



MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
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Parish Office:

Wed. 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 - 5:00 pm
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620-475-3326
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Administrative Assistant:

Diana Kuhlmann
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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 - 6:00 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 05/25/26 - 05/31/26

Phyllis Krueger

Weekend Servers

05/23: James & Noah Nunley
05/24: Raylon Ratcliff, Rowan Krueger,
Maybelle Krueger
05/30: Caroline & Cody Traffenstedt,
05/31: Adriana, Lydia & Bryce Weeden
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

05/23: Lilly Skalsky
05/24: Michael Ratcliff
05/30: Jana Redeker
05/31: Dan Schneider

The Parish Office will not be open this week, 5/25 - 5/31. If you need to meet with Fr. Mersmann, please call his office or the rectory.

Thank you.

Fr. Mersmann will be gone and there are no sacraments and no adoration:
June 1-5
June 22-26
July 6-10
July 20-24

St. Joseph Prayer List

- Collins Baldwin
- Linda Barnard
- Maya Bishop
- Jeanette Reed Copeland
- Donna Dains
- Vicki Dickson
- Kauffman Dieker
- Sherry Elmenhorst
- Norman Geiger
- Susan Haag
- Sylvia Haag
- Darren Heins
- Kenneth Langley
- Daniel Markowitz
- Debbie Markowitz
- Brian Martin
- Sylvia Miller
- Jenna Moyer
- Shea Mueting
- James Nunley
- 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
- Lt. Colonel Jacob Haag
- Navy:**
- Grace Coughlin
- Air Force:**
- Megan DePauw
- Army National Guard:**
- Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 05/23: 5:00 pm For the Parish
 Sun. 05/24: 8:30 am +Kenny & Imogene Schmidt

 Wed. 05/27: 7:15 am +Chad Blow
 Thurs. 05/28: 7:15 am +Louis & Bertha Trear
 Fri. 05/29: 7:15 am +Seraphin & Anna Wendling
 Sat. 05/30: 5:00 pm +Dorothy Schmidt
 Sun. 05/31: 8:30 am For the Parish

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (26)	\$ 1,580.00
Plate	713.00
Capital Improvements	85.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	65.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,443.00

Parish giving (tithing) is now possible through Flocknote! There's a 3% fee St. Joseph pays for credit card donations, but ACH deposit fees are only 1%. Please prayerfully consider making a regular contribution to our awesome parish.

All of you that already do, I don't thank you nearly enough.

Fr. Mersmann

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DON'T MISS OUT

Orders due 6/10

Represent St. Joseph wherever you go AND look cool doing it. Several styles and colors to choose from.



Knights' News



Officers for our new fraternal year, effective July 1, have been elected as follows:

- Grand Knight - Danny Schneider
- Deputy Grand Knight - Steve Kuhlmann
- Secretary - Steve Redeker
- Treasurer - Greg Markowitz
- Finance Secretary - Kevin Rodgers

Thank you to our past year's officers and to our new officers for stepping into these leadership roles. A **BIG "THANK YOU"** to Les Barnhart for his MANY years serving as Financial Secretary and then as Treasurer this past year! We appreciate your service! We also welcome Greg Markowitz as our new Treasurer.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following for their service to our organization:

- May Knight of the Month: Eric Schreiner
- May Family of the Month: Les & Michelle Barnhart
- May Friends of the Knights: Exercise Ladies

Sincerely,

~ Danny Schneider,

Grand Knight

Coming soon!

**June 7th - 11th
 for 7th - 12th graders
 June 8th - 12th
 for 1st - 6th graders**



Don't forget to get your students registered. There are forms available in the back of church and at the parish office. **Please have registrations in by June 1st.** We will be combining with Sacred Heart this year. The daytime program will be at Sacred Heart. St. Joseph will host the evening program.



We are in need of more Virtus-trained adults in our parish. At this time we need Virtus-trained adults to help chaperone retreats like Prayer and Action, Confirmation, Totus Tuus, to teach or be a substitute teacher for CCD, or even drive students to events.

There will be a Virtus training session at Sacred Heart this Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30 pm to approximately 9:30 pm in their parish hall.

Pre-registration is required prior to attending the training session. This can be completed on the Virtus website, www.virtusonline.org. Please arrive before 6:30 pm as there is no late admittance once the program has begun. If a participant is under 18 years of age, a parent must attend with the youth or a permission slip must be completed prior to the session or signed when the youth arrives for the session.

Currently, there are five participants who have pre-registered for the training session. A total of 10 are needed to hold a session.



ST. JOSEPH BBQ 2026

Our 56th annual BBQ will be on Sunday, September 6, 2026 at Hoeltings' Grove.

GATES open at 5:00 pm. Your \$50 ticket includes beer/setups from 5:00 pm - 12:00 am, BBQ beef meal, a 50/50 raffle, live auction, & dancing to the band "BRICKHORSE" from 8:00 pm - 12:00 am.

We would LOVE to have you support this event by participating as a donor! This is especially useful if you cannot join us this year---- PLUS your name will be prominently displayed at the BBQ, on Facebook, and on our website before & after the BBQ in local media! *Deadline for donations is AUGUST 10th.* The levels are:

BRONZE - \$100 SILVER - \$250 GOLD - \$500 PLATINUM-\$1,000 & over

To be included as a DONOR, contact one of the following BBQ committee members:

Dave & Debbie Cole

Les & Donna Farr

Derek Nuessen

Colby Nuessen

Wade Schmidt

Kay Schmidt

Doug & Laurie Schmidt

We will be using paperless tickets again this year and we are encouraging all to contact one of the committee members ASAP or use the following QR code to purchase tickets and/or donate.



You must be 21 to attend AND ALL TICKETS are ADVANCED SALES!

THIS is our **LARGEST** fundraiser for our parish! If you have participated in OR had kids or grandkids that have participated in one of our parish events that are funded by the BBQ, you will know first-hand how important this fundraiser is for the viability of our Parish Life and CCD Programs! We would **LOVE** to have your attendance and/or financial support.



Father's Corner



From the treatise *Against Heresies* by Saint Irenaeus, bishop

(Lib. 3, 17. 1-3: SC 34, 302-306)

The sending of the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.



Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.

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