



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
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Parish Office:

Hours:
Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm &
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Administrative Assistant:

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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
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K of C: Danny Schneider, (620) 794-5889
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Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin, (620) 475-3295
Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff, (214) 732-3813
St. Joseph School Endowment: Michael
Ratcliff, (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 09/29/25 - 10/05/25

Alan Nuessen

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

09/27: Jana Redeker
09/28: Michael Ratcliff
10/04: Jana Redeker
10/05: Shirley Langley
Barb Kuhlmann - EMHC
10/11: Jana Redeker
10/12: Cass Coughlin
Carolyn Cole - EMHC
10/18: Donna Bolen
10/19: Carolyn Cole
10/25: Leanne Eberle
10/26: Dan Schneider



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. 09/27: 5:00 pm +John Markowitz

Sun. 09/28: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 10/01: 7:15 am +Norman & Mary Dee Brinkman

Thurs. 10/02: 7:15 am +Juanita Bonebrake

Fri. 10/03: 7:15 am Living & Deceased Members of
the Wendling & Blaufuss
Families

Sat. 10/04: 5:00 pm +Gary Trear

Sun. 10/05: 8:30 am For the Parish

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (26)	\$ 1,288.00
Plate	453.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00

TOTAL

\$ 1,751.00



Knights' News



Join us this Sunday for our bi-monthly biscuits and gravy breakfast. It was great to see such a large crowd 2 weeks ago. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you all again!

We are progressing along on the restoration/revamping of the street lights and the interior lights of the church. More info to come. We have started to get pricing for our "coats for kids" project. We will purchase and distribute coats for needy children for winter. We are in the early stages of planning our annual stag in January. More to come on this. Our next meeting is October 15th.

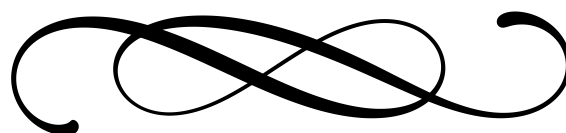
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

OCIA will be on Sundays from 2:00 - 3:30pm in the Parish Life Center beginning October 12th. Fr. Mersmann will be teaching the courses. Please reach out to Father if:

- You or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic.
- You yourself are interested in attending to learn more.
- You are interested in covering a specific topic.

VISITOR FROM OLPE, GERMANY

THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, AT 10:30 AM, VOLKER KOHLER, A NATIVE OF OLPE, GERMANY, WILL BE AT THE OLPE CITY HALL FOR A VISIT. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OLPE, KS AND SHARE ABOUT OLPE, GERMANY. ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED ARE INVITED TO ATTEND FOR SOME GOOD CONVERSATION.



A back-to-school celebration
- and -
welcome Fr. Mersmann

chili cook-off
cinnamon roll bake-off

*Chili & Sweet
Meet n' Greet - Oct. 1*

Doors open at 5:30 • Dinner at 6
Cash prizes awarded at 7

IT'S FINALLY HERE!! OUR CHILI N' SWEET MEET AND GREET IS THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING AT THE PARISH LIFE CENTER.

WE'LL HAVE THE DOORS OPEN BY 5:30 PM. EATING AND VOTING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. WITH THE WINNERS BEING ANNOUNCED BEFORE CCD AT 7:00 PM.

WE HOPE THERE WILL BE A LOT OF POTS OF CHILI AND PANS OF CINNAMON ROLLS TO SAMPLE. WE'LL ALSO BE SERVING CRACKERS, RELISHES, COFFEE, TEA, LEMONADE AND WATER. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN THE COMPETITION, PLEASE COME EAT AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT TURN OUT TO CELEBRATE A NEW CCD YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH AND OFFICIALLY WELCOME FR. MERSMANN TO OUR COMMUNITY.

FUTURE OF FAITH

Sacred Tools for Courageous Connection

Sacred Listening

Young people aren't rejecting the faith - they're wary of institutions that don't listen. Research shows the church must shift from speaking at to engaging with our youth today. This workshop explores how we, the church, can adapt.



