



JULY 5, 2026

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Pastor:**

Fr. Anthony Mersmann  
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**Parish Office:**

Wed. 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
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**Administrative Assistant:**

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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  
Tues 5-5:30pm (St. Catherine)  
Thurs 5-5:30pm & 6-7pm (St. Catherine)

**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 07/06/26 - 07/12/26**

Alan Nuessen

**Weekend Servers**

07/04: Lilly Lienemann, Ace Dieker  
07/05: Augusta, Bryer, & Sawyer McGee  
07/11: Megan Barnhart, Noah Nunley  
07/12: Kaleb, Isaac, & Thomas Arnold  
07/18: Alisa Sklasky, Tripp Gasche  
07/19: Taitlyn Cole, Rynlea Heins,  
Amber Soyez

07/25: Caroline & Cody Traffenstedt  
07/26: Adriana, Bryce, & Lydia 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**

07/04: Donna Bolen  
07/05: Cass Coughlin  
07/11: Jana Redeker  
07/12: Dan Schneider  
07/18: Carolyn Cole  
07/19: Greg Markowitz  
Trish Markowitz - EMHC  
07/25: Jana Redeker  
07/26: Lilly Skalsky

**St. Joseph Prayer List**

Collins Baldwin  
Linda Barnard  
Maya Bishop  
Jeanette Reed Copeland  
Donna Dains  
Vicki Dickson  
Kauffman Dieker  
Sherry Elmenhorst  
LeAnn Eberle  
Norman Geiger  
Susan Haag  
Sylvia Haag  
Darren Heins  
Delores Heins  
Kenneth Langley  
Daniel Markowitz  
Debbie Markowitz  
Brian Martin  
Sylvia Miller  
Jenna Moyer  
Shea Muetting  
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. 07/04: 5:00 pm +Ginny Kiser  
 Sun. 07/05: 8:30 am For the Parish  
 Wed. 07/08: 7:15 am No Mass  
 Thurs. 07/09: 7:15 am No Mass  
 Fri. 07/10: 7:15 am No Mass  
 Sat. 07/11: 5:00 pm For the Parish  
 Sun. 07/12: 8:30 am +Larry Kehres

### Last Week's Collection:

#### 06/27-28/2026:

Envelopes (29)	\$ 1,537.00
Plate	237.00
Peter's Pence	145.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,919.00</b>

**Fr. Mersmann will be gone and there are no sacraments and no adoration this week, July 6 -10, and also July 20-24.**

### GIFT BEARER SIGN UP

If you are interested in carrying gifts at the weekend Masses, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church. Please indicate if you have a preference between Saturday evening and Sunday morning. You can also call or email the parish office. The list will begin being published in the bulletin in the next few weeks. Thank you for your service!



### Knights' News



Congratulations to our June Friends of the Knights - Dale Baker and Jeff Hinrichs. For years they have provided the fish for our annual stag and we are very appreciative.

Our monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,  
 ~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

### Message from the Cemetery Committee

A friendly reminder that any flowers that have not been relocated by July 6th will be removed. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter so that we can continue to care for our cemetery.

Thank you!



LeAnn Eberle has been transferred to Madonna Hospital in Nebraska to undergo therapy to regain lower body movement following her accident in mid-June. Please pray for a full recovery.

If you would like to send her a card of encouragement, her address is:

Madonna Hospital  
 c/o LeAnn Eberle  
 Unit S1, Rm S2  
 Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

If you prefer, you can also send cards, etc. to Kathy Stevenson at 956 Road M, Olpe, KS 66865 and she will deliver them.

Thank you!

## Congratulations

### June Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

06/01	Carol Flott	\$25
06/02	Brian Flott	\$25
06/03	Cheyenne Sage	\$25
06/04	Peggy Wendling	\$25
06/05	Lisa Blaufuss Blow	\$25
06/06	Autumn Carlson	\$25
06/07	Dana Cole	\$25
06/08	Eric P. Brinkman	\$25
06/09	Lily Hayes	\$25
06/10	Andrew Martin	\$25
06/11	Blake Skalsky	\$25
06/12	Donna Farr	\$25
06/13 - St. Anthony of Padua	Lynn Redeker	\$50
06/14	Cole Carlson	\$25
06/15	Elaine Musick	\$25
06/16	Mike & Lisa Cole	\$25
06/17	Averi Prock	\$25
06/18	Blake Skalsky	\$25
06/19	Grace Kerwin	\$25
06/20	Ruth Hug	\$25
06/21 - Father's Day	Donna Farr	\$200
06/22	Lisa Blaufuss Blow	\$25
06/23	Faith Miller	\$25
06/24	Mike Prock	\$25
06/25	Amanda Miller	\$25
06/26	Ryan Schmidt	\$25
06/27	Donna Farr	\$25
06/28	Angela Nunley	\$25
06/29	Eric & Lynnette Schreiner	\$25
06/30	Thomas Barnhart	\$25



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

**St. Joseph BBQ committee is still looking for someone to help with vegetable and bread preparation for the BBQ AND we will also gladly accept offers to help sell tickets!**

**If you can spare just a few hours to help us out, please call Laurie at 620-343-0321 or ANY of the committee members listed below. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!!**



*Please use this QR code or the envelope included in the July/August packet you received in the mail to purchase your ticket AND/OR donate to the BBQ!*

*AGAIN, donor levels are \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$1,000.*

**Our committee members are:**

**Dave & Debbie Cole, Les & Donna Farr, Derek Nuessen, Colby and Morgan Nuessen, Wade Schmidt, Kay Schmidt, Doug & Laurie Schmidt.**



*Artwork by Jason Jenicke*

## Sacred Heart Enthronement

*use the link below to access the free image and the ceremony itself.*



As part of our Renewal from the Heartland, Archbishop Shawn McKnight invites all throughout the Archdiocese to consider enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes and renewing their trust in Christ's love and mercy.

This invitation takes on a special significance with the U.S. Bishops' historic consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that occurred on June 11, in anticipation of America's 250th anniversary.

We are also invited to respond personally by placing the Sacred Heart at the center of our homes and family life.



## Father's Corner



From the sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop

(Serm. 19,2-3:CCL 41, 252-254)

*A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit*

*I acknowledge my transgression*, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: *I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me*. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts upon himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it, in burnt offerings you will take no delight*. But continue to listen, and say with David: *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart*. Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers, you would have made offerings of cattle - these were the sacrifices. *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it*. These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

*You will take no delight in burnt offerings*, David says. If you will not take delight in burnt offerings, will you remain without sacrifice? Not at all. *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart*.

You now have the offering you are to make. No need to examine the herd, no need to outfit ships and travel to the most remote provinces in search of incense. Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? You have the reply: *Create a clean heart in me, O God*. For a clean heart to be created, the unclean one must be crushed.

We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him. In some measure then you will be in harmony with God's will, because you find displeasing in yourself what is abhorrent to your Creator.



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## Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

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