



JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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:

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Sacristan 07/13/26 - 07/19/26

Karen Hayes

Weekend Servers

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

07/11: Jana Redeker
07/12: Dan Schneider
07/18: Carolyn Cole
07/19: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC
07/25: Jana Redeker
07/26: Cass Coughlin

Fr. Mersmann will be gone

July 20-24.

**There are no sacraments
and no adoration
that week.**

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 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. 07/11: 5:00 pm For the Parish
- Sun. 07/12: 8:30 am +Larry Kehres
- Wed. 07/15: 7:15 am +Duane Schmidt
- Thurs. 07/16: 7:15 am +Charles Lutz
- Fri. 07/17: 7:15 am +Fred & Helen Windle
- Sat. 07/18: 5:00 pm For the Parish
- Sun. 07/19: 8:30 am +Louis & Bertha Trear

Last Week's Collection:

07/04-05/2026:

Envelopes (33)	\$ 1,423.00
Plate	274.00
Peter's Pence	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,742.00

Donut Sunday is Next Weekend



Please plan to join us in the Parish Life Center following Sunday Mass next weekend, July 19th, for donuts, beverages, and good conversation.

Looking ahead, we are still needing small groups (2 -3 people) or families to sign up for serving Sunday donuts. We have assistance through November. We are needing help yet in December and beyond.

Please consider this as a way to become more involved in the life of our parish with very little time commitment. **Thank you to those who have already volunteered!**

GIFT BEARER SIGN UP

There is still plenty of room to sign up for carrying gifts at the weekend Masses. Please use the 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 serving our Parish in this way!

Knights' News

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

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

Mark YOUR Calendar **For Next Saturday, July 18th**

6:00 AM - MIDNIGHT OLPE, KANSAS JULY 18, 2026

OLPE DOWNHOME DAYS 2026

ORDER OF EVENTS

6:00 AM	Bike Ride Check-In - OLPE JONES PARK @ INFO BOOTH	CAR SHOW REGISTRATION
6:30 AM	Breakfast - OLPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (ends at 9:30 AM)	
7:00 AM	Bike Ride - OLPE JONES PARK	BIKE RACE REGISTRATION
7:00 AM	5K Run/Walk Check-In - OLPE JONES LAKE	
7:30 AM	5K Run/Walk - OLPE JONES LAKE	FUN RUN REGISTRATION
8:30 AM	Kids' Fishing Derby - OLPE JONES PARK POND (ages 0 - 6 years)	
9:00 AM	Cornhole Tournament - OLPE JONES PARK SOUTH SHELTER HOUSE	VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION
9:00 AM	Face Painting - OLPE JONES PARK (ends at 12 PM)	
9:30 AM	Kids' Fishing Derby - OLPE JONES PARK POND (ages 7 - 12 years)	THIS ACTIVITY EARNS YOUR CHILD A FREE MECHANICAL BULL RIDE
10:00 AM	Car & Tractor Show - OLPE SCHOOLS (ends at 2:30 PM with parade exit)	
10:00 AM	Cake Walk - OLPE JONES PARK SOUTH SHELTER HOUSE	THIS ACTIVITY IS A PASSPORT WRISTBAND PRIZE REQUIREMENT
10:30 AM	Kids' Games in the Park - OLPE JONES PARK	
11:00 AM	Volleyball Tournament - NEW GYM	
11:00 AM	Lions Club Lunch - OLPE JONES PARK	
11:30 AM	Kids' Coin Search - OLPE JONES PARK (ages 3-5, 6-9, 10-12)	
2:30 PM	Parade Line-Up - IN FRONT OF OLPE SCHOOLS	
3:00 PM	Parade - DOWNTOWN OLPE	
5:00 PM	Olpe Fire Department BBQ Dinner - OLPE FIRE STATION	
6:00 PM	Wacky Kids Games - DOWNTOWN OLPE	
6:45 PM	Bed Races - DOWNTOWN OLPE (teams of 6, must have 2 adults, minimum age 5 yrs old)	
7:00 PM	Kids' Prize Drawings - DOWNTOWN OLPE	
8:00 PM	Adult Prize Drawing - DOWNTOWN OLPE	
8:15 PM	Service Men & Women Appreciation Ceremony - DOWNTOWN OLPE	
8:30 PM	Street Dance - DOWNTOWN OLPE (ends at 12:00 AM)	
8:30 PM	Mechanical Bull - DOWNTOWN OLPE (1 st ride free with earned ticket, odd#1 rides \$1)	

