

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
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Rectory: 620-475-3420

Parish Office:

Hours:
Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am-Noon
620-475-3326
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Administrative Assistant:

Diana Kuhlmann
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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 11/24/25 - 11/30/25

Michael Dieker

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

11/22: Cass Coughlin
11/23: Rosemary Martin - Lector
Aaron Cole - EMHC
11/29: Jana Redeker
11/30: Michael Ratcliff

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**THE MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY,
NOVEMBER 27TH,**

WILL BE AT 10:00 AM.

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**THE MASSES ON DECEMBER 8TH,
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
WILL BE AT 7:15 AM & 7:00 PM.**

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**THERE WILL BE NO CCD AND NO
ADORATION THIS WEEK DUE TO THE
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

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**IN ALL
Things
GIVE
Thanks**

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin
Linda Barnard
Maya Bishop
Jeanette Reed Copeland
Vicki Dickson
Kauffman Dieker
Norman Geiger
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. 11/22: 5:00 pm For the Parish
Sun. 11/23: 8:30 am +Fred & Helen Windle

Wed. 11/26: 7:15 am +August & Helen Redeker
Thurs. 11/27: 10:00 am +Marie Haag
Fri. 11/28: 7:15 am NO MASS
Sat. 11/29: 5:00 pm Special intention for
Danny & Sheila Broyles
Sun. 11/30: 8:30 am For the Parish

Last Week's Collection:

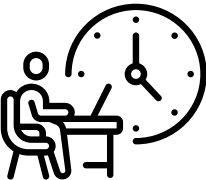
Envelopes (30)	\$ 2,195.00
Plate	284.00
Capital Improvements	130.00
Catholic Charities	40.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	25.00
My Christmas Offering	15.00
Campaign for Human Development	20.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,709.00



Knights' News



Biscuits and Gravy breakfast will be held this Sunday, November 23rd from 7:30-10:00 AM. Proceeds from these breakfasts benefit our Knights' charities. We certainly appreciate all donations and support and look forward to sharing time with our community members.



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Office will be open Tuesday, Noon - 3:00 and Wednesday, 8 a.m. - Noon this week. The office will be closed on Friday.



Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to donate towards the purchase of altar flowers for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please contact Donna at 620-475-3794 or Laurie at 620-343-0321 by December 22nd.

The suggested donation remains at \$25 this year.

We will collect donations for flowers after masses on Dec. 6/7 and Dec. 13/14.

Thanks to all for your kindness and generosity!

Church Cleaning



Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6th! Our semi-annual church cleaning will begin at 8:30am. We invite all able-bodied men, women, and youth to help make fast work of this task.

Let's all pitch in to beautify our church for the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of our parish with Archbishop McKnight and the Christmas season.



Choir practices for the Christmas season will begin next **Sunday, Nov. 30th** following Mass. If you are interested in joining the Choir, we'd love to have you!

Parish Life Center Lottery Tickets On Sale

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 have been issued to CCD families . 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.





SOUP SUPPER

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Sunday, November 23rd | Knights Hall

Soup at 5pm, Bingo at 6pm

The time has arrived! Come enjoy an evening of family fun! Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. with Bingo following at 6:00 p.m. There are lots of great prizes to win, including a quilt made by our Quilting Corner ladies.

There will also be a raffle with some wonderful prizes. Pop and snacks will be available.

Thank you to all who have made donations to make this event successful.



ADVENT VESPERS

Join us at St. Joseph for 7 pm Vespers on November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent, with members from Olpe United Methodist and Ebenezer Global Methodist churches.

Desserts and refreshments will be served at the Parish Life Center after the prayer service.

If you are interested in bringing a dessert, please contact Diana Kuhlmann.
620-794-1914.

CHRISTMAS “ADVENT” VESPERS



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.

Sign up on the sheet in the back of church by this weekend or text Kay at 620-340-5638 to register your child!

St. Joseph Parish's 150th Anniversary

As you may or may not know, this year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of our parish. Historically, we have celebrated the year of the dedication of our first church building (1885).

However, a parish is primarily a body made up of families and individuals. St. Joseph Catholic Parish was actually founded 10 years before a church was built (1875).

As a way to mark this powerful moment, and in order to show our connectedness to the larger Church, **Archishop**

McKnight will be celebrating the

8:30am Mass on Sunday, December 14th.

Please plan to attend (and invite anyone you know that has not been to St. Joseph in a while).

6:30-7am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
7-9pm Thursdays
8-10am Saturdays

7pm December 10th

To simplify, happy Solemnity of Christ the King, happy almost Advent. Stop doing so much.