

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

September 9, 2018
23rd 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-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**, Isaiah offers comforting words: "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." In **Mark's Gospel**, Jesus heals a deaf and mute man. The people are astonished and say of Jesus, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

In our first reading, we continue with Paul's **First Letter to the Corinthians**, an intimate look at the struggles of an early Church community.

In **Luke's Gospel** this week we see Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath, in a synagogue, right in front of his religious critics who plot to deal with him. Jesus then spends a night in prayer and calls his twelve closest followers. When people come to him from all over, he heals them. Jesus announces that the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those hated or excluded or denounced because of him are the blessed. He warns those who are rich, filled, laughing and spoken well of, for their fates will be reversed. Jesus urges us to love our enemies. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned." He cautions not to be quick to see the splinter in someone else's eye when we do not notice the "wooden beam" in our own eyes. He says that we will be known by our fruit. It is only by building our lives upon him, as a firm foundation, can we hope to survive crises.

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 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
Monday, Sept 10		8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 11		8:05 am	+ Jim May by Judy Mertes
Wednesday, Sept 12	Most Holy Name of Mary	8:05 am	+ Velma Koester by Louie & Jo Wells
Thursday, Sept 13	St. John Chrysostom	8:05 am	+ Virginia Winter by Albert & Evelyn Osner
Friday, Sept 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:05 am	+ Margaret Orth by family
Saturday, Sept 15	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	+ Adam Zoglmann by Randy & Donna Zoglmann fam.
Sunday, Sept 16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	+ Angie Ahne
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON Oct 1 Altar Society Meeting at 7:30

Altar Society:

Circle 4—Next funeral
Circle 3 —Rosary before Mass for September
Circle 4—Rest Home Birthdays

Rummage Sale: Set up on September 17: 9:00 am—7:00pm. Sale dates Sept. 18: 8:00 am –7:00 pm and Sept. 19: 8:00 am—noon

PSR: 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.

Please check the table in the back of church for dishes that have been left in the cafeteria from funerals and other activities. Also, there are sweaters and jackets that have been left on the coat rack in the cafeteria. All remaining items will be donated to the Mission Rummage Sale.

A VIRTUS Safe Environment session will be offered here, at St. Joseph, on Sunday, September 23. This is a 3 hour session in which you will need to remain for the duration to get credit for the training. The session will be in the cafeteria beginning at 1:00 pm and lasts until 4:00. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have a child 17 or 18 who wishes to take this training, it is recommended they attend with a parent. You may RSVP to Paula at 456-3470 or text your name to 620-440-1626. Walk ins are welcome.

Quilting: Donna Osner quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 12. Lunch will be served.

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.

M4L 2019: Please join us for the 2019 March for Life January 15—20. Don't miss this opportunity to be a witness for LIFE, grow in your faith, and have fun with your friends. This trip is through the Catholic Diocese of Wichita for all high school age youth.

We will also need chaperones. A chaperone must be in compliance with VIRTUS training prior to departure, at least 21 years of age, and willing to inspire, lead and have fun. Even if you cannot attend this year's march we encourage you to support all pro-life activities. We will be having several fundraisers throughout the year and all volunteers will be appreciated.

If you would like to sponsor a pilgrim or donate to the cause please contact Jamie or Clint .

Our Gifts To God

	last week	7/1/18 to date
Received	\$10,205.36	\$139,643.99
Budgeted	\$14,300.00	\$143,000.00
Over/(Under)	(\$4,094.64)	(\$3,356.01)

Liturgy assignments for September 15 & 16

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
Sat 5:30 pm	Elijah Howard Lucas Hilger Jase Downey	Jack Dalbom	Marc Robinson	H-V Struble C-T Zoglmann C-G Ebenkamp	Matt & Sue Neises
Sun 8:00 am	Hayden Dalbom Owen Friess Janel Meyer	Ted Palsmeier	Catherine Koester	H-D Seiwert C-S Mercer C-D Stuhlsatz	Rob & Paula Heimerman
10:30 a.m.	Joseph Beck Anthony Reep Cooper Shobe	Michelle Leddy	Leslie Mies	H-R Ohl C-D Fitts C-L Ohl	Jesse & Sarah Mercer

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.

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 luvdmouse57@hotmail.com or Sarah at volunteer@thelordsdiner.org

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.

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**

All parishioners are invited to attend our school's OPEN HOUSE this Sunday, Sept. 9, after the 10:30 Mass! Any interested volunteers can take the mandatory VIRTUS TRAINING here in Conway Springs, from 1:00-4:00 in the school cafeteria on Sept. 23.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Our school has started a public Facebook page where we can keep our parishioners and alumni up to date with news and photos from our school. If you have not already liked our page, we encourage you to search on facebook for "St. Joseph Conway Springs" and enjoy some of great pictures from our first weeks of school!

SCHOOL WISH TREE

With the beginning of the school year, many of our parishioners have asked how they can help our school. And so, our School Wish Tree has made its return at the back of the church! The tree is filled with some of the needs and wants of our school. If you would like to take an ornament and grant one of our wishes, please return the gift with the ornament to the school office. Thank you!

AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS!

On behalf of the students and staff of our school, I want to thank all of our parishioners who helped to make this year's auction such an exceptional success. Our staff felt so supported by the generosity and positive atmosphere of the day! We will continue to work hard to build a school that our parish will be proud of!

Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples

James writes in his letter how generous of a gift faith is: In James 2:5, he wrote: "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" Discipleship does not have to be complicated, and it is not reserved for the elite. In the Gospel today, we see proof of this in a man whose ears and mouth are "opened" so that he can hear and speak plainly. In a physical sense, his handicap was removed. In a spiritual sense, he was freed from the deafening lies of the world that were inhibiting his being "fully alive" as a disciple. Faithful stewards realize that to be "fully alive" means putting the world aside and living only for the riches of the promised kingdom realized both now and in eternity.

