JANUARY 19, 2025

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor:
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Parish Office:
Hours:
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Mass Schedule:
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:25 am
The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @ 4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on Sunday mornings

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

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

Other Sacraments:
Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:
Funeral Dinners: Linda Dieker, (620) 475-3567
Cemetery: Steve Redeker, (620) 475-3255
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Family Life: Kay Schmidt, (620) 475-3767
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Finance Council: Kevin Flott, (620) 412-3275
Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin, (620) 475-3295
Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff, (214) 732-3813

Check us out on Facebook:
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sacristan 01/20/25 - 01/26/25
Phyllis Krueger

Weekend Servers
01/18: Reece & Brylee Johnson
01/19: Sawyer McGee
01/25: Taitlyn Cole
01/26: Brailey Schmidt

Offertory Gift Bearers
01/18: Johnson Family
01/19: McGee family
01/25: Volunteers Needed
01/26: Volunteers Needed

Weekend Lectors/Ministers
01/18: LeAnn Eberle
01/19: Greg Markowitz - Lector
Trish Markowitz - Minister
01/25: Jana Redeker
01/26: Michael Ratcliff

St. Joseph Prayer List
Linda Barnard
Bruce Bidwell
Sara Bidwell
Leon Brown
Alex Conley
Jeanette Reed Copeland
Dana Dengler
Vicki Dickson
Susan Haag
Sylvia Haag
Ginny Kiser
Kenneth Langley
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
Shea Mueting
James Nunley
Olivia Pimpl
Jana Redeker
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Norma Redeker
Carolyn Satterfield
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Jackie Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Mike Wecker
Sonny Wendling
United States Army:
SGM Matthew S. Richter,
Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
Grant Fath, Pvt. Cory Owen
Major Jacob Haag
Marines:
Lt. Col. James Bechtel
Air Force:
Megan DePauw
Army National Guard:
Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	01/18:	5:00 pm	+Herb & Lorene Haag +Alfred Redeker
Sun.	01/19:	8:30 am	For the Parish
Mon.	01/20:		NO MASS
Tue.	01/21:		NO MASS
Wed.	01/22:	7:25 am	+August & Helen Redeker Sheila Broyles
Thu.	01/23:	7:25 am	Living & Deceased members of the Flying Needles
Fri.	01/24:	7:25 am	+Mike Redeker
Sat.	01/25:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	01/26:	8:30 am	+Ida Joy Brown +Kenny Schmidt

This weekend is the first Hole-y Donuts of 2025!

Please join us at the Parish Life Center immediately following Sunday's Mass for coffee, donuts and good conversation.

Kay Schmidt - Family Life Ministry

Save the Date!

CCD Annual "Chocolate Touch" is Coming!

On Wednesday, February 12th, the 1st through 4th grade CCD classes will host our annual "Chocolate Touch" Valentine/Senior Citizen get together to make Valentines for our friends in area nursing homes.

If you are living in the Olpe community, or are a "Senior" from our parish, please join us for some chocolate treats, some great company and some awesome handmade Valentines! The students loved hosting this last year! Join us on February 12th in the Parish Life Center from 7:00- 8:10 p.m.

We will provide all materials to make Valentines! Won't you help us?

Please mark your calendars for this fun service project event!!

Kay Schmidt- 2nd grade CCD Teacher

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (26)	$ 1,664.00
Plate	196.00
Capital Improvements	190.00
The Leaven	25.00
Social Support	35.00
TOTAL:	**$ 2,110.00**

Joint Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of both the Pastoral and Finance Councils on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30 in the evening at the Knights Hall.

THANK YOU to all who came and helped take down and store away Christmas decorations. We had a great turnout! We couldn't do these things without you.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all those who have helped clear snow (and ice)! This is not a pleasant task and we appreciate the attention and dedication of those who assumed this responsibility. Again, where would we be without our volunteers! May God Bless you all!

Knights' News

The Knights of Columbus will be serving up their delicious, warm Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast on Sunday, January 26th from 7:30-10:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to share some quality time with fellow parishioners and community members! All donations benefit the Knights' charities.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual "Free Throw Contest" on Sunday, January 26th at 1:00 pm. in the OHS large gym. Youth ages 9-14 (boys and girls) are eligible to compete. Winners will advance to the Regional competition in Chanute on Feb. 16.

