



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
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 Rectory: 620-475-3420

Parish Office:

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

Administrative Assistant:

Diana Kuhlmann
 diana@sjolpe.org
 620-475-3784 or 620-794-1914

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
 K of C: Danny Schneider, (620) 794-5889
 Family Life: Kay Schmidt, (620) 475-3767
 Outreach: Arlene Redeker, (620) 475-3414
 Finance Council: Kevin Flott, (620) 412-3275
 Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin, (620) 475-3295
 Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff, (214) 732-3813
 St. Joseph School Endowment: Michael
 Ratcliff, (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 08/04/25 - 08/10/25

Arlene Redeker

Weekend Servers

08/02: Volunteers Needed
 08/03: Volunteers Needed
 08/09: Volunteers Needed
 08/10: Volunteers Needed

Weekend Offertory Gift Bearers

08/02: Volunteers Needed
 08/03: Volunteers Needed
 08/09: Volunteers Needed
 08/10: Volunteers Needed

Weekend Lectors/Ministers

08/02: Donna Bolen
 08/03: Shirley Langley
 Barb Kuhlmann - Minister
 08/09: LeAnn Eberle
 08/10: Dan Schneider
 08/15: Shirley Langley - 7:25 a.m.
 Cass Coughlin - 7:00 p.m.
 08/16: Jana Redeker
 08/17: Greg Markowitz
 Trish Markowitz - Minister


St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin
 Linda Barnard
 Maya Bishop
 Jeanette Reed Copeland
 Vicki Dickson
 Kauffman Dieker
 Susan Haag
 Sylvia Haag
 Darren Heins
 Kenneth Langley
 Debbie Markowitz
 Brian Martin
 Sylvia Miller
 Shea Muetting
 James Nunley
 Todd Orear
 Twyla Owen
 Olivia Pimpl
 Mrs. Ken Redeker
 Yvonne Rossillon
 Richard Scheve
 Danny Schmidt
 Jackie Schmidt
 Greg Schonhardt
 Mike Wecker
 Clara Young

United States Army:

SGM Matthew S. Richter,
 Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
 Grant Fath,
 Major Jacob Haag

Marines:

Lt. Col. James Bechtel

Navy:

Grace Coughlin

Air Force:

Megan DePauw

Army National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 08/02: 5:00 pm +Charles & Evelyn Musick
+Chad Blow
Sun. 08/03: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 08/06: 7:25 am +Marie Haag
Thurs. 08/07: 7:25 am +Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt
Fri. 08/08: 7:25 am +Sonny Wendling
Sat. 08/09: 5:00 pm For the Parish
Sun. 08/10: 8:30 am +Charles Lutz

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (29)	\$ 1,890.00
Plate	298.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,188.00

Congratulations

July Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

07/01	Kate Nunley	\$25
07/02	Cole Carlson	\$25
07/03	Paula Pimpl	\$25
07/04	David & Jane Markowitz	\$25
07/05	Randy & Maureen Salisbury	\$25
07/06	Robert Hayes	\$25
07/07	Meg McGee	\$25
07/08	Heather Cole	\$25
07/09	Zach & Greta Zeigler	\$25
07/10	Kyla Hagemann	\$25
07/11	Michael Nunley	\$25
07/12	Ted Skalsky	\$25
07/13	Alex Lutz	\$25
07/14	John Musick	\$25
07/15	Daniel Barnhart	\$25
07/16	Dee Craig	\$25
07/17	Bryan Burnett	\$25
07/18	Cora Miller	\$25
07/19	Faithlynn Brown	\$25
07/20	Blake Skalsky	\$25
07/21	Hannah Blow	\$25
07/22	Thayne Schmidt	\$25
07/23	Julieanne Kuhlmann	\$25
07/24	Kathy Redeker	\$25
07/25 - Feast of St. Christopher	Dawson McMaster	\$50
07/26	Kevin Brokaw	\$25
07/27	Kash Garza	\$25
07/28	Grace Coughlin	\$25
07/29	Lisa Blow	\$25
07/30	Jordan Schmidt	\$25
07/31	AJ McGee	\$25



