

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

September 2, 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the Gospel flows from the readings this past week. When Jesus is challenged because his disciples don't follow the ritual washings, he defends them, quoting Isaiah: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Jesus calls us to an inner cleanliness: "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." Our first weekday reading for the next several weeks will be from **Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**, offering a look at the struggles and joys of the early life of the Church in Corinth. Paul admits, "I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

This week we begin reading from **Luke's Gospel**, which brings us the vivid stories of Jesus' early public ministry. We will continue with Luke until Advent. Jesus teaches in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor," he reads from Isaiah, but his listeners wanted only to see the miracles they had heard about him. He cleanses a man of an unclean spirit - a spirit who recognizes Jesus as the "Holy One of God" when those around Jesus did not. He cures Simon's mother-in-law and then tells the crowds he must leave to spread the good news to other towns. As Jesus comes upon Peter, James and John, he invites the weary fishermen to lower their empty nets one more time. When they bring up nets overflowing with fish, Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" but Jesus reassures him not to be afraid and says Peter will be catching people now. He tells them, "No one pours new wine into old wineskins." Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. When he is criticized for allowing his disciples to pick grain to eat on the sabbath, Jesus is compassionate toward their hunger and defends them saying, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

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, Sept 1	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Sunday, Sept 2	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	+ Charlie Choc by Ted & Lillian Palsmeier
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday, Sept 3	St. Gregory the Great	8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 4		8:05 am	+ Jim May by Doug & Suzanne Koester
Wednesday, Sept 5		8:05 am	+ Rocky Weber by Harold & Lou Ann Hartman
Thursday, Sept 6		8:05 am	+ Velma Koester by Virginia Zoglmann
Friday, Sept 7		8:05 am	+ Jack & Dolores Ebnkamp by grandkids
Saturday, Sept 8	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Sunday, Sept 9	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	+ Norbert & Mary & Betty Hageman by Virginia Heimerman
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON	Oct 1	Altar Society Meeting at 7:30
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Annual Financial Report

The parish and school annual financial reports for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 will be mailed to each household with a letter from the pastor. The reports are also on the parish's website at www.stjoecs.org under About Us: Finance Council: Financial Reports.

The collections for the past fiscal year were approximately 17% less than what was budgeted. The parish expenses were reduced and ended up being 8.8% less than budgeted. Overall the church had a net income of \$50,940 and the school had a net income of \$53,415 for a combined net income of \$104,355. The reason for most of the net income was a bequest from a parishioner's estate of almost \$95,000. Our endowments earned 8% which resulted in earnings of \$61,804. The parish actually had an operating loss if you exclude the one time bequest and the earnings from the endowments since weekly contributions are not covering all of the expenses.

Our budgeted weekly collections needed for the current fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is \$14,300 per week. This is \$100 less a week from the prior year budget of \$14,400 per week.

We thank you for your past support and your continuing support in the future. Your contributions are very important in helping us operate the parish and school.

If you have any questions regarding the annual report you may contact Fr. Smeltzer at 456-2276 or Chad Andra, CPA at 620-456-3495. If you would like to learn more about various ways to give to the church or school during your lifetime or through your estate they would be glad to provide confidential information to you.

Liturgy assignments for September 8 & 9

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
Sat 5:30 pm	Sydney Zoglmann Melissa Ebenkamp Sadie Koester	Susie Steffen	Caitlyn May	H-T Zoglmann C-G Ebenkamp C-R New	Tony & Michelle May
Sun 8:00 am	Kaleb Stuhlsatz Isaac Winter Kendall Heimerman	Mike Hemberger	Paul Lange	H-H Ohl C-H Ohl C-S Mercer	Virginia Heimerman
10:30 a.m.	Brooke Beck Reghan Ohl Amelia Meyers	Gala Mies	Jessie Gerlach	H-T Gerber C-P Winter C-R Hartman	Brian & Amy Linn

Altar Society:

Circle 4—Next funeral

Circle 2 —Rosary before Mass for August

PSR: Registration forms for PSR are in the plastic holder in the entrance of church. Please have forms turned into the office by September 3 so books can be ordered. The fee is \$10 for one child or \$20 per family. Confirmation students please have a copy of your Baptismal certificate if you were not baptized at St. Joseph.

Sunday PSR class will start in the gym for half an hour parent/student meeting at 9:15—9:45 Sunday, September 9. High School PSR starts with Mass at 7:00 on Wednesday, September 12; class follows.

Volunteer: Join your fellow parish members serving at The Lord's Diner the 2nd Monday of the month at the Broadway location 5:15 until 7:45.

For more information contact For Joseph

Karla at ludvmouse57@hotmail.com or

Sarah at volunteer@thelordsdiner.org

Adoration needs someone on: Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 pm and Thursday morning from 1:00—2:00 am. Please call Denise Worley at 456-2156 or Sally Mercer at 456-2403.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	7/1/18 to date
Received	\$9,095.20	\$129,438.63
Budgeted	\$14,300.00	\$128,700.00
Over/(Under)	(\$5,204.80)	\$ 738.63

Another auction completed at St. Joseph with great success! We had a record-breaking year! A portion of the money raised will go towards helping improve the safety of our school (new doors, camera's, etc.) Again, we thank everyone for all of their hard work, time and donations. We appreciate the local businesses that help us out again and again every year. The auction would not be a success without everyone's involvement. St. Joseph School and the PTO thank you!! Also, congrats to our raffle winners this year! Jordan Hollis (\$200.00 Visa gift card) Marcia Stuhlsatz (\$200.00 Hired Mans gift card) and Peggy Winter (Kindle Fire HD).

Thank you,
St. Joseph PTO

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.

\$255 was made from the sale of the cans.

Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples

No one wants to be compared to the scribes and the Pharisees—they have a bad reputation! However, Catholics to day are not always that different from them in that we, too, can get so caught up in following rules that we lose sight of being fully alive in our faith. James 1:22 urges us to “be doers of the word and not hearers only,” and Jesus reiterates this when He accuses the Pharisees of disregarding God’s commandment and clinging to human tradition. We are a Church built on scripture and tradition, but even more so, we are a people built for relationship with our God. A good steward sees the larger picture and lives each day, fully alive as a missionary disciple of 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

SEPT. 9-Open House after 10:30 Mass

WOULD YOU LIKE THE WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU? To save money on paper, we only put out about 20 copies of our school newsletter each weekend. Sometimes there are a few copies still left over, but sometimes they go quickly. If you would like to have a color copy of our school newsletter emailed to you each week, please send an email to arnold@stjoeecs.org with the subject line: Send me St. Joseph News!

