



MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY



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 4:35 pm Saturdays & 8:05 am Sundays

Confessions:

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 6:30-7:00 am
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
Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff (214) 732-3813
St. Joseph School Endowment:
Michael Ratcliff (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 03/30/26 - 04/5/26

Karen Hayes

Weekend Servers

03/28: John Musick, Noah Nunley
03/29: Kaleb Arnold, Bryce Weeden,
Ace Dieker
04/02: (7:00 p.m.) James Nunley, Raylon
Ratcliff, John Musick,
Maren Ratcliff
04/03: (3:00 p.m.) Alisa Skalsky, Noah
Nunley, Adriana Weeden
04/04: (8:00 p.m.) Raylon Ratcliff, Isaac
Arnold, Thomas Arnold, Aiden
Dreier

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

03/28: Carolyn Cole, Donna Bolen;
Carolyn Cole - EMHC
03/29: Shirley Langley, Rose Martin;
Barb Kuhlmann - EMHC
04/02: Donna Bolen, Shirley Langley;
Donna Bolen - EMHC
04/03: Dan Schneider, LeAnn Eberle
04/04: Cass Coughlin, Michael Ratcliff,
Maren Ratcliff, Jana Redeker;
Cass Coughlin, Michael Ratcliff, &
Jana Redeker - EMHCs
04/05: Greg Markowitz, Rose Martin;
Laurie Schmidt, Rose Martin &
Trish Markowitz - EMHCs

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
Twyla Owen
Olivia Pimpl
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Norma Redeker
Ken Schade
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Jackie Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Audra Steen
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. 03/28: 5:00 pm +Patty Pickert
 Sun. 03/29: 8:30 am For the Parish

 Wed. 04/01: 7:15 am +Jim Kuhlmann, Sr.
 Thurs.04/02: 7:00 pm Priest's Intention
 Fri. 04/03: NO MASS
 Sat. 04/04: 8:00 pm For the Parish
 Sun. 04/05: 8:30 am +Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (29)	\$ 1,334.00
Plate	514.05
Catholic Relief Services	30.00
Social Support (3)	105.00
Easter Flowers	280.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,263.05

EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to donate towards Easter altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Laurie (620-343-0321) or Donna (620-475-3794) by **April 1**. The cost remains at \$25. We will also be collecting for flowers after Masses **this weekend, March 28/29**. God bless you for your generosity!

Knights' News

Our next biscuits and gravy breakfast will be served on Sunday, April 12th from 7:30-10:00 am.

The April meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00. Another degree ceremony will also be that evening.

Congratulations and thank you to the following:
 February Knight of the Month - Kevin Rodgers
 February Family of the Month - Doug & Laurie Schmidt
 March Knight of the Month - Kyle Barnhart
 March Family of the Month - Alan & Machel Nuessen

Sincerely,
- Danny Schneider,
 Grand Knight

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

CCD News

- Upcoming Dates:
- April 8th - NO CCD
 - April 29th - Last night of CCD classes



Plan to send your kids to Totus Tuus which will be held Sunday through Friday, June 7th-12th. We will be combining with Sacred Heart this year because of parish demand for missionary teams. The daytime program will be at Sacred Heart.

St. Joseph will host the evening program.

Women's Spirituality Conference

April 18

St. Thomas More | Utopia Room
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration is now open!
Scan the QR code for the brochure or to sign up

Regular Registration \$50
 Late Registration \$55
 after April 10
 Students (HS/College) \$20



Just a reminder that during this season of Lent **until Palm Sunday (this weekend)**, 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. If you would rather make a monetary contribution, you may drop it in the offertory basket in an envelope marked "Shiloh House" this weekend. As always, your generosity is much appreciated by those seeking services from Shiloh House. Thank you!!

To the amazing families with young kiddos:

- I want to do everything I can to encourage your children's presence with you during Mass. I argue that your time *together* at Mass as a family unit is the most important in every way.
- With that, if you ever feel bad that your child makes noise, **please don't**; it is proof of life, which everyone at St. Joseph should acknowledge as something beautiful. If you ever are made to feel poorly because of your children's participation or noise, I would like to know immediately.
- The pews near the confessional seem especially nice for young kids, since they can see more clearly what is happening, and the staircase on the side gives access to two restrooms and our chapel, if you need a more private space.
- At least during Lent, I have asked Michelle not to do the children's liturgy. It has been difficult for me to dismiss young kids and have them miss out on a good portion of what the Church Herself wants for them to hear and be a part of. The Liturgy of the Word during Lent and Easter is the most clear and powerful, too. Going full-circle, I promise any difficulty it costs for you and your children to be together for the entire Mass is 100% worth the investment. I am more than grateful that you all are here.

SPRING PICNIC

**Sunday, April 26th
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
at the Parish Life Center**

What can you do??

- Bring your family and enjoy time together.
- Bring a side dish (veggies, salads, etc.) or a dessert to share.
- Got a fun yard game, bring it too.

Pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans are being provided.

If you would like to donate ingredients or \$, please call the rectory number 620-475-3420 or email office@sjolpe.org to find out what items are still needed.

Pro Life Event

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Emporia there will be a Pro Life Display - check out the aftermathks.com website for more information.



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Father's Corner



From a sermon by Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop

(Oratio 9 in ramos palmarum: PG 97, 990-994)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, *above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named*, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: *He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets*. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens - the proof, surely, of his power and godhead - his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel*.