

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

May 13, 2018 The Ascension

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
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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.

This is our last week of the Easter Season and of the readings from the **Acts of the Apostles**. The Apostles carry on the work of Jesus and the future community takes shape with the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the gentiles.

The "Priestly Prayer" of Jesus which we read in the gospels this week lets us listen in on the prayer of Jesus for his disciples, and for us. He doesn't ask the Father to take us from the world, but we can tell that he is concerned for us. It is tender and feels quite personal. We are the Father's gift to Jesus, entrusted to his care and now he prays that we might all be one, that the world might know it was the Father who sent Jesus.

This week, let's be a Church between Ascension and Pentecost - sensing Jesus has gone before us and longing for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The invitation for us is to pray to the Father this week, as Jesus did. We pray through the desires churning around in our hearts. Getting in touch with those desires will bring us closer to preparation for celebrating Pentecost. Naming what we long for, will place us with Jesus, praying to the Father for help.

Of course, it can be tender and quite personal, speaking to our Father with a Jesus-given intimacy. And, what makes it concrete, real, and a prayer from the heart of each of us, is that we are letting all of this interact with the real things in our everyday life.

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, May 12	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Angie Ahne
Sunday, May 13	The Ascension	8:00 am	Seniors
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday, May 14	St. Matthias	8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, May 15	St. Isidore the Farmer	8:05 am	+ Rocky Weber by Leon & Rita Osner
Wednesday, May 16		8:05 am	+ Leo Benoit
Thursday, May 17		8:05 am	+ Virginia Winter by John & Betty Roths
Friday, May 18	St. John I	8:05 am	+ Nick Mies by Reynold & Donna Clasen
Saturday, May 19	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Joyce Andra by Kenny Andra
Sunday, May 20	Pentecost Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	+ Ryan Hamilton by Bill & Jodi Hamilton

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON May 21 K of C Meeting at 8:00 pm

Altar Society:

Circle 2—Next funeral

Circle 5—Rosary before Mass for May

Copies of the 2019 Quilt List are available in the back of church. Please let Emily Coleman know if you have any questions.

Quilting:

Karen Lange and Melissa Hartman’s quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23. Lunch will be served. Thank you for your help.

Lorestine Hemberger and Brenda Allen’s quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, May 29 and Wednesday, May 30. Lunch will be served. Thank you for your help.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a 1st Degree Ceremonial at 7:00 pm on May 17 in the parish gym. All practicing catholic males, 17 1/2 years of age and older, are eligible to join. The KofC is an excellent avenue to get involved with the parish and community without becoming over committed. Additionally, by becoming a member of the Knights you gain access to an A++ rated insurance program. If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please contact Phillip Lange at 316-644-5683 or kofc2987@gmail.com.

Pentecost Novena

(Feast day: May 20)

May 11—19

Most Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it be Your Holy Will to grant it: (mention your request).

Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state in life.

Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen
(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

There are copies of “Nine Days of Prayer” in preparation for Pentecost, in the entrance of church.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	<u>7/1/17 to date</u>
Received	\$14,769.81	\$530,199.11
Budgeted	\$14,400.00	\$648,000.00
Over/(Under)	\$369.81	(\$117,800.89)

Liturgy assignments for May 19 & 20

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offertory
Sat 5:30 pm	Elijah Howard Kevin Ebenkamp Aiden Dalbom	Jack Dalbom	Marc Robinson	H-V Struble C-G Ebenkamp C-T Zoglmann	Kent & Dana Koester
Sun 8:00 am	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Jaden Meyer Isaac Winter	Ted Palsmeier	Jim Brozovich	H-S Mercer C-B Mercer C-D Seiwert	Ben & Margaret Rush
10:30 a.m.	School	School	School	H-R Ohl C-D Fitts C-L Ohl	School

Pop tabs will be picked up from school by Thursday and taken to Ronald McDonald house. Please turn in tabs. This is an ongoing project so they will be collected and taken up next school year also. Thank you for your contribution to this worthwhile cause.

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.

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.

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

Today we remember Jesus' glorious return to His Heavenly Kingdom. The disciples, who might have been feeling just a bit dazed and confused, have been entrusted with a new task: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." It was a task they could not accomplish on their own, so the Lord Jesus sent forth the Holy Spirit, which gave them the courage to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ risen. We too have been given that same Spirit through our baptism, and now, being good stewards of the gift of the Holy Spirit, we must proclaim Jesus risen. When was the last time you shared your faith? When was the last time you told the story of Jesus crucified and now risen? Pray for those opportunities and watch for them! They will come!

School News
UPCOMING EVENTS

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!



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