

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

**April 29, 2018  
5th 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**

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.

"I am the vine. You are the branches." On the **Fifth Sunday of Easter** we have the wonderful reading from **John's gospel** about Jesus as the vine. We are the branches that are pruned to bear more fruit. The powerful invitation is to remain connected with Jesus, that we might make our home in him, and bear much fruit.

In the continuing weekday readings from the **Acts of the Apostles**, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles "the Holy Spirit just as he did us" and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to Jewish laws.

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others. It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations.

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 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
Monday, Apr 30	St. Pius V	8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, May 1	St. Joseph the Worker	8:05 am	+ Margaret Orth by family
Wednesday, May 2	St. Athanasius	8:05 am	+ Rocky Weber by Dave & Ellen Boyles
		7:00 pm	PSR Family
Thursday, May 3	SS. Philip & James	8:05 am	+ Agatha Kerschen
Friday, May 4		8:05 am	+ Jack & Dolores Ebenkamp by grandkids
Saturday, May 5	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Nick Mies by Greg & Laurie Ebenkamp
Sunday, May 6	6th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society

### UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN	April 29	Mother/Daughter Breakfast
MON	May 7	Altar Society Meeting
MON	May 21	K of C Meeting at 8:00 pm

**Altar Society:**

Circle 2—Next funeral

Circle 3—Rosary before Mass for March

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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.

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This Sunday, April 29 is the last day for elementary PSR. Class is the regular time and will include our May crowning, 6th grade graduation, snacks and games, weather permitting we will play outdoors. HS PSR has their finale celebration on May 2. Father will say Mass at 7:00 and the cookout follows.

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**Attention:** Open House for Jeanette Hilger’s birthday has been cancelled. To send a card, mail to:

Jeanette Hilger # 13  
Catholic Care Center  
6550 E 45th Str N  
Bel Aire KS 67226

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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.

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**Liturgy assignments for May 5 & 6**

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
Sat 5:30 pm	Lucas Hilger Jacob Osner Lance Pauly	Susie Steffen	Jessica Gerlach	H-T Ternes C-M Ebenkamp C-N Koester	Craig & Jennifer Jones
Sun 8:00 am	Jan Stuhlsatz Faith Stuhlsatz Janel Meyer	Pamela Lange	Paul Lange	H-T Palsmeier C-D Stuhlsatz C-L Palsmeier	Herald & Carol O’Neal
10:30 a.m.	Dalton Morrison Trenton Holmes Avery May	Beth Crick	Karen Struble	H-V Struble C-M Becker C-J Pauly	Marc & Jennifer Robinson

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](http://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.

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**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.

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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.

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**Our Gifts To God**

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$12,124.05</b>	<b>\$508,741.30</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$14,400.00</b>	<b>\$619,200.00</b>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>(\$2,275.95)</b>	<b>(\$110,458.70)</b>

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..

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

“He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” It would seem that we can be one of two types of “stewards.” The first is really not a steward at all, in that he is not bearing fruit—he is not using the gifts God has given him. The second steward is the kind who experiences the abundance of God’s bounty. The more he gives, the more he is capable of giving. This branch thrives because it is serving its purpose — it is living its mission! Today decide what kind of branch we will be: fruitful or barren.

School News

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!



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