



### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Pastor:

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#### Parish Office:

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  
*Rosary at 4:35pm Saturdays & 8:05am Sundays*

#### Confessions:

Wednesday - Friday 6:30-7am  
 Saturday - 3:30-4:30 pm  
 Upon Request

#### Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am-7:00 pm

#### 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 02/02/26 - 02/08/26

Michael Dieker

#### Weekend Servers

01/31: Chloe Arndt, Emma Flott,  
 02/01: Megan Barnhart, James Nunley,  
 Aiden Dreier, Isaac Arnold,  
 Raylon Ratcliff  
 02/07: Destiny Cole, Tripp Gasche  
 02/08: Taitlyn Cole, Kaufmann Dieker,  
 Rynlea Heins  
 02/14: Gradey Pimple  
 02/15: Raylon Ratcliff, Rowan Krueger  
 Maybelle Krueger  
 02/21: Caroline and Cody Traffenstedt  
 02/22: Maren Ratcliff, Lydia Weeden  
 Taylor Herrman

*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

01/31: LeAnn Eberle  
 02/01: Cass Coughlin  
 02/07: Jana Redeker  
 02/08: Danny Schneider  
 02/14: LeAnn Eberle  
 02/15: Greg Markowitz  
 Trish Markowitz - EMHC  
 02/18: Greg Markowitz (7:15 a.m.)  
 Trish Markowitz - EMHC (7:15 a.m.)  
 Cass Coughlin (7:00 p.m.)  
 02/21: Donna Bolen  
 02/22: Lily Sklalsky  
 02/28: Jana Redeker  
 03/01: Shirley Langley  
 Barb Kuhlmann - EMHC

#### 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 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

#### Navy:

Grace Coughlin

#### Air Force:

Megan DePauw

#### Army National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

**Mass Intentions:**

Sat. 01/31: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Wendling & Blaufuss Families

Sun. 02/01: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 02/04: 7:15 am +Fred & Helen Windle

Thurs.02/05: 7:15 am +Chad Blow

Fri. 02/06: 7:15 am +Ida Joy Brown and +Ricky Hammond, Jr.

Sat. 02/07: 5:00 pm +Montana Cole

Sun. 02/08: 8:30 am For the Parish

**Lenten Book Club**

Ladies, if you're interested in participating in the Lenten Book Club, please sign up this week so that books can be ordered.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of church. You can also call Kay Schmidt at (620) 340-5638.



**Knights' News**



Thanks to everyone who attended, donated to, and especially worked the Knights' Stag. Thank you to the Chicken House for frying the fish. Because of all of you, the event was a big success.

We will be serving up our delicious, warm biscuits and gravy breakfast **next** Sunday, February 8th from 7:30-10:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to share some quality time with fellow parishioners and community members! Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights Hall.

Sincerely,  
~ *Danny Schneider*,  
Grand Knight

**Message for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade CCD Parents**

February 11<sup>th</sup> is the parent meeting for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Please meet Fr. Mersmann in the church at 6pm

First Reconciliation is Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Last Week's Collection:**

Envelopes (12)	\$ 585.00
Plate	192.00
Capital Improvements	110.00
Church in Latin America	55.00
The Leaven	50.00
Social Support	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,027.00</b>

- ☒ The **Cemetery Endowment** Annual Meeting will be held at the Knights' Hall on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
- ☒ The **St. Joseph School Endowment** Annual Meeting will be held at the Knights' Hall on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**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!

**The Chocolate Touch**

Seniors of the parish and anyone interested! Please join us for "The Chocolate Touch" on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in the PLC from 6:00-7:00 pm as our youngest CCD classes come together 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.

**plan ahead for the . . .**

*Spring Picnic* **April 26<sup>th</sup>**



# A BIG WELCOME TO Archbishop McKnight

We are privileged to be joined this  
Sunday by our new shepherd,  
Archbishop Shawn McKnight.

He is here to mark  
the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the founding of our parish.



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“Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.”

– Matthew 5:8

Please keep our new  
Catechumens  
in your prayers!

Samantha Barnhart  
Libby Hoelting  
Brandon and Morgan Haney



Please also keep in prayer  
the newest members  
of the Church:

Cohen Nuessen  
Adeline Schneider  
Brinley Metzger  
Averi Prock



# Father's Corner



## **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land**

“He here calls all loftiness of soul and temper spirit; for as there are many humble against their will, constrained by their outward condition, they have no praise; the blessing is on those who humble themselves by their own choice. Thus He begins at once at the root, pulling up pride which is the root and source of all evil, setting up as its opposite humility as a firm foundation. If this be well laid, other virtues may be firmly built thereon; if that be sapped, whatever good you gather upon it perishes.” -St. John Chrysostom

## **Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted**

“Those that mourn, that is, not loss of kindred, affronts, or losses, but who weep for past sins.” -St. Hilary

“When you have done thus much, attained both poverty and meekness, remember that you are a sinner, mourn your sins, as He proceeds, Blessed are they that mourn. And it is suitable that the third blessing should be of those that mourn for sin, for it is the Trinity that forgives sin.” -St. Ambrose

“Otherwise; mourning is sorrow for the loss of what is dear; but those that are turned to God lose the things that they held dear in this world; and as they have now no longer any joy in such things as before they had joy in, their sorrow may not be healed till there is formed within them a love of eternal things. They shall then be comforted by the Holy Spirit, who is therefore chiefly called, The Paraclete, that is, ‘Comforter;’ so that for the loss of their temporal joys, they shall gain eternal joys.” -St. Augustine

## **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied**

“It is not enough that we desire righteousness, unless we also suffer hunger for it, by which expression we may understand that we are never righteous enough, but always hunger after works of righteousness.” -St. Jerome

## **Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy**

“The reward here seems at first to be only an equal return; but indeed it is much more; for human mercy and divine mercy are not to be put on an equality.” -St. John Chrysostom

## **Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God**

“They are foolish who seek to see God with the bodily eye, seeing He is seen only by the heart, as it is elsewhere written, ‘In singleness of heart seek ye Him;’ (Wisd. 1:1.) the single heart is the same as is here called the pure heart.” -St. Augustine

## **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God**

“The blessedness of the peacemakers is the reward of adoption, they shall be called the sons of God. For God is our common parent, and no other way can we pass into His family than by living in brotherly love together.” -St. Hilary

## **Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.**

“Wonder not if you do not hear ‘the kingdom’ mentioned under each beatitude; for in saying shall be comforted, shall find mercy, and the rest, in all these the kingdom of heaven is tacitly understood, so that you must not look for any of the things of sense. For indeed he would not be blessed who was to be crowned with those things which depart with this life.”

-St. John Chrysostom

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