

JULY 19, 2026



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor:

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Wed. 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 - 5:00 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
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

Sacristan 07/20/26 - 07/26/26

Arlene Redeker

Weekend Servers

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

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



**Fr. Mersmann will be gone
this week, July 20-24.
There are no sacraments
and no adoration
this 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	Brian Martin
Darren Heins	Walt Mersmann
Delores Heins	Sylvia Miller
Kenneth Langley	Jenna Moyer
Daniel Markowitz	Shea Mueting
Debbie Markowitz	James Nunley
Jaxson Markowitz	Olivia Pimpl
	Mrs. Ken Redeker
	Norma Redeker
	Ken Schade
	Richard Scheve
	Danny Schmidt
	Jackie Schmidt
	Greg Schonhardt
	Vicki Stark
	Audra Steen
	Francis Stevenson
	Carol Taylor
	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.	07/18:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	07/19:	8:30 am	+Louis & Bertha Trear
Wed.	07/22:	7:15 am	No Mass
Thurs.	07/23:	7:15 am	No Mass
Fri.	07/24:	7:15 am	No Mass
Sat.	07/25:	5:00 pm	+Cody Cole
Sun.	07/26:	8:30 am	For the Parish



Donut Sunday is This Weekend

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

We are still seeking 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!**



Knights' News



Thank you to all the men who attended our July monthly meeting. Your participation is appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following for their service to our organization:

Knight of the month: Thayne Schmidt
Family of the month: Michael & Cassie Dieker

At this time there are still eight (8) Religious Education lottery tickets available at \$100 each. The drawing is December 5, 2026. The winnings are:

- 1 - \$30,000 prize
- 1 - \$10,000 prize
- 6 - \$5,000 prizes
- 9 - \$2,000 prizes
- 8 - \$1,000 prizes

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Please contact Danny Schneider for tickets.

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

Last Week's Collection:

07/11-12/2026:

Envelopes (27)	\$ 1,620.00
Plate	337.86
Capital Improvements	50.00
Social Support	35.00
BBQ	925.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,967.86

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
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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!

GIFT BEARER SIGN UP

If you are willing to carry Offertory 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 August. Thank you for serving our Parish in this way!

REMINDER

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**GATES OPEN
THIS YEAR AT 5:00 P.M.**

★ **MORE ACTIVITIES** ★

INCLUDING A BOYS AND GIRLS RUN, BOYS AND GIRLS BABY CRAWL,
SKYDIVERS, HOT DOG RUN, BALLOON BUST AND MORE!



★ BOYS & GIRLS
RUN ★



★ BOYS & GIRLS
BABY CRAWL ★



★ SKYDIVERS ★



★ HOT DOG RUN ★



★ BALLOON BUST
AND MORE! ★

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THE EVENT IS FREE! ★ DONATIONS ACCEPTED ONLINE OR AT THE GATE.

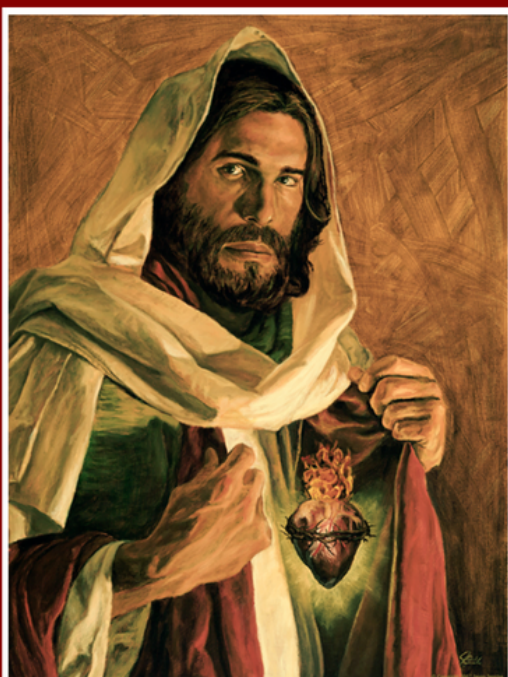
★ NOTE A FEW CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR... ★

- ⚾ Gates open earlier at **5:00 p.m.**
- ⚾ Restroom facilities will be available once the gates open.
- ⚾ Concessions available at **5:00 p.m.**
- ⚾ Get in early for kids events starting at **5:20 p.m.**
- ⚾ No one will be allowed inside the ballpark before **5:00 p.m.**
- ⚾ Donation boxes available inside the gates or you can donate online - all to benefit the seminarians.
- ⚾ Clear bags are required to enter.
- ⚾ First pitch will be at **6:30 p.m.** this year!
- ⚾ Each fan can bring in 1 unopened 16 oz. bottle of water.
- ⚾ Lots of activities between innings!

