FEBRUARY 2, 2025

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Pastor:
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Parish Office:
Hours:
Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm &
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620-475-3326
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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
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K of C: Doug Schmidt, (620) 343-0319
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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 02/03/25 - 02/09/25
Karen Hayes

Weekend Servers

02/01: Volunteers Needed
02/02: Megan Barnhart & Raylon Ratcliff
02/08: Reece & Brylee Johnson
02/09: Volunteers Needed

Offertory Gift Bearers

02/01: Volunteers Needed
02/02: Volunteers Needed
02/08: Volunteers Needed
02/09: Volunteers Needed

Weekend Lectors/Ministers

02/01: LeAnn Eberle
02/02: Donna Bolen
02/08: David Kehres
02/09: Shirley Langley - Lector
Barb Kuhlmann - Minister

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.	2/01:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	2/02:	8:30 am	+Elaine Matile Russett
Mon.	2/03:		NO MASS
Tue.	2/04:		Adoration @ St. Mary's, 5-6 pm
			Mass @ St. Mary's at 6 pm
Wed.	2/05:	7:25 am	+John Markowitz
Thu.	2/06:	7:25 am	For the Parish
Fri.	2/07:	7:25 am	+Mukteswara Rao
Sat.	2/08:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	2/09:	8:30 am	+Marie Haag and
			+Montana Cole

PARISH LIFE CENTER LOTTERY

Only 4 weeks until the new drawing season begins!

822 tickets have been sold! There are only 177 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.

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (26)	$ 1,855.00
Plate	285.00
Church in Latin America	40.00
The Leaven	125.00
TOTAL:	**$ 2,305.00**

CONGRATULATIONS!
January Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

01/01 - Solemnity of Mary	Emmett Snead	$50
01/02	Tri T's Lawncare	$25
01/03	Tanner Coble	$25
01/04	Chad Blow	$25
01/05	Eric Granados	$25
01/06	Cole Carlson	$25
01/07	Victoria Smith	$25
01/08	Emmett Snead	$25
01/09	Donovan Krueger	$25
01/10	Lisa Blow	$25
01/11	Isaac Snyder	$25
01/12	Dax Stoneburner	$25
01/13	Tausha Gasche	$25
01/14	Valerie Studer	$25
01/15	Kamryn Temeyer	$25
01/16	Tausha Gasche	$25
01/17	Tri T's Lawncare	$25
01/18	Frankie Davis	$25
01/19	Max Kuhlmann	$25
01/20	Betty Lutz-Black	$25
01/21	Colby Hoelting	$25
01/22	Carol Pettijean	$25
01/23	JoAnn Wise	$25
01/24	Lindsay Whitemore	$25
01/25	Brian Schmidt	$25
01/26	Eric Schreiner	$25
01/27	Lucas Blankley	$25
01/28	Kyle Barnhart	$25
01/29	Donna Farr	$25
01/30	Henrick Schmidt	$25
01/31	Charlie Haag	$25

Are you interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?

If so, contact Dorothy Blaufuss at 620-794-8280 or 620-475-3297. This is a perfect opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with the Eucharistic Lord as well as your understanding of the Scriptures as you prepare yourself to distribute one and proclaim the other.

For 50 years, Archbishop's Call to Share ministries have been changing lives by helping youth, the elderly, individuals, and families encounter Jesus and His amazing love. Your gifts to the annual Archbishop's Call to Share is active, powerful, and changing lives. You are creating opportunities for relationships with Jesus, educating our next generation to be disciples of Christ, and providing tangible help for our most vulnerable.

Your gift to the *Archbishop's Call to Share* provides these Catholic-affiliated programs and ministries the means to continue their vital missions here in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, including:

- fostering the faith of college students through fellowship, community, and Sacramental life
- teaching engaged and married couples how to deepen and reinforce their love for each other in the Lord
- sparking the light of faith in our parishes and schools enabling students to grow in their relationship with the Lord
- providing health care, rehabilitation, and skilled memory care for the body, mind, and spirit
- creating memorable adventures for campers as they experience community, new friendships, and the love of the Lord in prayer

A prayerful, sacrificial donation today makes you a leader in our archdiocese and shows others they are supported by a loving community. Your generosity will keep the Lord present in our hearts as we look to the next 50 years of Call to Share ministries. Thank you for your support of this most important, most impactful opportunity for our archdiocesan community.

ACTS 2025 Schedule

- February 1/2 – Kickoff Weekend with Archbishop's Homily
- February 8/9 – Speaker Weekend
- February 15/16 – In-Pew Commitment Weekend
- February 22/23 – Follow-up Weekend

PARISH GOALS 2025

St. Joseph Parish, Olpe - $11,000.00

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ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO SHARE KICK-OFF 2025 | FEBRUARY 2, 2025

I. Christmas Concludes
Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. This only happens on a Sunday every 7 years. In Rome, the Nativity Scene still adorns St. Peter's Square but will disappear tomorrow. The Feast of the Presentation is the Church's official conclusion of the Christmas Season.

