



FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

**Pastor:**

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Hours:
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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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 Family Life: Kay Schmidt, (620) 475-3767
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 Finance Council: Kevin Flott, (620) 412-3275
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 Ratcliff, (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 11/10/25 - 11/16/25

Karen Hayes

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

11/08: Lily Skalsky - Lector
 Laurie Schmidt - EMHC
 11/09: Danny Schneider
 11/15: LeAnn Eberle
 11/16: Destiny Cole and
 Maren Ratcliff - Lectors
 Trish Markowitz - EMHC
 11/22: Cass Coughlin
 11/23: Rosemary Martin - Lector
 Aaron Cole - EMHC
 11/29: Jana Redeker
 11/30: Michael Ratcliff

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**Adoration will end at 5:45 p.m. on
 Wednesday, 11/12, and Wednesday,
 11/19, to accommodate server
 training that will begin at 6:00 p.m.
 each of those evenings.**

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**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. 11/08: 5:00 pm For the Parish
 Sun. 11/09: 8:30 am +Roudine Thomsen

Wed. 11/12: 7:15 am +Barbara Goetz
 Thurs. 11/13: 7:15 am +Charles Lutz
 Fri. 11/14: 7:15 am +Marvin & Sylvia and Steven Klumpe

Sat. 11/15: 5:00 pm For the Parish
 Sun. 11/16: 8:30 am +Louis & Bertha Trear

Congratulations

October Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

01/01 - St. Teresa Of Lisieux	John Musick	\$50
10/02	Addison, Brynlee & Tatum Jones	\$25
10/03	Cooper Miller	\$25
10/04	Cindy Kehres	\$25
10/05	Angie Bolz	\$25
10/06	Carrie Finnerty	\$25
10/07	Ty Gasche	\$25
10/08	Lisa Blow	\$25
10/09	Owen Coble	\$25
10/10	Alejandro Pena	\$25
10/11	Diana Kuhlmann	\$25
10/12	Carolyn Cole	\$25
10/13	Terry & Carol Taylor	\$25
10/14	Jake Cole	\$25
10/15	Lisa Blow	\$25
10/16	Mike Wecker	\$25
10/17	Adriana Weeden	\$25
10/18	Francis Redeker	\$25
10/19	Larry Haag	\$25
10/20	Kevin Brokaw	\$25
10/21	Ace Rogers	\$25
10/22	Chelsie Coble	\$25
10/23	Caydence Studer	\$25
10/24	Ace Dieker	\$25
10/25	Sarah DeBoer	\$25
10/26	Kolsen Hoelting	\$25
10/27	Jessica Galindo	\$25
10/28	Naomi Argenziano	\$25
10/29	Mason Pritchett	\$25
10/30	Gilbert Solis	\$25
10/31	Hope Miller	\$25

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (35)	\$ 2,345.00
Plate	437.00
Capital Improvements	110.00

TOTAL \$ 2,892.00



Knights' News



Upcoming Activities!

Sunday, 11/9/25 - Today is Biscuits and Gravy breakfast from 7:30 - 10:00 am. Please join us!

Wednesday, 11/19/25 - Knights' meeting @ 7 pm

Sunday, 11/23/25 - Biscuits and Gravy breakfast from 7:30 - 10:00 am.

Saturday, 1/24/26 - Annual Stag - Stay tuned for more information and the work list



4-H Sunday and Hole-y Donuts



The Happy Harvesters 4-H Club will celebrate 4-H Sunday at Mass next Sunday, November 16th. A reception for the 4-H families will be combined with our monthly Hole-y Donuts in the Parish Life Center following Mass. Please plan to attend to help celebrate our youth's community service and activities.

Parish Life Center Lottery Tickets On Sale Now!

Lottery tickets for the March 2026 - February 2027 season are now available for \$25 each! Please help spread the word to your family and friends.

These lottery tickets make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers, and birthday, anniversary, "thank you," or "just because" gifts as well. There are 999 tickets for sale. We have sold out the last couple of years! The proceeds support the Parish Life Center.

Tickets were issued to CCD families this week. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, you can contact one of them. You can also call Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the Parish Office.



AND...



ATTENTION: PARENTS OF CCD STUDENTS.....

Would you please help us out by signing up (yourselves and/or your children) to help with the Soup Supper/Bingo on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23** at the Knights Hall at 5:00 PM. Bingo will begin at 6:00 PM. We **ALSO** need food donations (see sign-up sheet) and Prize donations.