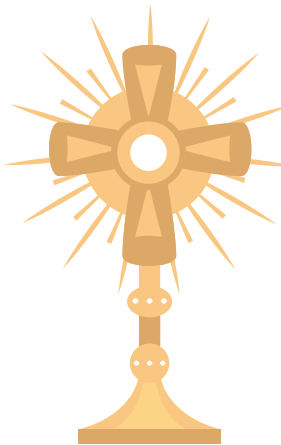
Notice of Time Adjustments

Beginning the week of August 17th, the following adjustments to daily Mass and Confession times will take effect:

Daily Mass - Wednesdays - Fridays at **7:15 am**

**Daily Confessions - Wednesdays - Fridays from
6:30 am - 7:00 am**

Saturday Confessions - **3:30 am - 4:30 pm**



Please consider signing up for an adoration spot on Wednesdays. Our 1 pm hour is now vacant, and our 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, and 2 pm hours need a second adorer. This is an incredible opportunity to give the many troubles and anxieties we have at a given moment to the hands of Our Lord and receive peace in their place.

Contact Rosemary Martin to sign-up (620-437-7031).



**Please prayerfully consider
stepping up to help make
our Parish Virtus Strong.**

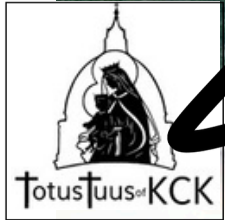
Sign up to go to training at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Emporia on August 26th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

More information is available on the table in the back of church.

Contact Kay Schmidt if you have questions. (620) 340-5638.



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2025



Gratitude to St. Joseph's Parishioners

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. Joseph for making this past week a success. We are especially grateful to those who volunteered, prayed for us, and joined us in prayer.

The youth of our parish dedicated the week to deepening their Catholic faith through various activities, including catechetical instruction, Christian witness, vocational discernment, Marian devotion, and Eucharistic worship.

Highlights of the Week

A few memorable moments included:

- Daily Mass
- Adoration
- Confession
- Small group sessions
- "Peel Banana" song
- A human sundae
- A water fight
- A shaving cream war
- Many shared meals

Feel free to connect with one of our younger parishioners to learn about their favorite moments from the week!





Father's Corner



The first element of eucharistic faith is the mystery of God himself, trinitarian love. In Jesus' dialogue with Nicodemus, we find an illuminating expression in this regard: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:16-17). These words show the deepest source of God's gift. **In the Eucharist Jesus does not give us a "thing," but himself; he offers his own body and pours out his own blood. He thus gives us the totality of his life and reveals the ultimate origin of this love. He is the eternal Son, given to us by the Father.** In the Gospel we hear how Jesus, after feeding the crowds by multiplying the loaves and fishes, says to those who had followed him to the synagogue of Capernaum: "My Father gives you the true bread from heaven; for the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world" (Jn 6:32-33), and even identifies himself, his own flesh and blood, with that bread: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (Jn 6:51). Jesus thus shows that he is the bread of life which the eternal Father gives to mankind.

Sacramentum Caritatis (Sacrament of Charity) by Pope Benedict XVI, §7

Last Sunday, I preached on how far God has (and does) lower himself for our sake. Knowing that more and more fully serves as motivation and strength to lower ourselves as far as we can imagine and then some. By this, we try to live in the manner that God loves: humbly. We also place ourselves in the environment where God's grace is given most fully.

One question that could come to mind is, *if God's emphasis is on lowering himself for our sake and our own emphasis should be to lower ourselves, then why is there so much invested in the things of the church? Why do we have ornate furnishings and expensive vessels and vestments?*

One thing that comes to mind is that the things of the church and the sanctuary are us appreciating how far God has lowered himself, and we want to do our best to make Him not have to go even farther for our sake. In other words, here is our best. Here is the greatest honor we can show you in gratitude to how far you have already humbled yourself for us.

The sanctuary is also the place where heaven and earth exist in the same space during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Man puts his greatest effort and talent into this space to communicate the reality of what is happening. The sanctuary can also be understood as the Holy of Holies we hear about in Exodus, Leviticus, and Hebrews. It can also be understood as the New Jerusalem we hear about in Revelation.

Even as we strive to offer God the best we can, it's still important for us to be grounded in the reality that "...the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength" (1 Corinthians 1:25).