STATEMENT REGARDING THE KANSAS ELECTIONS FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AMENDMENT

The upcoming August vote regarding whether to return the Kansas Supreme Court judicial selection process to a popular vote is a significant decision for our state. While the Church does not take a position on the outcome of this ballot measure, it does encourage all Catholics to embrace their civic responsibility by participating in this important vote, grounding their decision in Catholic principles and a well-formed conscience. I also encourage respectful and charitable dialogue, especially when opinions differ. May our participation in this election be prayerful, guided by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the dignity of every human person, and a witness to the love of Christ.

Most Reverend Shawn McKnight
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas



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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 a letter to the Magnesians by Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr
(Nn. 1,1-5, 2: Funk 1, 191-195)

We should be Christians in deed, as well as in name

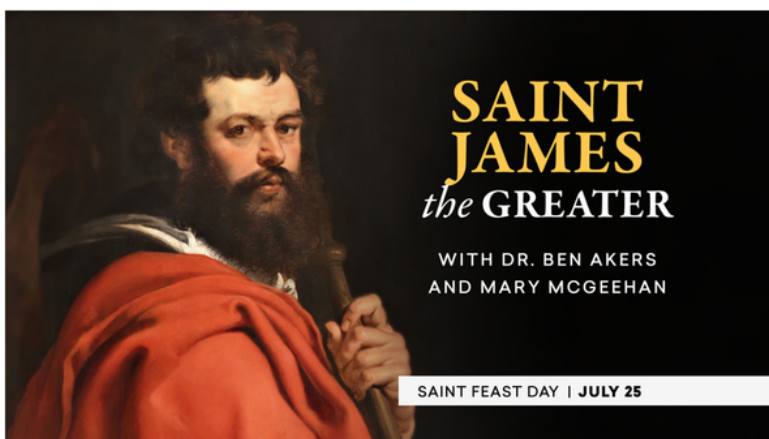
Ignatius, also called Theophorus, to the church at Magnesia on the Maeander, a church blessed with the grace of God the Father in Christ Jesus, our Saviour, in whom I salute you. I send you every good wish in God the Father and in Jesus Christ. I was delighted to hear of your love of God, so well-ordered and devout, and so I decided to address you in the faith of Jesus Christ. Honoured as I am with a name of the greatest splendour, though I am still in chains I sing with the praises of the churches, and pray that they be united with the flesh and the spirit of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal life; a union in faith and love, to which nothing must be preferred; and above all a union with Jesus and the Father, for if in him we endure all the power of the prince of this world, and escape unharmed, we shall make our way to God.

I have had the honour of seeing you in the person of Damas your bishop, a man of God, and in the persons of your worthy presbyters, Bassus and Apollonius, and my fellow-servant, the deacon Zotion; may I continue to take delight in him for he is obedient to the bishop as to the grace of God, and to the presbyters as to the law of Jesus Christ.

Now it hardly becomes you to presume on your bishop's youth, but rather, having regard to the power of God the Father, to show him every mark of respect. This, I understand, is what your holy presbyters do, not taking advantage of his youthful condition but deferring to him with the prudence which comes from God, or rather not to him but to the Father of Jesus Christ, to the bishop of all. So then, for the honour of him who loves us, it is proper to obey without hypocrisy; for a man does not so much deceive the bishop he can see as try to deceive the bishop he cannot see. In such a case he has to reckon not with a man, but with God who knows the secrets of the heart.

We should then really live as Christians and not merely have the name; for many invoke the bishop's name but do everything apart from him. Such men, I think, do not have a good conscience, for they do not assemble lawfully as commanded.

All things have an end, and two things, life and death, are side by side set before us, and each man will go *to his own place*. Just as there are two coinages, one of God and the other of the world, each with its own image, so unbelievers bear the image of this world, and those who have faith with love bear the image of God the Father through Jesus Christ. Unless we are ready through his power to die in the likeness of his passion, his life is not in us.



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