- ✓ Sign-up sheets through this week at CCD and in the back of church.
- ✓ Special Bingo games will be **CASH PRIZES**. Donations are appreciated!
- ✓ We **REALLY** would like this to be an event that the CCD PARENTS & STUDENTS can help with and attend.
- ✓ Please call Val Studer (620-366-1118) or Jessica Rogers (620-341-7337) if you have prizes to donate for the Bingo or Raffle.

Invite your friends and family! Let's make this a time of fun, faith, and renewal of fond memories for our parish **AND** community!

CHRISTMAS "ADVENT" URES HEY PARENTS!

St. Joseph Family Life Ministry is again providing an avenue for you to enjoy a "night out" and your kids to get a great start to ADVENT!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Parish Life Center 3:00-6:30 PM

AGES K-6th grade

PIZZA, movie, snacks/hot chocolate, crafts

This is a GREAT opportunity for parents to drop off your youngsters and enjoy a dinner date out or shop, etc. It will also coincide nicely with Advent Vespers which begin at 7:00 PM at the church.

Call Kay at 620-340-5638 to register your child!

Advent Vespers

St. Joseph Parish will be hosting Advent Vespers this year on Sunday, November 30th, at 7:00 p.m.. The pastors and congregations from the Olpe United Methodist and the Ebenezer Global Methodist churches will be our guests. There will be a reception in the Parish Life Center following the service. Please make plans to attend.

Thank you!

If you think it is brighter in the church sanctuary, it is! A hearty "THANK YOU" to the Knights of Columbus for covering the cost of new LED bulbs in the church's chandeliers.

The Knights also provided funding and labor to replace all the street light globes and bulbs on both sides of the street in front of the church/rectory and parish life center.

We appreciate all the ways that the Knights support our parish and community. Please tell a Knight "thank you" today!

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Olpe Community and St. Joseph's Parish for your generous canned food donations supporting the John & Frances Ice Food Pantry at Sacred Heart Church. Thanks to your kindness, our students collected more canned goods this year than last! Your support made this a wonderful event of fellowship and service — we truly appreciate your generosity.





Father's Corner



This Sunday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It was the first Christian basilica, and it was built in the 4th century immediately following the legalization of the Christian religion. Its full name is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. This basilica is considered the mother church of all the churches in the world. Many people would think that the Basilica of St. Peter is the parish church of the pope, but it is actually the Lateran Basilica. We know the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, the Vicar of Christ, to be the head of the Church. This is one major reason this Feast holds so much importance. One thing that this feast is meant to emphasize is that we are many churches and many people united to and centered around the Church in Rome. We all have living communities and parishes of our own, but we are connected as the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

We can apply what we know to be important about our own beautiful church to help us understand this Feast even more fully: What makes *our* church important?

- First, it is the concrete location that we find God. It is a true house of God, and God truly dwells within its walls.
- The architecture and imagery in the statues and stained glass windows teach us about the glory of God and the faith of the saints.
- Many of the same families that pray here today were instrumental in building this very church, and the men and women who pray at this church today have invested their own sweat and labor to keep up its incredible beauty.
- Everyone has invested their own presence, time, and resources into this space. This is where you have prayed in thanksgiving, in sorrow, in pain. It's where you have submitted in holy obedience and faith to give God his due praise on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

The church building is *where* we are fed, it is where God accompanies us most powerfully. This church is God's presence in our community.

Apply those sentiments and realities to the whole Church, and we can see why it is important to celebrate the dedication of our first church.

From a sermon by Saint Caesarius of Arles, bishop

(Sermo 229, 1-3: CCL 104, 905-908)

We have all been made temples of God through baptism

My fellow Christians, today is the birthday of this church, an occasion for celebration and rejoicing. We, however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their mother, for they know that through her they were reborn in the spirit. . . If we think more carefully about the meaning of our salvation, we shall realize that we are indeed living and true temples of God. *God does not dwell only in structures fashioned by human hands*, in homes of wood and stone, but rather he dwells principally in the soul made according to his own image and fashioned by his own hand. Therefore, the apostle Paul says: *The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.*

When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface that temple. For whoever does evil, does injury to Christ.

My fellow Christians, do we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple? Then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. I shall speak clearly, so that all can understand. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do you wish to find this basilica immaculately clean? Then do not soil your soul with the filth of sins. Do you wish this basilica to be full of light? God too wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: *I shall live in them, and I shall walk the corridors of their hearts.*