FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastor:
Fr. Mohan Bathineni
pastor@sjolpe.org

Parish Office:
Hours:
Wed. 5pm-8pm &
Fri. 9:00am-Noon
620-475-3326
st.joseph_olpe@yahoo.com

Administrative Assistant:
Angie Bolz: angie@sjolpe.org

Mass Schedule:
Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:15am

Confessions:
Saturday - 4:00-4:45pm
Upon Request

Adoration:
Wednesday: 8:00am-7:00pm
in the Church

Other Sacraments:
Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:
Funeral Dinners: Linda Deiker, 475-3567
Cemetery: Steve Redeker, (620) 803-9059
K of C: Doug Schmidt, 343-0319
Family Life: Kay Schmidt, 475-3767
Outreach: Arlene Redeker, 475-3414
Finance Council: Brian Schmidt, 475-3767
Pastoral Council: Diana Kuhlmann, 475-3784
Religious Ed: Rose Redeker, 475-3403

Check us out on Facebook:
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sacristan 02/13- 02/19
Karen Hayes

Lector & Minister:
02/17: Jana Redeker
02/18: DonnaBolen
02/24: Greg Markowitz - Lector
Trish Markowitz - Minister
02/25: Rosemary Martin

Weekend Servers:
02/17: Blake, Lilly & Alisa Skalsky
02/18: Brayden, Trey, & Lilly Lienemann
02/24: Thayne Schmidt & Brailey Schmidt
02/25: Adriana & Bryce Weeden and
Daniel Coughlin

Offertory Gift Bearers:
02/17: Michael Dieker Family
02/18: Mike & Shirley Langley
02/24: Doug & Laurie Schmidt
02/25: Gabe & Kristina Weeden

REMINDER: *It is the servers and their parents' responsibility to find a replacement if they cannot be at Mass. Thank You!*

St. Joseph Prayer List
Bruce Bidwell
Sara Bidwell
Leon Brown
Sheila Broyles
Alex Conley
Dana Dengler
Susan Haag
Ginny Kiser
Kenneth Langley
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
James Nunley
Olivia Pimpl
Arlene Redeker
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Mike Redeker
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Dorothy Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Mike Wecker
Scott Wendling
Sonny Wendling
Brian Zweimiller

United States Army:
SGM Matthew S. Richter,
Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
Grant Fath, Pvt. Cory Owen
Major Jacob Haag
Marines:
Lt. Col. James Bechtel
Army National Guard:
Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	02/17:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	02/18:	8:30 am	Greg & Trish Markowitz
Mon.	02/19:		NO MASS
Tue.	02/20:		NO MASS
Wed.	02/21:	7:15 am	+Jerry & Doris Redeker
Thu.	02/22:	7:15 am	+Charles Lutz
Fri.	02/23:	7:15 am	+Jim Kuhlmann, Sr.
Sat.	02/24:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	02/25:	8:30 am	+Marie Russell

Last Week's Collection:

Envelope (20):	$	947.00
Plate:		222.00
Leaven		105.00
Cap. Imp.		63.00
TOTAL:	**$**	**1,337.00**

If you are unable to attend mass, contributions can be mailed to the church at P. O. Box 165, Olpe, KS. 66865 or online at sjolpe.org/give

Knights of Columbus News!

- Stations of the Cross will be held every WEDNESDAY in Lent at 7:10 pm in the church. Knights of Columbus members will be assisting with this.
- The regular Knights of Columbus meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th at 7 pm. Please join us!

CCD CALENDAR

Feb. 21 Class - Lenten Season - Stations of the Cross at 7:10 pm

Feb. 28 Class - Lenten Season - Stations of the Cross at 7:10 pm

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

*****NOTICE*****

The ANNUAL MEETING of the St. Joseph School Endowment Association will be held Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Knights of Columbus Hall

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

President, Wade Schmidt
Vice President, Michael Ratcliff
Treasurer, Brian Schmidt
Secretary, Elaine Musick
Director, Steve Kuhlmann
Parish Council Representative, Kim Irwin
Parish Priest Representative, Position Unfilled

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Fr. Mohan Bathineni

All parishioners who are 18 years or older are members and encouraged to attend. Your input in the future of the endowment is appreciated.

CALL TO SHARE

Today's Gospel said that Jesus "remained in the desert for forty days" (Mark 1:13, emphasis added). Remaining with Jesus in the desert is not easy. (Welcome to Lent.)

Further driving home how difficult it is to follow him, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23). Yet on another note, in John's Gospel, Jesus commands us, "Remain in my love" (John 15:9). Remaining in Jesus' love isn't easy, either—especially when it involves the desert.

Feeling like it's too difficult to do this by ourselves is okay. It's often exactly where God wants us—because it pushes us to rely on him. That can be a place of profound growth. Our parish, and those we serve, relies on you to help us meet our many needs and the needs of our community. As you lift the cross Jesus asks of you this Lent, please remember our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. We are counting on you. This Lent, count on us, and count on God! We'll walk in the desert with you.

