



### TWENTY-SEVENTH 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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 620-475-3326  
 office@sjolpe.org

**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  
 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 10/06/25 - 10/12/25**

Karen Hayes

**Weekend Lectors/EMHCs**

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. 10/04: 5:00 pm +Gary Trear  
Sun. 10/05: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 10/08: 7:15 am +Ginny Kiser  
Thurs. 10/09: 7:15 am +Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt  
Fri. 10/10: 7:15 am Living & Deceased Members of  
the Leon & Ida Joy Brown  
Family

Sat. 10/11: 5:00 pm For the Parish  
Sun. 10/12: 8:30 am +Montana Cole  
+Norman & Mary Dee Brinkman



## Knights' News



The annual Tootsie Roll drive will be this weekend, October 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> after Masses. 80% of the funds stay to help locally. The other 20% goes to the State Special Olympics held in Hays, KS. Thank you for your contributions.

Knights members, mark your calendars for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Join us for our biscuits and gravy breakfast next Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 - 10:00 am. Thank you to all who attended our September breakfasts. We look forward to seeing all those who can come next Sunday.

## Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (26)	\$ 1,515.00
Plate	270.00
Capital Improvements	220.00
BBQ Donation	400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,405.00</b>

## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

OCIA begins next Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Parish Life Center.

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.

## WEEKLY RESOLUTIONS FOR Respect Life Month

What does it mean to be "pro-life"? It means being against abortion, assisted suicide, embryonic stem-cell research, human cloning, and any other practice that is an affront to the dignity of the human person. But being pro-life isn't just about being against things. Being pro-life means being for something. It means loving God's gift of life, and acting on that love.

Here are some actions that you can take this week:

- 1) Spiritually adopt a life threatened by abortion or euthanasia and pray for this person daily.
- 2) Love and delight in your own family today. Smile, bite your tongue, and listen to them.
- 3) Offer your Communion for the conversion of an abortion worker.



YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:	82,498	8,749	11,992	843,785	258,540
Seminarians					
Priests and Ordained					
Health Care					
Catholics					
Religious					

World Mission Sunday, coming up on October 19<sup>th</sup>, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. More information to come. Envelopes will be available next week.

# Congratulations

## September Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

09/01	Jackson McMullen	\$25
09/02	Jett Wagner	\$25
09/03	Courtney Sleezer	\$25
09/04	Gradey Pimple	\$25
09/05	Blake Fletcher	\$25
09/06	Gaby Coughlin	\$25
09/07	Daniel Coughlin	\$25
09/08	John Flott	\$25
09/09	Alyssa Ziglar	\$25
09/10	Bob Redeker	\$25
09/11	Charlie Haag	\$25
09/12	Charlotte Coble	\$25
09/13	Natalie Beckler	\$25
09/14	Francis Stevenson	\$25
09/15	Gradey Pimple	\$25
09/16	Les & Donna Farr	\$25
09/17	Sheila Broyles	\$25
09/18	Jordan Jones	\$25
09/19	Betty Lutz-Black	\$25
09/20	Olivia Ward	\$25
09/21	Maddie Blaufuss	\$25
09/22	Tausha Gasche	\$25
09/23	Maya Bishop	\$25
09/24	Debbie Cole	\$25
09/25	Stephanie Blaufuss	\$25
09/26	Hank Parks	\$25
09/27	Michelle Barnhart	\$25
09/28	Hunter Carlson	\$25
09/29 - St. Michael the Archangel	Jacob Miller	\$50
09/30	Cameron Hagemann	\$25

# Wow!

What a great turnout this past Wednesday at the Chili 'n Sweet Meet and Greet! The participation and the food were awesome! **THANK YOU** to all who cooked, baked, attended, helped set up, served food, cleaned up, and participated in any way. The event was a resounding success!

## Congratulations!

Winner of the Chili Cook-Off:  
Michael Ratcliff (\$100)  
Winner of the Cinnamon Roll  
Bake-Off: Phyllis Krueger (\$50)

RURAL YM OUTREACH & NEKTRAC

# 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 LAMN CHAIRS OR BLANKET & A JACKET!  
RAIN OR SHINE - CHECK WEBSITE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

WWW.ARCHCKCRG/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**



I've always liked how well the analogy of farming applies to God's grace at work in our lives. It's been easy to make the analogies so far in my priesthood, since I've been preaching to people who live in the big cities and suburbs. In this crowd, though, I'm a little hesitant. Most of you are real farmers, and it seems like I'm out of my league making these analogies to you experts. That being said, I'll keep analogies minimal in this column and stick with quoting Scripture directly.

This Sunday's Gospel has the line, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (Lk 17:6).

I'd like to point out that the mustard seed is an incredible image for grace. Grace is essentially given to us in seed form. Everything is contained in this gift for it to become something incredible in us. The mustard seed is especially fitting because "[i]t is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants" (Mt 13:32). The seed is the same in each of us, the same incredible grace is given to all of us in the Sacraments, so why does it grow so differently? Why are there such different results? What these incredible gifts do in our lives depends on our disposition. It depends on how we cultivate the grace; how we respond to the grace.

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear" (Mt 13:3-9).

Honestly, our first direction to look for how to cultivate this grace and how to have the correct disposition is the Blessed Virgin Mary. From her Immaculate Conception, she was full of grace. She cooperated with the grace of God every step of the way. She is the premier example of humility, obedience, and docility to the Holy Spirit - three qualities we should have at the top of our list of pursuits. What is more, she literally carried within her Jesus Christ in seed (embryonic) form. She was the first to cultivate the concrete presence of God that was within her.

In a way, we are tasked with being 'other Marys' - cooperating with the grace of God as fully as possible; fostering the presence of God within us, which we ourselves concretely have by Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist.



HERE'S WHAT  
FR. MERSMANN  
HAS BEEN  
LISTENING TO