ebenkamp C-B Zolgmann C-T Zolgmann	Tim & Judy Hilger
Sun 8:00 am	Hayden Dalbom Owen Friess Kendall Heimerman	Robin Luckner	Paul Lange	H-J Doffing C-L Palsmeier C-D Stuhlsatz	Howard & Helen Ohl
10:30 a.m.	Melissa Ebenkamp Isabella Linn Natalie Doffing	Gala Mies	Leslie Mies	H-L Ohl C-R Hartman C-J Klausmeyer	Joan Hemberger & daughters

Red Cross Blood Drive: St. Joseph will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, May 7. To set up an appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org and find a time that is convenient for you. To shorten your waiting time, go to the Rapid Pass and fill out all information to bring with you when you donate. Appointments are schedule from 12–6 pm. Please find time in your busy schedule to donate blood for someone who is desperately needing it.

St. Joseph Parish is collecting aluminum cans. Containers have been donated to be used for this project that are in the storage room of the gym. There is a container in the dumpster area for bags of cans. If you would like to donate your empty cans they can be put in the blue garage by the parish office.

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.

School News

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON. APR. 23 - Donuts with Dad 7:40-8:10 in cafeteria

THURS. APR. 26 - Parent Meeting for next year's Kindergarten Class-6:30-7:30 in GYM- it is still not too late to enroll for next year!

TUES. MAY 1 - May Crowning- 3:00 at grotto

MAY CROWNING AND CONSECRATION OF OUR SCHOOL

May 1 is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. We will honor our school patron saint this day at Mass and through special service projects. May 1 is also the beginning of the month of Mary. In addition to our traditional May Crowning of Mary as our Heavenly Mother and Queen, we will also be consecrating our school to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To consecrate means to set aside for a sacred purpose. We want to totally place our school in the hands of Mary, knowing that she will show us the surest path to her Son! We are calling on her to place our school under her special protection and guidance! This school year has been full of so many blessings; we are entrusting next year to Mary to help make our school year even better! Our school would like to invite all parishioners to join us that morning at 8:05 for Mass and at 3:00 for our May Crowning, Rosary, and Consecration.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

The students and staff of St. Joseph would like to invite all our volunteers to celebrate Mass with us on Tuesday, May 15. Following Mass, we will have a short reception in the school cafeteria to honor your stewardship! Whether you have been a room mom, a field trip driver, a classroom helper, a lunch room monitor, a book fair cashier, a concession stand worker, or any other way you have helped strengthen our school-we hope you can join us this morning so we can pray for you and show you our gratitude! We also want to invite all our parishioners who come to Daily Mass with us and have kept us in your prayers all year!

P.E. NEXT YEAR

USD 356 has had to make some changes to their scheduling and to their staffing, and unfortunately, we will not be able to have Mr. Ryan King here at St. Joseph next year as he will be needed at the high school. (We will continue to have music, band, speech, special education services, and busing provided through the district.) Our district superintendent, Mr. Clay Murphy, is hopeful that in a year, they will be able to hire a PE teacher that will be able to serve our school. For the 2018-19 school year though, we are looking for volunteers that would be interested in helping teach PE at our school. Would you be willing to help teach a half hour class once a week for one grade? If so, please contact Mr. Arnold! Even if you can only help out for part of the year, this would be a great help!

Stewarding our Gifts: Who Are You Following

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me...” The silhouette of The Good Shepherd appears on our current stewardship poster as a reminder of who we claim to follow. Jesus says that those who truly follow Him, also know Him. He beckons to us. He knows us. But do we know Him? Do we know Him deeply and follow Him out of pure, loving desire? Many of us have work to do. We are still struggling along, rather than actively following Him. Jesus, The Good Shepherd, has proven His love for us in laying his life down. How can we, in our own stewardship, make loving sacrifices for Him as well?



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