Knights January Family of the Month: The Rollie Martin family
Knight of the Month: Kyle Barnhart
Friend of the Knights: The Dorothy Schmidt family

PARISH LIFE CENTER LOTTERY

Only 6 weeks until the new drawing season begins!

774 tickets have been sold! There are only 225 left to reach our 999 ticket goal. We sold out last year and hope to do the same this year! Remember that there are 365 chances to win! The grand prize is $750 on the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Daily winnings are $25 each. There is a special drawing each month ranging from $50 - $200.

If you haven't yet purchased your tickets, please contact Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the Parish Office.

These lottery tickets make great birthday, anniversary, "thank you," or "just because" gifts. The proceeds support the Parish Life Center.

Thank you! to all who have sold and/or purchased tickets.

- ☑ The Cemetery Endowment Annual Meeting will be held at the Knights' Hall on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m.
- ☑ The St. Joseph School Endowment Annual Meeting will be held at the Knights' Hall immediately following Mass on Sunday, February 23rd.

thank you

The family of Dorothy Schmidt would like to extend their most sincere gratitude for the kindness extended towards our mother during her sickness and also towards us at her death. Our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother shared her beautiful smile and faith with so many. It was obvious that everyone came together as a family during this "long goodbye" of battling dementia to ensure that one of the most difficult times in our lives was met with empathy and compassion.

Thank you for the food, flowers, memorials, kind words, visits, spiritual support, hugs, or the myriad of things that are taken for granted on a daily basis. Special thanks to St. Anne's Altar Society, the choir, vocalists, ushers, lectors, Father Ashmore, and Father Mohan, and all who assisted in making her rosary and funeral so beautiful and memorable.

Blessed and forever grateful....

The Dorothy Schmidt family

Over the past weeks, we have watched fires move through Los Angeles and other areas of California, causing severe damage and loss of life. Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is assisting now with humanitarian relief through local agencies on the ground and will be present during the recovery period to come.

Please give to our second collection this weekend to assist with humanitarian relief efforts and help restore hope in the midst of devastation. All proceeds will be remitted by the Archdiocese to Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, which will in turn provide support and assistance to its diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the areas impacted by these wildfires.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Wednesday, January 22nd , the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. For more information: respectlife.org/january-22.

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Central Theme:

This week we are at a wedding in Cana where Jesus reveals Divine power by transforming water into wine. The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden (Gn 2:23-24), and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rv 19:9, 21:9, 22:17). At Cana, Jesus also blesses human marriage, perhaps at that moment instituting the Sacrament of Matrimony. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the faithful Bridegroom and humanity is His beloved bride. Let us pray for God's daily miracles in our families.

Scripture lessons summarized:

We see this theme beautifully presented in today's first reading, where Isaiah uses the metaphor of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel. God's fidelity to his people is compared to a husband's fidelity to his wife. Isaiah predicts God's salvation of Jerusalem after the return of the Babylonian exiles and visualizes it as a wedding between God and Jerusalem. Jesus' provision of abundant wine for the wedding feast in Cana signifies that the day foreseen by Isaiah has arrived. Anticipating the joy of this wedding, the Psalmist urges us in the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 96)," *Sing to the Lord a new song*." In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the new wine that Jesus pours out for us is the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to His Bride. In today's Gospel, John describes the first of the seven "signs" by which Jesus showed forth His Divinity. When the wine "ran short," Jesus' Mother told Jesus about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some of the miraculous water-made-wine to the headwaiter. When they did so, the headwaiter expressed his surprise that such a great wine had been reserved for late use.

Life messages:

1) Let us, "*invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes*" when we feel shortages in our family lives. The spouses need Jesus and Mary when their dreams are gone, mutual love seems dried up, the relationship becomes boring, and raising the children becomes a burden draining all their energy. The awareness of the presence of Jesus and Mary in the family will encourage parents to create an atmosphere of prayer, Bible-reading, mutual love, and respect, with a spirit of forgiveness and sacrificial service at home. This change will refresh and renovate family life, removing its boredom.

2) Let us follow Mary's instruction, "*Do whatever He tells you*." This is the only recorded command given by Mary in the New Testament, and it is a prerequisite for miracles in our families. The Bible tells us how to do the will of God and effect salvific changes in our daily lives.

3) Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern, and care.

4) Let us learn to appreciate the miracles of God's providence in our lives. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us, and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit. Let us also appreciate Mass, where God transforms our offering of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.