

MARCH 1, 2026



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Pastor:

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Parish Office:

Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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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
Outreach: Arlene Redeker (620) 475-3414
Finance Council: Kevin Flott (620) 412-3275
Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin (620) 475-3295
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Michael Ratcliff, (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 03/02/26 - 03/08/26

Arlene Redeker

Weekend Servers

02/28: Amber Soyez, Caydence Studer
03/01: Bexley Smith, Griff Studer
Maren Ratcliff
03/07: Brylee Johnson, Zachary Jones
03/08: Chloe Arndt, Thomas Arnold,
Cooper Barnhart
03/14: Maylee and Daylen Ballinger
03/15: Isaac Arnold, Ava Rudolph,
Daniel Coughlin
03/21: Lilly Lienemann, Sarah Soyez
03/22: Augusta, Sawyer & Bryer McGee
03/28: John Musick, Noah Nunley
03/29: Kaleb Arnold, Bryce Weeden,
Ace Dieker

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

02/28: Jana Redeker
03/01: Shirley Langley
Barb Kuhlmann - EMHC
03/07: LeAnn Eberle
03/08: Dan Schneider
03/14: Jana Redeker
03/15: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC
03/21: Lilly Skalsky
03/22: Cass Coughlin
03/28: LeAnn Eberle
03/29: 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
Jenna Moyer
Shea Mueting
James Nunley
Todd Orear
Twyla Owen
Olivia Pimpl
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Norma 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. 02/28: 5:00 pm +August Redeker
 Sun. 03/01: 8:30 am For the Parish
 Wed. 03/04: 7:15 am +George Markowitz and
 +Claude Schultz
 Thurs.03/05: 7:15 am +Arthur Didde
 Fri. 03/06: 7:15 am +Ida Joy Brown and
 +Ricky Hammond, Jr.
 Sat. 03/07: 5:00 pm For the Parish
 Sun. 03/08: 8:30 am +Abbi Markowitz



Knights' News



We will be serving our delicious, warm biscuits and
 gravy breakfast **next** Sunday, March 8th from 7:30-
 10:00 am. Please join us!
 Sincerely,
- Danny Schneider,
 Grand Knight

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (26)	\$ 1,480.00
Plate	704.75
Social Support	35.00
The Leaven (8)	200.00
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	50.00
Black & Indian Mission	58.00
TOTAL	\$2,527.75



As a *Walking with Moms in Need* parish, during this
 season of Lent until Palm Sunday, St. Joseph
 parishioners are invited to give a gift of diapers (sizes 5
 - 7) or wipes that will be delivered to the Shiloh House
 of Hope. Please leave your gifts in the back of church.
 As always, your generosity is much appreciated by
 those seeking services from Shiloh House. Thank you!!

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hartford
Soup Feed & Raffle

Sunday, March 1st, 2026
11:30AM - 1:30PM

Hartford Community Building
117 Commercial St., Hartford, KS

SOUP SELECTIONS:

Beef & Noodle, Potato, Vegetable, Chili,
 Creamy Cheddar Broccoli, Sauerkraut/Sausage Stew

SIDES

Veggie Trays and Warm Dinner Rolls

DESSERTS

Pies, Cakes, and Cinnamon Rolls

PRICES

Free Will Donation

THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR LOTS OF
WONDERFUL PRIZES! Raffle Tickets are \$1 each
and can be purchased at the dinner or ahead of time
from St. Mary's Parishioners

***Stations
of the Cross***

5:00 pm on Fridays during Lent

Father will be going right from here to St. Mary for
 6:00 pm Stations there. St. Mary's 6:00 pm. Stations
 are followed by soup dinner every Friday. Anyone is
 welcome to join us there.

St. Joseph's Stations and Dinner will be on March 27th.
 5:30 pm Stations and 6:00 pm dinner.



- Friday, March 20, 2026 - 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall for Bingo sponsored by Walking with Moms in Need
- Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall for ProLife Display - check out website for more info - AfterMathKS.com

WE HAVE MERCH!

1st round of orders due 3/20



Represent St. Joseph wherever you go
 AND look cool doing it.



CCD News



Congratulations

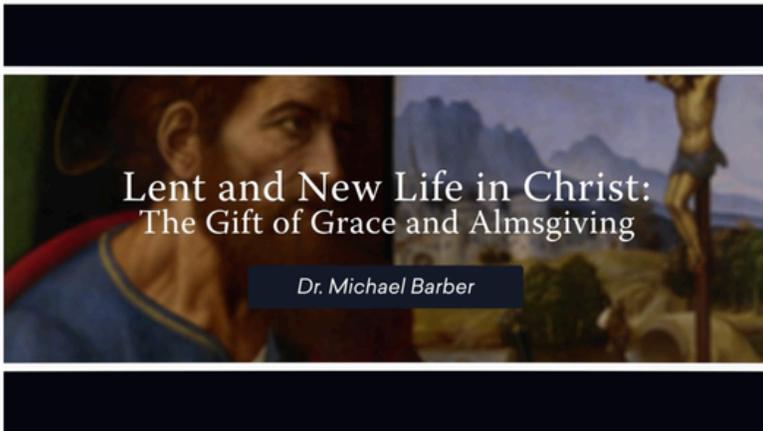
To our 2nd graders
who made their
first reconciliation
this past week,
God bless you all!

Totus Tuus dates have been set for June 7th-12th.

Dear CCD Families

Lent is here—a beautiful season to grow closer to God together! Keep an eye out for our weekly FlockNotes filled with simple, meaningful Lenten resources, reflections, and activities to help your whole family walk this journey of faith side by side. Let's make this Lent a time of prayer, love, and renewal—for students, parents, and families alike!

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Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



RECONCILIATION THIS LENT

Don't put it off any longer.
God wants to give you incredible things.

Wed-Fri 6:30-7am
Sat 8-9am
Sat 3:30-4:30pm

Holy Week Mass Schedule



Palm Sunday

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

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

If you want to maximize your chances of winning, get your lottery tickets this week....

• Only 29 tickets remaining
• \$25 each

Daily drawings for \$25, special drawings each month ranging from \$50-\$200, and a grand prize of \$750 on the Feast of St. Joseph (March 19th).

Contact Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the parish office.



A BIG THANK YOU to Cory Haag and his crew for cleaning out the ditch on the west side of our Parish Life Center! We appreciate your help and generosity! It looks great!



Father's Corner



From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope

(Sermo 51, 3-4. 8: PL 54, 310-311. 313)

The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendor that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.* Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us.* In another place he says: *You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfill exactly, through the presence of these five men, the text which says: *Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified.* What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: *The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised.

When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: *This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

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