


**NINETEENTH 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 &  
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 620-475-3326  
 st.joseph\_olpe@yahoo.com

**Administrative Assistant:**

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 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 08/11/25 - 08/17/25**

Michael Dieker

**Weekend Servers**

08/09: Volunteers Needed  
 08/10: Volunteers Needed  
 08/16: Volunteers Needed  
 08/17: Volunteers Needed

**Weekend Offertory Gift Bearers**

08/09: Volunteers Needed  
 08/10: Volunteers Needed  
 08/16: Volunteers Needed  
 08/17: Volunteers Needed

**Weekend Lectors/Ministers**

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  
 08/23: LeAnn Eberle  
 08/24: Rosemary Martin  
 Aaron Cole - 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 Mueting  
 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. 08/09: 5:00 pm For the Parish  
Sun. 08/10: 8:30 am +Charles Lutz  
  
Wed. 08/13: 7:25 am +Fred & Helen Windle  
Thurs. 08/14: 7:25 am +Gary Trear  
Fri. 08/15: 7:25 am +Ginny Kiser  
7:00 pm +Jim & Marie Kuhlmann  
Sat. 08/16: 5:00 pm Special Intention for Maya  
Bishop  
Sun. 08/17: 8:30 am For the Parish



**This Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 7:25 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**



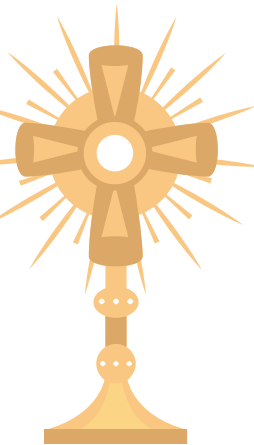
**Notice of Time Adjustments**

Beginning the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 pm - 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).



**Last Week's Collection:**

Envelopes (29)	\$ 1,435.00
Plate	326.00
Capital Improvements	45.00
Mission Coop	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,906.00</b>

**Hole-y Donuts Next Weekend!!**



**Next weekend we will be serving donuts, coffee, juice, and milk in the Parish Life Center after Sunday morning Mass. Please join us to enjoy good conversation with fellow parishioners.**

 **VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>** Please prayerfully consider stepping up to help make our Parish Virtus Strong.  
Excellence Builds Trust

Sign up to go to training at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Emporia on August 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Knights' News**



The August Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please come join in the discussion regarding upcoming events and activities. We hope to see you there!

The Council still has four (4) Religious Education tickets available at \$100 each. There are 25 prizes totaling \$96,000. St. Joseph and St. Mary's parishes will benefit from the sale of these tickets.

We also have ten (10) NFL Kraze tickets still available at \$20 each. Each ticket is good for the entire football season. \$500 in prizes is paid out each week.

Biscuit and Gravy breakfasts will begin in September. Thank you for your support!

# BBQ

- ✓ **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** Grab your friends and family, get those tickets **ASAP** from a committee member, and **JOIN US** in the **FUN** for **THE** largest fundraiser of our parish! Tickets go up to \$60 on AUGUST 22, and sales END AUGUST 27!!!! Contact:

Dave & Debbie Cole

Doug & Laurie Schmidt

Alex Kuhlmann

Les & Donna Farr

Kay Schmidt

Colby & Morgan Nuessen

Wade Schmidt

Derek Nuessen

- ✓ *If you would like to help out with supplies for our food, we could sure use the following: vinegar, onions, oil. We ALSO need tomatoes and cucumbers.* Contact Beth Skalsky at 620-437-6107 or Donna Farr at 620-475-3794.

**A FLOCKNOTE** was sent out last week for work list signup. Please check it out and sign up if you have something you would like to do; otherwise, assignments will be completed, and the work list will be published next weekend. If you **CANNOT** help, please let us know **THIS WEEK** before we finish the work list!

**We will be holding our AUCTION again this year during the BBQ and featuring donated items: ½ beef, 2 loads washed gravel, steak dinner for 8, cookies by Father Mersmann, and a golf package.**

**THANKS So Much to all who have contributed in any way, thus far! Again, this is OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISER for Our FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM & CCD PROGRAM, and we certainly appreciate any and all efforts!**

## The Assumption

Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious "harvest festival" in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven.

—Pius Parsch, *The Church's Year of Grace*

Let us pray....**Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen**





## Father's Corner



This last week we celebrated the feast of the Transfiguration. After Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John, Peter exclaims "*Lord, it is good that we are here.*" Yes it is. What a privilege these three men had to witness this moment, and, for a time, have every doubt cleared, every fear dissipated, every concern provided for. How quickly we forget these moments. God provides, God answers, God accompanies, and hopefully we give him thanks. As soon as that "high" wears off, though, we go back to ignoring the fact that God is still providing, accompanying, and sanctifying. Things go back to seeming normal, or our circumstances seem to decline and we begin to think we are far from God or unloved by God.

Experiences like those can either cause us to actually be far from God (and we often let them), but they can also strengthen our understanding of just how profound God's love is. Consider what was transfigured on Mt. Tabor. Consider what was brought to the right hand of the Father at the Ascension. Jesus' human nature. All of it. And with it, humanity itself. Our lowliness, our ordinary experiences, our sadness, our needs we think are unanswered - in a way, that was what was transfigured and made glorious.

We expect every moment of following Jesus to be like the moment of the Transfiguration. No doubt, no difficulty, no struggle; only peace and bliss. That was one moment for three privileged men at the Transfiguration, too. Shortly after that, Jesus began his Passion, and most of the apostles followed him in their own martyrdom. Those moments were full of anxiety and feeling the emphasis of what was missing.

Ordinary life is still a **real** mission for us. Doubts, fears, and concerns are all normal experiences. We can give them too much importance and let them take us away from God, or we can acknowledge that Jesus is present even in them, accompanying, sanctifying, and glorifying even in them.

**The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a figure of Him Who was to come, namely Christ the Lord. Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear. It is not surprising, then, that in Him all the aforementioned truths find their root and attain their crown.**

**He Who is "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15), is Himself the perfect man. To the sons of Adam He restores the divine likeness which had been disfigured from the first sin onward. Since human nature as He assumed it was not annulled, by that very fact it has been raised up to a divine dignity in our respect too. For by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like us in all things except sin.**

**As an innocent lamb He merited for us life by the free shedding of His own blood. In Him God reconciled us to Himself and among ourselves; from bondage to the devil and sin He delivered us, so that each one of us can say with the Apostle: The Son of God "loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20). By suffering for us He not only provided us with an example for our imitation, He blazed a trail, and if we follow it, life and death are made holy and take on a new meaning.**