Sept 28-29, 2025

3 locations



Sunday, Sept 28 1-3pm
St. Joseph, Nortonville



Sunday, Sept 28 530-730pm
St. Dominic, Holton



Monday, Sept 29 6-8pm
St. Francis Xavier, Burlington

UNDERSTANDING
THE ROOTS OF
DISTRUST

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CULTURES OF
LISTENING

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MONEY FOR YOUR
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DIDDE CATHOLIC
CAMPUS CENTER

Annual Benefit Dinner

presents

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 or call 620-343-6765 to reserve your seats today. RSVP by September 28, 2025

Make your reservation today! Didde Catholic Campus Center

RURAL YM OUTREACH & MEETING

ADORATION AND SHINDIG

ADORE + DANCE SMORES GAGA

OCTOBER 12

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 5-7PM

ST. JOSEPH, OLPE

306 IOWA STREET

ADMISSION IS FREE ALL AGES WELCOME
BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKET & A JACKET!
RAIN OR SHINE - CHECK WEBSITE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

WWW.ARCHKCK.ORG/RURAL
785-221-2644

JOIN US AT SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR THE

52nd Annual

MEXICAN SUPPER

- Bring the Family! -

Enjoy 2 Tacos, Rice, Chips & Salsa and Dessert
Advanced Donation: \$12 | At the Door: \$14

Friday, October 10, 2025 • 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dine-in • Carry Out • Drive Through

For Tickets Contact:
Sacred Heart School at 620-343-7394



SCAN FOR TICKETS



Father's Corner



From a Sermon on Pastors by Saint Augustine, Bishop

(Sermo 46,10-11: CCL 41, 536-538)

Prepare your soul for temptation

You have already been told about the wicked things shepherds desire. Let us now consider what they neglect. *You have failed to strengthen what was weak, to heal what was sick and to bind up what was injured*, that is, what was broken. *You did not call back the straying sheep, nor seek out the lost. What was strong you have destroyed.* Yes, you have cut it down and killed it. The sheep is weak, and so, incautious and unprepared, it may give in to temptations.

The negligent shepherd fails to say to the believer: *My son, come to the service of God, stand fast in fear and in righteousness, and prepare your soul for temptation.* A shepherd who does say this strengthens the one who is weak and makes him strong. Such a believer will then not hope for the prosperity of this world. For if he has been taught to hope for worldly gain, he will be corrupted by prosperity. When adversity comes, he will be wounded or perhaps destroyed.

The builder who builds in such manner is not building the believer on a rock but upon sand. *But the rock was Christ.* Christians must imitate Christ's sufferings, not set their hearts on pleasures. He who is weak will be strengthened when told: "Yes, expect the temptations of this world, but the Lord will deliver you from them all if your heart has not abandoned him. For it was to strengthen your heart that he came to suffer and die, came to be spit upon and crowned with thorns, came to be accused of shameful things, yes, came to be fastened to the wood of the cross. All these things he did for you, and you did nothing. He did them not for himself, but for you."

But what sort of shepherds are they who for fear of giving offense not only fail to prepare the sheep for the temptations that threaten, but even promise them worldly happiness? God himself made no such promise to this world. On the contrary, God foretold hardship upon hardship in this world until the end of time. And you want the Christian to be exempt from these troubles? Precisely because he is a Christian, he is destined to suffer more in this world.

For the Apostle says: *All who desire to live a holy life in Christ will suffer persecution.* But you, shepherd, seek what is yours and not what is Christ's, you disregard what the Apostle says: *All who want to live a holy life in Christ will suffer persecution.* You say instead: "If you live a holy life in Christ, all good things will be yours in abundance. If you do not have children, you will embrace and nourish all men, and none of them shall die." Is this the way you build up the believer? Take note of what you are doing and where you are placing him. You have built him on sand. The rains will come, the river will overflow and rush in, the winds will blow, and the elements will dash against that house of yours. It will fall, and its ruin will be great.

Lift him up from the sand and put him on the rock. Let him be in Christ, if you wish him to be a Christian. Let him turn his thoughts to sufferings, however unworthy they may be in comparison to Christ's. Let him center his attention on Christ, who was without sin, and yet made restitution for what he had not done. Let him consider Scripture, which says to him: *He chastises every son whom he acknowledges.* Let him prepare to be chastised, or else not seek to be acknowledged as a son.



HERE'S WHAT
FR. MERSMANN
HAS BEEN
LISTENING TO