

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

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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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.

Sunday is the celebration around the world of the **Epiphany of the Lord**. The light has come into the darkness of the world and our salvation was made known to the Gentiles. The Prophet **Isaiah** offers us a vibrant image of hope and fulfillment: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the story of the Magi and their encounter with Herod on the way to "do homage" to the newborn King of the Jews. "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

The **Gospels** this week are from all four gospel writers, **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**. We read of Jesus traveling through Galilee "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people." He feeds loaves and fishes to the hungry and exhorts his disciples, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" when they are caught in a storm at sea. When he reads from the scriptures at the synagogue, he proclaims, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." On Saturday, John tells his followers he is not the Christ. "He must increase; I must decrease."

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, Jan 5	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Kirk Koester by Nancy Koester
Sunday, Jan 6	Epiphany of the Lord	8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society 10:30 am People of the Parish
Monday, Jan 7	St. Raymond of Penyafort	8:05 am No Mass
Tuesday, Jan 8		8:05 am + Jim May by Tim & Betty Gerber
Wednesday, Jan 9		8:05 am Ted & Lillian Palsmeier by Berntsen family
Thursday, Jan 10		8:05 am + Velma Koester by Jane Koester
Friday, Jan 11		8:05 am + Steven Grow by Linda Meyers
Saturday, Jan 12	Lord's Day Vigil	5:30 pm + Ed Stuhlsatz by family
Sunday, Jan 13	Baptism of the Lord	8:00 am People of the Parish 10:30 am + Karen Strate by Jim & Vicky Grow

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON	Jan 7	Altar Society Meeting at 7:30 pm
MON	Jan 21	K of C Meeting at 7:30 pm
SUN	Jan 27	Confirmation at 10:30 Mass

Altar Society:

- Circle 6—Next funeral
- Circle 1 —Rosary before Mass for January
- Circle 2—Rest Home Birthdays for January
- Circle 3—Father Son Breakfast January 20
- Circle 2—Confirmation Reception January 27 after 10:30 Mass

Attention: If you do not have your quilt scheduled to be quilted, please do so as soon as possible.

Quilting: Emily Coleman’s quilt group will be quilting at Old Town on Tuesday, January 22 and Wednesday, January 23. Any help is greatly appreciated. Lunch will be served.

The KofC and Alter Society will be hosting the Father Son Breakfast January 20 at 9:00. All fathers and communion age sons are invited to attend.

The KofC are hosting the annual chili cookoff to raise funds for the Kansas State Ultrasound Program. We are looking for chili cookers, and if interested register with Allen Lange at 620-640-4225.

Knights of Columbus will host “Free Throw Championship” This is open to all boys and girls ages 9–14. This will be held on January 13 at CS Middle School Gym. Gym opens at noon shooting starts 1 pm. You will need proof of age. Birth Certificate or a copy.
Bill Roths at 620-456-2894
Phillip Lange at 316-644-5683

Birthline of Wellington would like to thank St. Joseph School children and faculty for their generous donations they gave for the Baby Shower for Jesus. Many items were given that will be used for the layettes given to new mothers for their newborn babies. Many times the mother does not have any supplies for her baby and the layettes provide something to prepare the baby to go home. Thank you for your stewardship!

You may bring your greeting cards for St. Jude’s Ranch for Children to be placed in the back of church where they will be picked up. Please bring card fronts only. Thank you.

St. Joseph Parish is collecting aluminum cans. Bags of cans can be put in the blue garage by the office (the side door is open) or in the container in the dumpster area. Thank you for your support.

Our Gifts To God

	last week	7/1/18 to date
Received	\$13,610.15	\$366,701.38
Budgeted	\$14,300.00	\$386,100.00
Over/(Under)	(\$689.85)	(\$19,398.62)

Liturgy assignments for January 12 & 13

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	EM of Holy Communion	Offetory
Sat 5:30 pm	Hayley Pauly Melissa Ebenkamp Sadie Koester	Susie Steffen	Caitlyn May	H-T Zoglmann C-M Ebenkamp C-R New	Tim & Gay Pauly
Sun 8:00 am	Natalie Doffing Jan Stuhlsatz Janel Meyer	Mike Hemberger	Jim Brozovich	H-H Ohl C-H Ohl C-S Mercer	Kevin & Becky Zoglmann
10:30 a.m.	Brooke Beck Reghan Ohl Amelia Meyers	Dave Doffing	Linda Ohl	H-T Gerber C-P Winter C-R Hartman	Dave & Angie Doffing

CYM NEWS

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

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.

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 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..

Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples

Christmas is a time for sharing gifts, but our secular world has contorted what those gifts ought to represent. We can look at the gifts shared by the magi to help us return to the true intent of gift giving. The first gift presented to Jesus was gold—a gift that foreshadowed His Kingship! The second gift was incense—a gift that foreshadowed His Priesthood. The final gift was myrrh, oil used in preparing a body for burial—a gift that foreshadowed His sacrificial death. While the gifts were quite valuable, monetarily speaking, it was even more special that they were clearly inspired by the Holy Spirit and served the Magi well as they worshipped the newborn Lord. In this light, let us consider the gifts that WE bring to the Lord. How do those gifts represent our sacrifice? Do we believe that those gifts were inspired by the Holy Spirit, and do we allow the gifts to help us worship Jesus Christ? Do we allow our gifts to help us live our missionary discipleship more fully? As we begin a new year, it is important to be purposeful and loving in sharing our gifts with God and with one another.

