



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**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  
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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 01/19/26 - 01/25/26**

Karen Hayes

**Weekend Servers**

01/17: Lilly Lienemann, Sarah Soyez  
 01/18: Augusta McGee, Sawyer McGee, Bryer McGee  
 01/24: John Musick, Noah Nunley  
 01/25: Kaleb Arnold, Bryce Weeden, Ace Dieker

Just a reminder that if your child is unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

**Weekend Lectors/EMHCs**

01/17: Lilly Skalsky  
 01/18: Shirley Langley  
 Barb Kuhlmann - EMHC  
 01/24: Jana Redeker  
 01/25: Lilly Skalsky



**St. Joseph Prayer List**

Collins Baldwin  
 Linda Barnard  
 Maya Bishop  
 Jeanette Reed Copeland  
 Donna Dains  
 Vicki Dickson  
 Kauffman Dieker  
 Norman Geiger  
 Susan Haag  
 Sylvia Haag  
 Darren Heins  
 Kenneth Langley  
 Debbie Markowitz  
 Brian Martin  
 Sylvia Miller  
 Shea Muetting  
 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

**Navy:**

Grace Coughlin

**Air Force:**

Megan DePauw

**Army National Guard:**

Sgt. Mason Harmon

**Mass Intentions:**

Sat. 01/17: 5:00 pm +Jerry & Doris Redeker

Sun. 01/18: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 01/21: 7:15 am +Abbi Markowitz

Thurs. 01/22: 7:15 am +Gary Trear

Fri. 01/23: 7:15 am +August & Helen Redeker

Sat. 01/24: 5:00 pm For the Parish

Sun. 01/25: 8:30 am +Chad Blow

**Hole-y Donuts**

**This Sunday**, January 18<sup>th</sup>, donuts and beverages will be served in the Parish Life Center following Mass. Please plan to attend and enjoy a light breakfast and good fellowship.

**Knights' News**

The Knights will be serving their warm biscuits and gravy breakfast **next** Sunday, January 25th, from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. Please join us.

The next Knights of Columbus meeting is **this Wednesday**, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

The annual Stag is just one week away, next Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Stag tickets are still available for purchase. There is a limited number being sold so get yours before they're gone! For tickets, contact me at 620-794-5889. I will also have them available at this weekend's Hole-y Donuts following Sunday morning Mass.

Sincerely,  
- *Danny Schneider*,  
Grand Knight

**Mark your Calendar**  
The Cemetery Endowment Annual Meeting will be held at the Knights' Hall on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

**Last Week's Collection:**

Envelopes (27)	\$ 1,670.00
Plate	239.00
Christmas Offering	100.00
The Leaven	50.00
Church in Latin America	10.00

**TOTAL**

**\$ 2,069.00**



*Congratulations*

to our new catechumens:  
**Morgan & Brandon Haney**  
**Libby Hoelting**  
**Samantha Barnhart**  
*May God bless you on your faith journey!*

**Plan to Attend**

We will welcome Archbishop Shawn McKnight for the celebration of Mass on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> since he was unable to celebrate Mass commemorating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish with us on December 6<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled. He will not be able to stay long after Mass because he will be heading to Burlington. All parishioners are encouraged and invited to attend Mass and meet him.

**Parish Life Center Lottery Tickets Update**

You can still get the 2026-2027 lottery tickets by contacting Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the Parish Office. They are available for \$25 each! Please help spread the word to your family and friends.

They make great gifts for any occasion. The new season begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

THANK YOU to all who have been selling and/or purchasing tickets for the new season!

*Thank You*

*A big thank you to all the ladies who worked and donated food for Duane's funeral. It was much appreciated by all. Thank you and God's blessings.*

*The Duane Schmidt Family*

## The Chocolate Touch



Seniors of the parish and anyone interested! Please join us for "The Chocolate Touch" on Wednesday, February 11 from 6:00-7:00 pm as Elementary CCD classes unite to make Valentines cards for area nursing home residents. We will have all the chocolate and supplies! We just need YOU! Please join us for this CCD project.

## Calling all 2nd Grade CCD Parents

Father Mersmann will have a mandatory meeting for all 2nd grade CCD parents to discuss the upcoming Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Please meet Father in the church on **Wednesday, February 11th**, at 6:00 p.m. You may join your child in the Parish Life Center afterwards to help make Valentines at The Chocolate Touch event.

First Reconciliation is Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, during CCD class. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kay Schmidt (620) 340-5638 or Laurie Schmidt (620) 343-0321.

Thank you for your support as your children receive these very important sacraments.

## Around the Archdiocese



9 Days for Life  
Novena

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com!](http://9daysforlife.com)



Retrouvaille  
Healing Marriage  
Weekend

If you are interested in Retrouvaille or have any questions, please feel free to contact Brian (620) 343-5186 or Kay (620) 340-5638 Schmidt.

Retrouvaille helps couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. This program works to improve communication and help couples reconnect.

Retrouvaille presenters are not trained as marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

Retrouvaille's comprehensive 3-phase program has been a lifeline for hurting marriages. 48 years of success with marriages that are on the verge of divorce. 95% of couples recommend the program after completing the initial weekend and follow-up phases of the program.

January 23-25, 2026 - Registration closes Jan 21, 2026  
Questions? Call 816-679-4356 or email [Retrokc@gmail.com](mailto:Retrokc@gmail.com)  
Registration: [www.retrokc.com](http://www.retrokc.com)



# Father's Corner



**From a Letter to the Ephesians by Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr**  
 (Nn. 2, 2-5, 2: Funk 1, 175-177)

*The harmony of unity*

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow disciple. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop—in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds—how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.