

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Pastor:**

Fr. Anthony Mersmann  
pastor@sjolpe.org  
Direct office: 620-261-8954  
Rectory: 620-475-3420

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



Reminder: No CCD classes on February 18th. Students and Families, please join us for the Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00pm. Let this season be one of reflection and purpose as we journey together in faith.



The Chocolate Touch

Seniors of the parish and anyone interested! **Please join us this Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,566.00</b>



Knights' News



We will be serving up our delicious, warm biscuits and gravy breakfast **this** Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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



Next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, donuts and beverages will be served in the Parish Life Center following Mass. Please plan to attend and enjoy good fellowship.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am.

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## 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

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## 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."

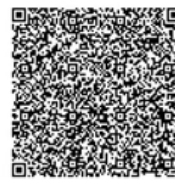


*Would you like to read and pray  
alongside Fr. Mersmann  
this Lent?*

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