



Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:25am

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
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Check us out on Facebook:
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sacristan 04/30 - 05/06

Arlene Redeker

Lector & Minister:

05/04: Jana Redeker
05/05: Shirley Langley
05/11: LeAnn Eberle
05/12: Seniors - Lectors
Rosemary Martin - Minister

Weekend Servers:

05/04: Gradey Pimple & Kamryn
Temeyer
05/05: Clara & Caroline Traffenstedt
and Raylon Ratcliff
05/11: Dexton Hoelting, Gabriela
and Daniel Coughlin
05/12: Allisa & Lilly Skalsky and
Taitlyn Cole

Offertory Gift Bearers:

05/04: Derek & Lisa Temeyer
05/05: First Communicants
05/11: Eric & Trish Hoelting
05/12: Seniors

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
Sylvia Haag
Ginny Kiser
Kenneth Langley
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
James Nunley
Olivia Pimpl
Mrs. Ken 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.	05/04:	5:00 pm	+Glen & Georgia Haag and Joe Wendling in Thanksgiving
Sun.	05/05:	8:30 am	For the Parish
Mon.	05/06:		NO MASS
Tue.	05/07:		NO MASS
Wed.	05/08:	7:25 am	NO MASS
Thu.	05/09:	7:25 am	NO MASS
Fri.	05/10:	7:25 am	NO MASS
Sat.	05/11:	5:00 pm	Sheila Broyles
Sun.	05/12:	8:30 am	For the Parish

Last Week's Collection:

Envelope (25):	\$	1,028.00
Plate:		210.00
Cap. Imp.		35.00
Social Support		35.00
Leaven		25.00
Priesthood		180.00
TOTAL:	\$	1,513.00



To all those who volunteered their time, knowledge and energy as teachers of religious education. Even though it has been somewhat of a chaotic year, we managed to share the Catholic Faith with our students and that was our most important goal. Thank you Brian & Kay, Derek, Cass Amanda, Phyllis, Sarah and Rachel!!



No words could ever express our Thankful hearts and appreciation for the outpouring of love, concern, prayers, support, and generosity this community has shown to our family throughout this difficult journey.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS - Religious education is over until August. Mass attendance sheets will continue to be in the back of church. If you are out of town for Mass, please send a picture of the bulletin from the church you attended. Also, a one-day Confirmation retreat will be scheduled at Prairie Star Ranch. As soon as it is scheduled, I will have the date put in the bulletin. Please check bulletin for any updates. Have a safe and fun summer!

Mike received 73 birthday cards for his 72nd birthday on March 10th. Each one of them brought him so much joy.

To Fr. Harold Schneider, the servers, Eucharistic ministers, the choir, those that prepared and served the funeral dinner, our family, friends, and those that traveled to be with us, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

This celebration of Mike's life will be a treasured memory we will never forget. May this new Parish Life Center be a safe place to gather, share, praise and give honor to God.

Rose

We are so Blessed!!
 We are humbled!!
 YOU ARE LOVED!!



A perfect gift for Mom on Mothers Day - Walking with Moms in Need will have carnations available next weekend after Mass for a free will donation.

Kathy, Ryan, Alicia, Hunter, Dawson, Andrew, Stacey, Walker, Karsyn, Nathan, Erin, Lauren, and Addison Redeker



Beginning on Wednesday, May 15th, Adoration will be from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Please make a visit to spend time in spiritual reading, meditation and prayer in the presence of the Eucharist

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Next Sunday, May 12th, the Knights will offer their usual biscuits and gravy but WITH EGGS! We invite all Mothers and 2024 OHS graduates to join us and be our guests that day! (OHS graduation Mass to be held that day as well.)



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us where the bar is for great love: "to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Jesus' authority as God is more than sufficient to command people how they should live. Nevertheless, Jesus prefers the influence of humility: Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather... He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

As God's presence in this neighborhood, our parish has been entrusted with authority in our neighbors' lives: the authority of His kingdom on Earth. We do not seek to wield authority heavy-handedly. We humbly ask you to support our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal so that we, together, can spread His Kingdom humbly, by the sweet influence of love. Doing so will lead us to lay down our lives for our friends. May God bless you abundantly for your aid!

If you cannot contribute anything financial, even a letter to the archdiocese telling them you are praying for their ministries counts as your contribution.

PARISH PROGRESS REPORT

Target Given: \$11,155
 Total Contributed: \$7,814
 % of Target Reached: 70%
 Total Households: 194
 Households Participated: 59
 % Participation: 30%

Please Note



Fr. Mohan will be leaving for India on Monday the 6th of May and return on Friday the 7th of June. Fr. Tam Nguyen and Fr. Ropesch Govindu

from Curé of Ars, Leawood/Prairie Village, KS will be filling in for him on the weekends. In case you need a priest during the week, contact Angie Bolz at (620) 757-6354 and she will find one for you.

April Lottery Winners

Apr. 1	Corey Reese Jr.	\$25
Apr. 2	Nolan Redeker	\$25
Apr. 3	Erica Brinkman	\$25
Apr. 4	James Nunley	\$25
Apr. 5	Katie Carlson	\$25
Apr. 6	David Wendling	\$25
Apr. 7	Hunter Carlson	\$25
Apr. 8	Lindsay Whitmore	\$25
Apr. 9	Donna Farr	\$25
Apr. 10	James Schneider	\$25
Apr. 11	Viola Hoelting	\$25
Apr. 12	Sylvia Haag	\$25
Apr. 13	Mike Pettijean	\$25
Apr. 14	Carson Smith	\$25
Apr. 15	Tri T's Inc.	\$25
Apr. 16	Steve or Kim Redeker	\$25
Apr. 17	Katie Carlson	\$25
Apr. 18	Shannon McKenzie	\$25
Apr. 19	Dan Temeyer	\$25
Apr. 20	Dorothy Blaufuss	\$25
Apr. 21	David Wendling	\$25
Apr. 22	Gus Bergman	\$25
Apr. 23	Andra Miller	\$25
Apr. 24	Jane or Doug Peck	\$25
Apr. 25	Shaylea Heins	\$50
Apr. 26	David Rudolph	\$25
Apr. 27	Kolsen Hoelting	\$25
Apr. 28	Elijah Jones	\$25
Apr. 29	Jenny Wendling	\$25
Apr. 30	Natalie Beckler	\$25

Thank You

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to all our friends, family and members of the parish that reached out and provided comfort and support after the unexpected death of our oldest son, Ricky Jr. We would also like to thank those who travelled to Clay Center to pay their respects. We appreciate all of you for being there. Further, we wish to thank those that donated to our grandson's education fund. We are sure they will be grateful in their later years.

Sincerely,
 Rick and Marie Hammond

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Introduction: Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – *“Love one another as I have loved you.”* When we celebrate Mother's Day, let us remember with gratitude that it is generally our mothers who practice the *agápe* love of Jesus.

Scripture Lessons summarized: In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 98) also directs our attention toward God's marvelous love and kindness in offering salvation to the whole world. In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans *“as expiation for our sins.”* This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another. After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us “friends.” He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

Life messages: # 1: We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus. We need to express this love in our relationships with others by loving them and offering them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice. #2: We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do, sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children, or in other words, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked and, hence, that we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.