

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

**November 4, 2018, 2018
31st 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 **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**, in **Mark's Gospel** a scribe asks Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus tells him to love the Lord with all of his heart. The second commandment is: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agreed with Jesus, saying, "to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Jesus replied, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Continuing **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus talks about not only inviting all the "right" people into our lives, but to include "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind." "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Then Jesus tells the parable of the invited guests who made excuses to decline the invitation. He sends his servants to invite everyone. Jesus tells a crowd that they have to renounce their possessions to be his disciple and that to do something really important, we have to prepare and be ready. In answer to the Pharisees' criticism of Jesus eating and drinking with sinners, Jesus tells parables of the man who finds his lost sheep and the woman with the lost coin, both of whom rejoice in finding what was lost. Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward who is caught overcharging his master's customers and saves himself by cutting his master's prices. Jesus praises his enterprise: "the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than the children of light." Finally, Jesus says that we can't have two masters, trying to love God and money. When a Pharisee sneered at him, he said: "what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God."

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, Nov 3	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Sunday, Nov 4	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday, Nov 5		8:05 am	No Mass
Tuesday, Nov 6		8:05 am	+ Jim May by Greg & Laurie Ebenkamp
Wednesday, Nov 7		8:05 am	+ Rocky Weber by Larry & Betty Zoglmann
Thursday, Nov 8		8:05 am	+ Velma Koester by John & Zelma Pauly
Friday, Nov 9		8:05 am	+ Nick Kerschen
Saturday, Nov 10	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Sunday, Nov 11	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Craig & Carrie Lange family by Royce & Sandy Lange
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON	Nov 5	Altar Society Meeting at 7:30
SAT	Nov 17	Feather Party
MON	Nov 19	K of C Meeting at 7:30

Altar Society:

Circle 5—Next funeral
 Circle 5 —Rosary before Mass for November
 Circle 6—Rest Home Birthdays

St. Joseph School will be hosting its annual Veteran’s Day Celebration on Friday, November 9 at 10:30. The students are busy planning another program and are inviting all Veterans and their family and friends to attend. Please RSVP by Nov. 5 to the school office, 456-2270, or Melissa Winter, winter@stjoecs.org. All parishioners are invited to attend and help us honor our heroes in a special way.

We will be serving lunch for all Veterans and a guest immediately following the program.

Feather Party, November 17. The chances for the Feather Party are in the entrance of church for each family to pick up. Each family is also asked to donate a turkey for the bingo games.

If you would like to order your turkey from Hired Man’s stop by or call 456-3663. They will deliver your turkey to the hall for you.

Best Choice is \$13.99 and Honey Suckle is \$15.99.

Box of Joy

Return boxes to the parish office on:
 Friday, November 9 from 4pm to 6pm
 Saturday, November 10 after Mass
 Sunday, November 11 after both Masses

For additional information call Victor Struble 620-399-0348 or Phillip Lange 316-644-5683.

Liturgy assignments for November 10 & 11

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
Sat 5:30 pm	Hayley Pauly Melissa Ebenkamp Sadie Koester	Jack Dalbom	Marc Robinson	H-R New C-M Ebenkamp C-T Zoglmann	Tim & Judy Hilger
Sun 8:00 am	Hayden Dalbom Owen Friess Janel Meyer	Jim Schmitz	Phillip Lange	H-H Ohl C-H Ohl C-S Mercer	Herald & Carol O’Neal
10:30 a.m.	Brooke Beck Reghan Ohl Amelia Meyers	Suzanne Koester	Linda Ohl	H-T Gerber C-P Winter C-R Hartman	Scott & Kim Shobe

M4L 2019: Sign ups after Mass on Nov. 3 & 4. Notary will be available. Please download your form & fill out prior to sign-up date. Please don’t sign until notary is present. Cost of the trip is \$395.

8th Grade Homeless SleepOut

The 8th grade class will have a SleepOut , Friday November 16, 2018. We will be spending the night in a box to bring awareness to the growing problem of youth homelessness in the US. The project is two-fold in that it is not only to bring about understanding and empathy for the homeless, but also to raise money for bags that will be given during the Christmas season. Our class will use the money donated to fill bags with essential supplies, such as, hats, gloves, snacks, water, etc. These bags will then be distributed to those in need. **Our goal is to fill 21 bags, one for each student.** If you are not able to donate **please pray for the success of our project!**

Collection will begin Friday evening starting at 7:30pm-7:00am. We will be accepting hats, gloves and begging for money. Come see our box city located between the school and the cafeteria. If you are not able to stop by, send your donation with one of the 8th graders.

Thank you for your prayers and support

Our Gifts To God

	last week	7/1/18 to date
Received	\$8,146.11	\$221,688.19
Budgeted	\$14,300.00	\$257,400.00
Over/(Under)	(\$6,153.89)	(\$35,711.81)

Your Last Act of Stewardship

You have a chance to make one final impact in this life through the planning of your will or trust. Please consider adding one of our endowments as a beneficiary for your final act of stewardship.

We have 3 endowments as follows invested with the Diocese that generally earn rates of return in step with the stock market.

St. Joseph Parish Building Endowment - Quasi
(both contributions and earnings can be used on existing buildings and future buildings)

St. Joseph School Endowment - Quasi
(both contributions and earnings can be used for school expenses)

St. Joseph School Endowment - True
(contributions cannot be spent - only the earnings on the contributions can be used for school expenses)

If the type of school endowment is not mentioned specifically, then the contribution is added to the quasi endowment. Please remember to specify St. Joseph Parish or School Endowment in Conway Springs since there are many St. Joseph's located throughout the Diocese.

By building up our endowments, we can help ensure our parish and school continues to spread Christ's message for many future generations.

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.

Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the two great commandments—First, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Second, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. These commandments not only encompass all 10 commandments given to Moses, they also encompass Stewardship, as we define it in our diocese. To be “fully alive as missionary disciples” requires us to recognize and receive God's gifts and to share those gifts in love of God and neighbor. Whether you proclaim God's word as a lector, hold a regular hour of Adoration, serve on a committee, volunteer in a classroom, or serve your elderly parents, visit a sick neighbor, or even participate in the election process as a citizen, you are practicing Stewardship. When you do these things out of love (rather than obligation), you are showing your dedication to God and your neighbor. The scribe in today's reading understood that love for God and neighbor is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices man could offer. Clearly love is key to discipleship.

CYM NEWS

All high school students in the parish are invited to join us for CYM on Wednesday nights 7-9pm.

Upcoming calendar

- Nov 7 Choir 7:00-7:30, PSR 7:30-8:30, Adoration 8:30-9:00
- Nov 14 Bible study 7:00-7:30, PSR 7:30-8:30, Adoration 8:30-9:00
- Nov 16 Homeless SleepOut (seniors)
- Nov 21 No CYM/PSR
- Nov 28 CYM Event 7:00-9:00
- Guest speaker, Adoration Event, Food & Line-Dancing
