


**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Behave humbly, and  
you will find favour  
with the Lord**

**Ecclesiasticus 3:18**

**Pastor:**

Fr. Anthony Mersmann  
pastor@sjolpe.org  
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. - 7:15 am  
The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @  
4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on  
Sunday mornings

**Confessions:**

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 6:30 am - 7:00 am  
Saturday - 3:30 pm - 4:30 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 09/01/25 - 09/07/25**

Karen Hayes

**Weekend Servers**

08/30: Volunteers Needed  
08/31: Volunteers Needed  
09/06: Volunteers Needed  
09/07: Volunteers Needed

**Weekend Offertory Gift Bearers**

08/30: Volunteers Needed  
08/31: Volunteers Needed  
09/06: Volunteers Needed  
09/07: Volunteers Needed

**Weekend Lectors/Ministers**

08/30: Jana Redeker  
08/31: Michael Ratcliff  
09/06: Jana Redeker  
09/07: Shirley Langley  
Barb Kuhlmann - Minister

**The priests of the Archdiocese will be  
on their annual convocation Sept. 22-  
25 just outside of St. Louis.**

**There will be no Mass, confession, or  
adoration in the church Sept. 22-25.  
Fr. Mersmann will return in time for  
6:30 am confessions and 7:15 am Mass  
on Friday, September 26th.**

**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  
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. 08/30: 5:00 pm For the Parish  
Sun. 08/31: 8:30 am +Glen & Georgia Haag

Wed. 09/03: 7:15 am +Sonny Wendling  
Thurs. 09/04: 7:15 am +John Markowitz  
Fri. 09/05: 7:15 am +Norman & Mary Dee Brinkman  
Sat. 09/06: 5:00 pm For the Parish  
Sun. 09/07: 8:30 am +Gerry Steffes  
+Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt



Pastoral Council is gathering updated parishioner information. Please use this QR code to access the Parishioner Info Update Form. There will be printed forms available soon if you'd rather complete a paper form. Please participate so that we can make sure our records are accurate. Thank you in advance for helping keep our parish information up-to-date.

## CCD News

**This is the week! Opening night of CCD and a parent meeting are this Wednesday, September 3rd, at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.**

**If you haven't already, please register your kids for this year's classes. We have some awesome things planned! Use this QR code or grab a form from the back of church. CCD calendars are available on the table in the church vestibule. You may have also received a link via text.**



### Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (25)	\$ 1,632.00
Plate	185.00
Parish Social Support	35.00
The Leaven	25.00
Mission Coop	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,887.00</b>



**NEXT Sunday, September 7, 2025**  
**@ 1:00 p.m.**  
**Training for Extraordinary**  
**Ministers of Holy Communion and**  
**Lectors**

This training is required for current EMHCs and lectors. New volunteers are always welcome! More dates will be available soon if you are unable to attend this one. Thank you!



### Knights' News



Biscuit and gravy breakfasts this coming month:  
September 14  
September 28  
Please join us for delicious food and great conversation!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**WANT SOME ONE-ON-ONE TIME WITH OUR LORD AWAY FROM THE BUSY-NESS OF YOUR DAY??** - We are still in need of volunteers to help fill our Wednesday adoration schedule. Of most importance is the vacant 1:00 p.m. hour. We also need a 2<sup>nd</sup> person for our 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, and 2 pm hours. 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. Please prayerfully consider signing up for an adoration spot on Wednesdays. Contact Rosemary Martin to sign-up (620-437-7031).





**Thanks so very much** to all who contributed in ANY way to the 55th annual BBQ for our Parish Family Life Program & CCD! Tickets are sold, food/supplies are purchased, auction items are ready and all we have to do now is PRAY for good weather and finish final preparations on Sunday.

PLEASE check the worklist; and if you CAN NOT work, please call Beth or Laurie ASAP! Thank you!

We have some great auction items! If you cannot attend the BBQ but are interested in one of these items, please contact a friend or someone you know that could bid for you! *½ beef; steak dinner for 8; load of washed gravel; cookies made by Father Mersmann; and a golf package for 4.*

You DO need to be present for the 50/50 raffle.



## OKTOBERFEST 2025

Prost to a Purpose! Join us in celebrating the amazing things happening at the Didde Catholic Campus Center with an Oktoberfest twist! Our annual benefit dinner has long supported the faith and formation of students—and this year, we are raising our steins once again. Enjoy hearty German fare, festive conversation, an awesome live auction item, and plenty of Gemütlichkeit (good cheer)!

October 4, 2025  
Didde Catholic Campus Center  
1415 Merchant St., Emporia, KS 66801

The evening begins with Mass at 5:30pm followed by a cocktail hour, dinner & program.

\$50/seat or \$400/table if paying by check or cash

\$60/seat or \$480/table for online purchases

Stop by the center, email [development@diddecenter.org](mailto:development@diddecenter.org) or call 620-343-6765 to reserve your seats today. RSVP by September 28, 2025

Make your reservation today! Didde Catholic Campus Center



## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED BINGO FUNDRAISER

The Walking with Moms in Need Group from St. Joseph - Olpe, St. Mary's - Hartford, Sacred Heart of Jesus - Emporia, St. Catherine's - Emporia, and the Didde Catholic Campus Center - Emporia are hosting a Bingo Night to benefit Shiloh House.

This event will be on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Emporia from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bingo prizes will be homemade food items.

This is the second year for this fundraiser, which is very much needed as a service to our the moms in our communities who are in need of additional support.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for tasty snacks and a fun evening of bingo for a worthy cause. Thank you!



# **Father's Corner**



## **The Pursuit**

We can't help but be in pursuit of something greater. It's written on our hearts by the creator of the universe. Whether it's remodeling our home, seeing your kids succeed at academics and athletics, or getting too competitive at family board games - fundamentally we know there's improvement to be made, something more incredible to be acquired.

*"Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified."*

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

On a very basic level, it's good for us to see that this is universal. This proof of God's design and plan for us is somehow visible in every human being, whether we acknowledge Him or not. This is evidence that we all have something essential in common. Even as we compete and fight with one another, somehow we're witnessing to something that is written in our nature.

Once we can name this reality, it's important for us to do some evaluating and examining: What am I actually pursuing? What's my goal here? The answers to those questions are key for us to understand if we are in the pursuit of something (or someone) actually great or if we're sacrificing family, relationships, and our own well-being for things that don't ultimately matter.

We are incredibly privileged as Christians and as Catholics to have the destination clearly marked and the Way (Jesus Christ himself) fully provided. He entered into our humanity, so that each and every day we are able to keep our eyes fixed on Him. Not only that, He has given us resources for every stage of the journey or race in the sacraments. The more we go to Him and take advantage of the sacraments, the more we are equipped.

First among those sacraments is the Eucharist, since in the Eucharist we have Jesus Himself humbly and fully given. He makes himself this accessible so that we access Him. Our pursuit needs to be Him who pursues us.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart."*

- Hebrews 12:1-3