MARCH 3, 2024

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

THIRD 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 02/27- 03/04
Michael Dieker

Lector & Minister:
03/02: LeAnn Eberle
03/03: Donna Bolen
03/09: Jana Redeker
03/10: Dan Schneider

Weekend Servers:
03/02: Dexton Hoelting, Daniel & Gabriela Coughlin
03/03: Daylen & Maylee Ballinger and Megan Barnhart
03/09: Brylee & Reece Johnson and James Nunley
03/10: Brody Cole, Taitlyn Cole, & Hana Cole

Offertory Gift Bearers:
03/02: Eric & Trish Hoelting
03/03: Cody & Becky Ballinger
03/09: Curt & Bobby Johnson
03/10: Aaron & Michelle Cole

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
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.	03/02:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	03/03	8:30 am	+Myrene Soukup
Mon.	03/04:		NO MASS
Tue.	03/05:	7:15 am	NO MASS
Wed.	03/06:	7:15 am	Sheila Broyles
Thu.	03/07:	7:15 am	+Fred & Helen Windle
Fri.	03/08:	7:15 am	+Ida Joy Brown
Sat.	03/09:	5:00 pm	+Dorothy Bowers
Sun.	03/10:	8:30 am	For the Parish

Last Week's Collection:

Envelope (23):	$	1,310.00
Plate:		207.00
Leaven		125.00
Church in Europe		400.00
Black & Indian Mission		20.00
Cath. Relief Serv.		40.00
Social Support		60.00
TOTAL:	**$**	**2,162.00**

Knights of Columbus News!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Knights Family of the Year – John & Linda Dieker and the Knight of the Year – Ryan Arnold!! We appreciate all that these members have done for our council; and their names will be submitted to the State Knights of Columbus for their annual selection.

Please join the Knights on March 10 and March 24 for their semi-monthly biscuits and gravy breakfast from 7:30-10:00 a.m. All donations from these help our charities. Thanks for your continued support!

There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for members to volunteer to help with Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 7:10. PLEASE consider helping us carry the candles for this weekly Lenten event. THANKS!

It's that time again! If you would like to purchase a flower to decorate the altars during the Easter season, please contact Donna at 620-475-3794 or Laurie at 620-475-3284 **BY March 24**. The cost remains at $25. **ALSO**, we will be collecting after Masses on the weekends of March 9/10 and March 16/17. Thank you so very much to all who donate!

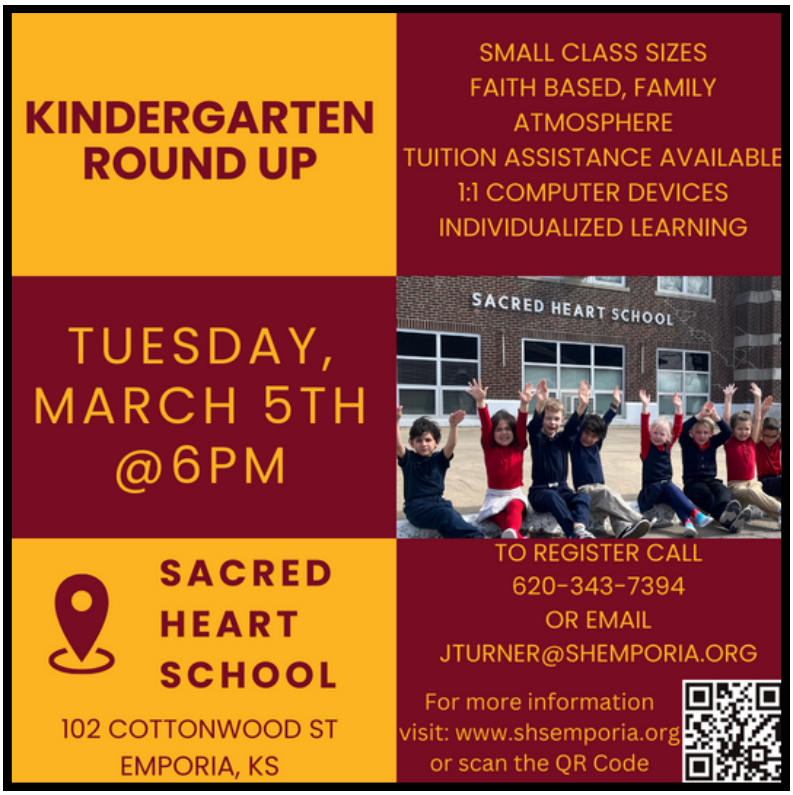
Call To Share

In today's Gospel, zeal for His Father's house consumes Jesus. He single-handedly drives out those who are making the Temple into a marketplace. The Jews asked, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" (John 2:18)

Jesus' reply is that He is God. He is going to rise from the dead! He holds the power over life, death, and all things. His zeal for his Father's house is one of many manifestations of who God is to the world. (God, apparently, likes a clean house!)

Zeal consumes Jesus for our parish. We are God's house. Each of us is a Temple of his Holy Spirit. The way we handle money matters to God. Our parish needs your help for our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal to succeed. Help us use the gifts he gives to beautify his house, adorning it with prayer and good works, and improve the lives of those entrusted to us. Jesus is zealous for us all to have the abundant life he offers—not a life suffocated by this world. Join us in living a better life—His life.

The church is open every day for those who want to stop by to pray. Take advantage of the opportunity and stop in during the Lenten Season. REMEMBER - The doors are to be locked and unlocked by the sacristans *only*.