II Gratitude and Offering
The Church has celebrated this Feast for more than 1,500 years. We commemorate today Mary and Joseph, in obedience to Jewish law and tradition, bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple and prayerfully offering Him back to His Father.

On this Feast, many consecrated religious renew their vows of poverty, obedience and celibate chastity, offering anew their lives to the Lord. This Feast invites all of us clergy, religious and laity to offer again our lives to God, who humbled Himself to immerse himself into our human condition, even to the point of becoming a tiny baby, so that we could share in His divine life.

The natural state for the Christian is gratitude. How can we ever thank God sufficiently for loving us into existence, revealing the depth of His love for us on Calvary and inviting us to share in His divine and eternal life? The natural response of the Christian is to desire to offer something in return for all that God has done for us.

III Simeon and Anna
Today's Gospel features two holy, elderly people, Anna and Simeon. Anna was a widow for more than 50 years. St. Luke reported that she was always in the temple, fasting and praying. Luke described Simeon as righteous, devout and guided by the Holy Spirit. Of all the people in the Temple, it is only these two prayerful elders who recognize the true identity of Jesus.

Simeon longed for the coming of the Christ. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he would see the Messiah before he died. Led by the Holy Spirit, Simeon took the infant Jesus in His arms and declared: **"Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."** Simeon, because of his prayerfulness and his docility to the Holy Spirit, was able to see what so many others could not, the Divine presence in the baby Jesus.

Every night, priests, deacons, religious and some laity pray the Canticle of Simeon. This prayer invites us to ponder how God revealed Himself to us in the encounters and the events of the day. The Canticle challenges us to ask ourselves how God was present in our experiences and conversations.

IV Real Presence in the Eucharist
The Church in the United States is now in the final months of a 3-year pastoral initiative summoning all Catholics to open our hearts to the light of the Holy Spirit in order to awaken in us a deeper and more profound recognition of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus, who became a tiny embryo in the womb of Mary and was carried as a baby in her arms to the Temple of Jerusalem, promised to make Himself present throughout all time under a very unassuming and humble appearance of a simple piece of unleavened bread.

Jesus Christ is truly present to us, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in this Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord offers Himself to us as the Bread of Life in order to nourish us so that we can bring His love to our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

Jesus comes to us as the Light of the World so that we can recognize Him in our encounters with others and in the events and experiences of everyday life. The Holy Spirit wants to help us to see what so many others fail to see. Like Simeon and Anna, the Holy Spirit wants to make sure that we do not miss the Divine Presence in what to others seems unremarkable and ordinary.

V Call to Share 50th Anniversary

This year, we observe the 50th anniversary of the Archbishop's Call to Share Annual Appeal. I am very grateful to Archbishop Ignatius Strecker for having the wisdom and vision to begin this annual tradition of the Catholic community in Northeast Kansas pooling our resources so that we can do together what no parish or individual could do on their own.

The Call To Share funds give tangible expression to our ability to see with the light of the Holy Spirit the Divine presence 1) in the unborn child and the pregnant mother, 2) in the children in our Catholic Schools, our Parish Schools of Religion, our Totus Tuus ministries, foster care families, and our campers at Prairie Star Ranch, 3) in the young adults at Donnelly College, our Campus Ministries, and couples preparing for marriage, 4) in married couples participating in the Ever More in Love, Marriage Encounter or Retrovaille retreats, 5) in the refugee seeking the chance to experience the American dream, the homeless man at Shalom House, the hungry at our food pantries, and 6) in the elderly resident at Villa St. Francis as well as a hospice patient approaching death – the doorway to eternal life.

VI Something Beautiful for God

On this Feast of the Presentation, when Mary and Joseph offered the gift of Jesus back to His Heavenly Father, let us acknowledge the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us, and offer back to Him a portion of His gifts. I invite each of us to make a sacrificial offering to God through a donation to Call to Share.

The ministries supported by Call to Share help others recognize their dignity as one made in the Divine image and of such worth that Jesus gave His life on Calvary. I urge you to make a sacrificial gift, whatever that means for you in the unique circumstances of your life. We are each challenged by the Lord not just to give from our surplus but from our hearts.

Simeon foretold that the heart of Mary would be pierced as she faithfully stood by her crucified Son on Calvary. May our empathy for the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of those served by Call to Share pierce our hearts as we seek to care for and comfort them.

This Feast is also called Candlemas Day, a time when we bless candles used for our liturgy and devotion. May our generosity in sacrificing for the good of our brothers and sisters be a bright beacon of hope and mercy for those who benefit from Call to Share. Let us make Call to Share's 50th year special. Together as a Catholic Community, let us again do something beautiful for God.