



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Pastor:**

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
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Direct office: 620-261-8954
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Parish Office:

Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am - Noon
620-258-6030
office@sjolpe.org

Administrative Assistant:

Diana Kuhlmann
diana@sjolpe.org
620-258-6031 or 620-794-1914

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 02/09/26 - 02/15/26

Phyllis Krueger

Weekend Servers

02/07: Destiny Cole, Tripp Gasche
02/08: Taitlyn Cole, Kaufmann Dieker,
Rynlea Heins
02/14: Gradey Pimple, Isaac Arnold
02/15: Raylon Ratcliff, Rowan Krueger
Maybelle Krueger
02/21: Caroline and Cody Traffenstedt
02/22: Maren Ratcliff, Lydia Weeden
Taylor Herrman
02/28: Amber Soyez, Caydence Studer
03/01: Bexley Smith, Griff Studer

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

02/07: Jana Redeker
Laurie Schmidt - EMHC
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 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. 02/07: 5:00 pm +Montana Cole

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

Wed. 02/11: 7:15 am +Duane Schmidt

Thurs. 02/12: 7:15 am +Arthur Didde

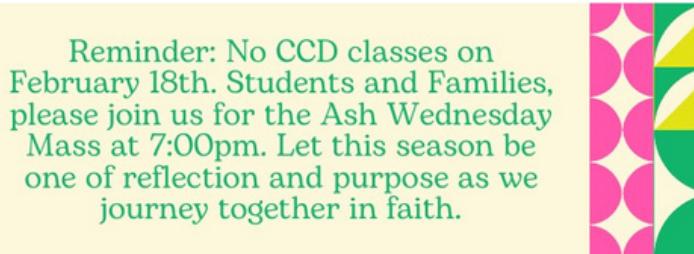
Fri. 02/13: 7:15 am +Leona Hoelting

Sat. 02/14: 5:00 pm +John Blaufuss

Sun. 02/15: 8:30 am For the Parish

CCD News

A reminder to 2nd Grade CCD Parents that **this Wednesday, February 11th, is the parent meeting for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist.** Please meet Fr. Mersmann in the church at 6:00 pm.



The Chocolate Touch

Seniors of the parish and anyone interested! **Please join us this Wednesday**, February 11th in the PLC from 6:00-7:00 pm **for the "Chocolate Touch**" 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.



The second graders will make their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers!

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (12)	\$ 1,401.00
Plate	795.00
Capital Improvements	20.00
The Leaven	350.00

TOTAL

\$2,566.00



Knights' News

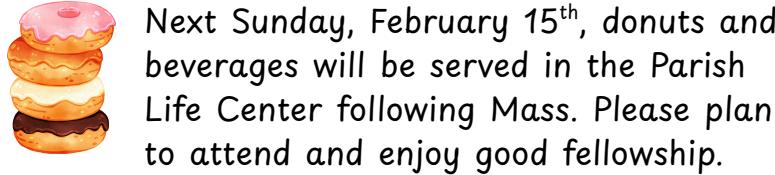


We will be serving up our delicious, warm biscuits and gravy breakfast **this Sunday, February 8th** from 7:30-10:00 am. Come share some quality time with fellow parishioners and community members! Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights Hall. A Knights of Columbus insurance agent will be present for any one who has questions or would like to speak to him.

Sincerely,
~ *Danny Schneider*,
Grand Knight

Donut Sunday



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who cleared sidewalks, steps, parking areas, and other trafficked areas during our last snow storm. Your acts of kindness do not go unnoticed!



The **St. Joseph School Endowment** Annual Meeting will be held at the Knights' Hall on Sunday, February 22nd at 9:30 am.

plan ahead for the . . .

Spring Picnic **April 26th**



Lent and Triduum Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday

7:15am - St. Joseph
6:00pm - St. Mary
7:00pm - St. Joseph



Holy Thursday

7:00pm - St. Joseph

Good Friday

3:00pm - St. Joseph
6:00pm - St. Mary

Easter Vigil

8:00pm - St. Joseph

Easter Sunday

8:30am - St. Joseph
10:00am - St. Mary

**“ You are the
LIGHT OF THE WORLD.”**
—— Matthew 5:14



PARISH LIFE CENTER LOTTERY



Only 3 weeks until the new drawing season begins!

907 tickets have been sold! There are only 92 left to reach our 999 ticket goal. We sold out last year and hope to do the same this year! Remember that there are 365 chances to win! The grand prize is \$750 on the Feast of St. Joseph (March 19th). Daily winnings are \$25 each. There is a special drawing each month ranging from \$50 - \$200.

If you haven't yet purchased your tickets, please contact Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the Parish Office.

These lottery tickets make great birthday, anniversary, "thank you," or "just because" gifts. The proceeds support the Parish Life Center.

THANK YOU! to all who have sold and/or purchased tickets.

Lenten fish fry & stations of the cross

**March 27th
5:30 - stations
6:00 - dinner**

Congratulations

January Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

01/01 - Mary, Mother of God	Arlene Redeker	\$50
01/02	Michelle Barnhart	\$25
01/03	Lisa Blow	\$25
01/04	Lisa Blow	\$25
01/05	Nic & Shelby Irick	\$25
01/06	Dax Stoneburner	\$25
01/07	Bob Barnhart	\$25
01/08	Lisa Blow	\$25
01/09	Jake Hodges	\$25
01/10	Matt Thomas	\$25
01/11	Dee Langley	\$25
01/12	Evan Radwanski	\$25
01/13	Les & Donna Farr	\$25
01/14	Terry & Carol Taylor	\$25
01/15	Mike Heins	\$25
01/16	Courtney Ward	\$25
01/17	Tim & Mary Ingoldsby	\$25
01/18	Lisa Blow	\$25
01/19	Cora Miller	\$25
01/20	William Barnhart	\$25
01/21	Jessica Galindo	\$25
01/22	Kaden Lohrentz	\$25
01/23	Barbara DeBoer	\$25
01/24	Augusta McGee	\$25
01/25	William Barnhart	\$25
01/26	Gradey Pimple	\$25
01/27	Kathy Redeker	\$25
01/28	Tom Langley	\$25
01/29	Charlie Haag	\$25
01/30	Angela Adams	\$25
01/31	Michael Mitchell	\$25



Father's Corner



The image on the front cover of the bulletin is from the city of Bethsaida, where Peter, Andrew, Philip, James, and John were from. I took this photo on January 1, 2020.

The city sits on a hill just northeast of the Sea of Galilee. Many fishermen were from this city. They would travel downhill to the sea, and after catching their fish, they would place the fish in salt to preserve them before bringing them back up the hill to their local market.

The apostles that heard Jesus speak what we hear in today's gospel would have immediately seen the connection to their hometown.

It's incredible to realize Jesus is speaking concretely into their lives and their experiences. This isn't an isolated reality, either. He desires to do the same for us.

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

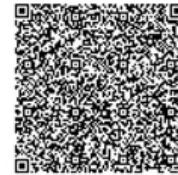


*Would you like to read and pray
alongside Fr. Mersmann
this Lent?*

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