Don't forget to buy your child a passport wristband at the interactive booth. This year kids up to 12 yrs old can earn a prize by completing all wristband activities.

REMINDED

Parish giving (tithing) is 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.

Thank you to those who already give on a regular basis. I don't thank you nearly enough.

Fr. Mersmann
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ST. JOSEPH BBQ – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Our 56th annual BBQ will be on Sunday, September 6, 2026, at Hoeltings' Grove. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Your **\$50 ticket** includes beer/setups from 5 pm to 12:00am, appetizers, BBQ beef meal, dessert, & dancing to live band "Brickhorse" from 8:00-12:00.

We would LOVE to have you support this event by participating as a DONOR. This is especially useful if you are NOT able to join us this year ---- PLUS your name or business would look WONDERFUL on our Donor Posters and Magnets! *Deadline for donations is AUGUST 15.* The levels this year are as follows:

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

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

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

We will be using paperless tickets again this year and we are encouraging previous ticket holders to contact one of the committee members ASAP or purchase using the following QR code:



You must be 21 to attend and ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY!!!

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 firsthand how important this fundraiser is for the viability of our Religious Ed and Parish Life Programs! Hope to see you there!

ADDITIONALLY, MANY "THANKS" to Kathy Orear and Linda Haines, who have so graciously volunteered to coordinate our food preparation. We are very grateful to you!



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 beginning of the treatise *On the Mysteries* by Saint Ambrose, bishop

(Nn 1-7: SC 25 bis, 156-158)

Catechesis on the rites preceding baptism

We gave a daily instruction on right conduct when the readings were taken from the history of the patriarchs or the maxims of Proverbs. These readings were intended to instruct and train you, so that you might grow accustomed to the ways of our forefathers, entering into their paths and walking in their footsteps, in obedience to God's commands.

Now the season reminds us that we must speak of the mysteries, setting forth the meaning of the sacraments. If we had thought fit to teach these things to those not yet initiated through baptism, we should be considered traitors rather than teachers. Then, too, the light of the mysteries is of itself more effective where people do not know what to expect than where some instruction has been given beforehand.

Open then your ears. Enjoy the fragrance of eternal life, breathed on you by means of the sacraments. We explained this to you as we celebrated the mystery of "the opening" when we said: *Effetha, that is, be opened*. Everyone who was to come for the grace of baptism had to understand what he was to be asked, and must remember what he was to answer. This mystery was celebrated by Christ when he healed the man who was deaf and dumb, in the Gospel which we proclaimed to you.

After this, the holy of holies was opened up for you; you entered into the sacred place of regeneration. Recall what you were asked; remember what you answered. You renounced the devil and his works, the world and its dissipation and sensuality. Your words are recorded, not on a monument to the dead but in the book of the living.

There you saw the levite, you saw the priest, you saw the high priest. Do not consider their outward form but the grace given by their ministries. You spoke in the presence of angels, as it is written: *The lips of a priest guard knowledge, and men seek the law from his mouth, for he is the angel of the Lord almighty*. There is no room for deception, no room for denial. He is an angel whose message is the kingdom of Christ and eternal life. You must judge him, not by his appearance but by his office. Remember what he handed on to you, weigh up his value, and so acknowledge his standing.

You entered to confront your enemy, for you intended to renounce him to his face. You turned toward the east, for one who renounces the devil turns toward Christ and fixes his gaze directly on him.

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