FISH FRY

Sacred Heart Church
Friday, March 15 4:00 - 7:00
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
$13 Adult - $5 Under 10

CCD CALENDAR

Mar. 6	Class - Lenten Season - Stations of the Cross at 7:10 pm
Mar. 13	**NO CCD** - Spring Break - Stations of the Cross at 7:10 pm
Mar. 20	Class - Stations of the Cross at 7:10 pm followed by music practice for Easter Mass with the elementary students

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 by Friday, March 15th!!**

March Lectors/Ministers

03/02:	LeAnn Eberle
03/03:	Donna Bolen
03/09:	Jana Redeker
03/10:	Dan Schneider
03/16:	Ben Lienemann
03/17:	Greg Markowitz - Lector Trish Marowitz - Minister
03/23:	Jana Redeker & Dave Kehres - Lectors Jana Redeker - Minister
03/24:	Shirley Langley & Greg Markowitz - Lectors Barb Kuhlmann - Minister
03/28:	Donna Bolen
03/29:	LeAnn Bolen & Dan Schneider - Lectors LeAnn Eberle - Minister
03/30:	Jana Redeker
03/31:	Trish Markowitz and Aaron & Michelle Cole - Ministers

March Servers

03/02:	Dexton Hoelting, Daniel & Gabriela Coughlin
03/03:	Daylen & Maylee Ballinger and Megan Barnhart
03/09:	Brylee & Reece Johnson and James Nunley
03/10:	Brody Cole, Taitlyn Cole, & Hana Cole
03/16:	Brayden, Trey, & Lilly Lienemann
03/17:	Adriana & Bryce Weeden and Bryer McGee
03/23:	Thayne Schmidt and Brailey Schmidt
03/24:	Kamryn Temeyer, Caroline & Clara Traffenstedt
03/28:	Taitlyn Cole, Destiny Cole, Daylen Ballinger and Grady Pimple
03/29:	Reece Johnson, Megan Barnhart and John Musick
03/30:	Blake, Lilly and Alisa Skalsky
03/31:	Brody Cole, Eli Markowitz and Dexton Hoelting

March Gift Bearers

03/02:	Eric & Trish Hoelting
03/03:	Cody & Becky Ballinger
03/09:	Curt & Bobby Johnson
03/10:	Aaron & Michelle Cole
03/16:	Ben & Christi Lienemann
03/17:	Gabe & Kristina Weeden
03/23:	Michael Nunley Family
03/24:	Eric & Lisa Temeyer
03/28:	Cody Ballinger Family
03/30:	Connie Stead, Debbie Cole, Deloris Heins and Donna Sleezer
03/31:	Megan Barnhart, Brailey Schmidt, Taitlyn Cole and Adriana Weeden

We are looking for interested parish members that would like to be a part of the Finance Council. Please let Brian Schmidt know if you are interested at 620-475-3767. Meetings are held 6 to 7 times per year.

Happy Birthday Mike Redeker! Send a card to Mike for his birthday on March 10th and wish him well!

1617 Woodcrest Dr.
Manhattan, KS 66503

Parish Life Center Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

We have sold 986 of the 999 lottery tickets! Only a few more to go to hit our goal! If you'd still like to purchase a ticket before the March drawing, which will happen this week, please contact Steve Kuhlmann at (620) 794-1915 or (620) 475-3784. There is a $750 day on March 19th so you won't want to miss that opportunity!

A BIG "**Thank You!**" to all who have sold and/or purchased parish life center lottery tickets. You've contributed to the success of this fundraiser!

Please continue to pray for the success of fundraising efforts for our new parish life center.

Thank you to all who attended the pot-luck dinner and/or Arbour Season musical performance. Those in attendance seemed to enjoy the afternoon and we had several out-of-town attendees. For pictures of the event, see the parish's FaceBook page. Watch the bulletin for more family-friendly events in the weeks and months ahead.

Family Life Ministry Camp Scholarships

First of all, we would like to thank the St. Joseph Endowment for the many, many years of support for camps and tuition assistance for our parish youth. We have been blessed to have the support of the Endowment for the educational needs of our parish and the new Parish Life Center.

Beginning this year, Family Life Ministries, with financial support from the annual St. Joseph BBQ funds, will now provide the camp scholarships to those who are interested in attending summer Catholic camps. Finance council approved to pay 50% of camp fees up to a $250 maximum per camper. Camps such as those at Prairie Star Ranch and Prayer and Action qualify for these scholarships. If you have a child interested in attending camp, please have them fill out the Family Life Ministry Camp Scholarship form, which will be located in the back of church and also in the church office. If you have already paid for a camp, please keep your receipts and turn them in with the application for reimbursement. We are excited to use these funds to help our youth grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Christ.

If you have any questions or need help finding or registering for camp, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kay Schmidt- Family Life Ministry 620-340-5638

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

The Third Sunday in Lent

Introduction: Today's readings from Holy Scripture teach us that Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by obeying the Ten Commandments. They also teach us that our New Covenant with God demands that we should keep our parish Church holy, and our Divine worship vibrant by our active participation in the liturgy with hearts cleansed by repentance, and made holy by allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives.

Scripture lessons summarized: Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom, the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbors. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) depicts the Mosaic Law's life-enhancing attributes: it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart; it is pure and true, more precious than gold. The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine "foolishness" of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as our expression of Divine worship. Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and money changers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. The synoptic Gospels place the "cleansing of the Temple" immediately after Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem on the back of a colt on Palm Sunday, while John places it at the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus cleansed the Temple which King Herod began to renovate in 20 BC. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "*noisy marketplace*" by the animal merchants and into a "*hideout of thieves*" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices – sacrilege in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialized Faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus constructed his own, a whip of cords, and used it to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

Life messages: 1) We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings. **2) Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit:** St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 3) Let us love our parish Church as our "*Heavenly Father's house*" and make it a holier place by our care for it, by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries, and by our financial support for its maintenance and development

"Lord Jesus, during Lent, I seek spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, cleanse my heart, and draw me closer to your love and grace. Amen."