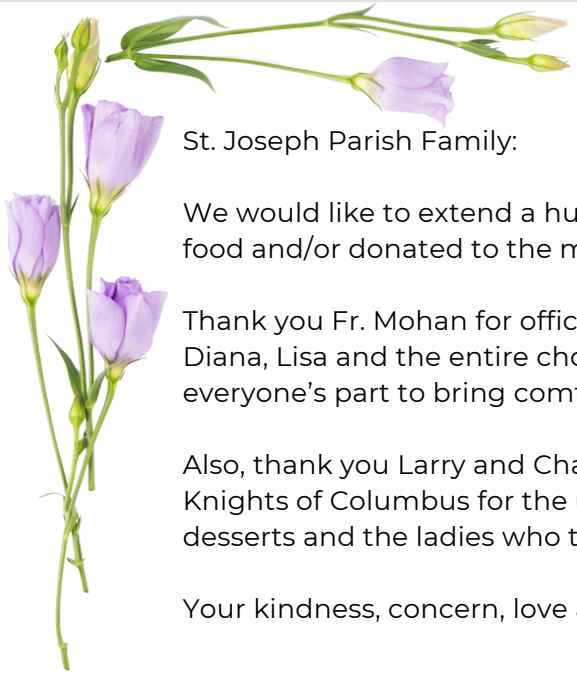
St. Mary's Catholic Church - Hartford
Beef & Noodle Dinner
February 25, 2024
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Neosho Rapids Grade School

MENU

Homemade Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert & Drink

PRICES

Adults - $10 Children (Under 10) - $5



St. Joseph Parish Family:

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all who reached out, sent a card or flowers, brought food and/or donated to the memorial for our dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jerry.

Thank you Fr. Mohan for officiating the funeral service and LeAnn Eberle for leading the rosary. Diana, Lisa and the entire choir, thank you for the beautiful music and singing. We appreciate everyone's part to bring comfort to our family.

Also, thank you Larry and Charlotte Coble and the Chicken House for the delicious food, the Knights of Columbus for the use of your building, all the people who brought the salads and desserts and the ladies who took the time to serve the dinner. We so appreciate all of you!

Your kindness, concern, love and prayers meant so much to us during our time of loss.

With love and gratitude,

The Jerry Redeker Family

SAVE THE DATE - March 22, 2024

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 22nd to attend our annual St. Joseph Lenten Fish Fry. We will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 and then have the Fish Fry at the Knights Hall beginning at 6 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church beginning next weekend!

Update on Parish Life Center Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

We have sold 947 of the 999 lottery tickets! Only a few more to go to hit our goal! If you still have tickets and money to turn in, please contact the person that gove them to you to get all the information before the first drawing. Pastoral Council will conduct the drawing the last week of February for the month of March. There is a $750 day on March 19th, so you won't want to miss that opportunity!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to all who have sold, purchased, and/or turned in your Parish Life Center lottery tickets. We're almost there, so let's make a push to the finish line!

Please continue to pray for the success of this fundraiser which will be used towards our new Parish Life Center.

Save the Date – Sunday, February 25, 2024

Next Sunday, February 25th, the Pastoral Council and Family Life Ministry will be hosting a parish potluck luncheon at 12:30 pm followed by musical entertainment in the Knights Hall. Drinks and all dinnerware will be provided. Please bring one meat dish and either a side dish or dessert to share.

We invite all parishioners, families, and friends to enjoy some good food, fellowship, and great toe-tapping music by the husband-wife duo Arbour Season who have performed across the country including at Walt Disney World and Silver Dollar City. It will be a fun, relaxing afternoon so invite your family, neighbors, and friends. Don't miss it! There are flyers available in the vestibule of the church if you want to share them with others.

"During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference."

-Pope Francis

The First Sunday in Lent

Introduction: The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives. Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to a metanoia or true "repentance," and by renewal of life through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. During Lent, we talk to God through personal, family, and liturgical prayers; we listen to Him by meditative Bible reading. We serve the Lord by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting. Since by Baptism we share the death and Resurrection of Jesus, today's readings refer to Baptism directly or indirectly.

The Scripture lessons: The **first reading** tells us that, although man irrevocably broke the original covenant God had made with Adam and Eve, the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew that covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood waters symbolizes our being saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ. Today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 25) is an exquisite penitential prayer, humbly acknowledging our human insufficiency and radical dependence upon God, His mercy, and His forgiveness. The psalmist lists some of God's Own characteristics that will shape the life of the forgiven penitent: Truth, Compassion, Love, Kindness, Goodness, Uprightness, Humility, and Justice. In the **second reading**, St. Peter shows us how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism. He reminds us that, as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God has made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. **In the Gospel**, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: "The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel."

Life messages: 1) Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed: prayer, self-denial, and timely use of the word of God. During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies. 2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e) abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and h) doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent. 3) Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit.