

JULY 26, 2026



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor:

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Parish Office:

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
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Finance Council: Kevin Flott (620) 412-3275
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Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff (214) 732-3813

Sacristan 07/27/26 - 08/02/26

Michael Dieker

Weekend Servers

07/25: Caroline & Cody Traffenstedt
07/26: Adriana, Bryce, & Lydia Weeden
08/01: Caydence & Griff Studer
08/02: Sarah Soyez, Rowan & Maybelle
Krueger
08/08: Brylee Johnson, Daniel Coughlin
08/09: Chloe Arndt, Bexley Smith,
Cooper Barnhart
08/15: Maylee & Daylen Ballinger
08/16: Raylon & Maren Ratcliff,
Aiden Dreier
08/22: Lilly Lienemann, Ace Dieker
08/23: Augusta, Bryer, & Sawyer McGee
08/29: Megan Barnhart, Noah Nunley
08/30: Isaac, Kaleb, & Thomas Arnold
*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

07/25: Jana Redeker
07/26: Cass Coughlin
08/01: Donna Bolen
08/02: Carolyn Cole
08/08: Jana Redeker
08/09: Danny Schneider
08/15: Jana Redeker
08/16: Cass Coughlin
08/22: Donna Bolen
08/23: Shirley Langley
Barb Kuhlmann - EMHC
08/29: Jana Redeker
08/30: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC

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
Jaxson Markowitz
Brian Martin
Walt Mersmann
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
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
Brayden Lienemann

Army National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 07/25: 5:00 pm +Cody Cole
Sun. 07/26: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 07/29: 7:15 am +Chad Blow
Thurs. 07/30: 7:15 am Special Intention for LeAnn Eberle
Fri. 07/31: 7:15 am +Phillip Orear and +Todd Orear
Sat. 08/01: 5:00 pm +Cody Cole
Sun. 08/02: 8:30 am For the Parish



Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Jeff Ethen who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.



Knights' News



Mark your calendars for our August meeting, which will be Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m.

At this time there are still **six (6)** 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

NFL Kraze tickets are also now available at \$20 each. One ticket is good for the entire regular football season. There is a winner every week and you can win more than once. The proceeds benefit out region's 4th Degree Knights.

Don't miss out on these great opportunities. Please contact Danny Schneider for tickets.

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

Last Week's Collection:

07/18-19/2026:	
Envelopes (28)	\$ 1,709.00
Plate	250.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,959.00

Don't forget to do your

VIRTUS[®]
Training!

All those working with youth in our parish, including teaching/subbing in the religious education program, are required to attend VIRTUS training and keep up annually with the online bulletins. If you've not gone through the initial training, there is an opportunity (before school starts) for VIRTUS training in the Southern Deanery.

The training will be held on Wednesday, August 12 at St. Francis Xavier, Burlington, in the Parish Center/Hall from 6 - 9pm and light refreshments will be served. We will accept 16-17-year-olds accompanied by a parent/guardian or with a signed permission slip (which is available in the back of church or in the parish office). No child care will be provided. The training session is currently live on the Virtus site: www.virtusonline.org

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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ST. JOSEPH BBQ reminders.....

THE DEADLINE FOR DONORS is soon approaching! **HAVE YOU** decided at what level you would like to donate? Many thanks to all those who have donated thus far---we appreciate your generosity.

AUGUST 12 is the deadline so please let us know by then! The levels are \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100.

HAVE YOU purchased a ticket? For **ONLY \$50**, you get appetizers, DELICIOUS BBQ BEEF meal, all the beer you can drink, dessert, AND dancing to the Live Band **BRICKHORSE!**

Contact one of the following committee members ASAP to donate and/or purchase

Tickets, or go to the St. Joseph Church website to purchase:

Dave or Debbie Cole

Doug or Laurie Schmidt

Les or Donna Farr

Colby Nuessen

Kay Schmidt

Derek Nuessen

Wade Schmidt

WOULD YOU like to help with supplies for our food? We could surely use the following: Butter, margarine, sugar, vinegar, oil. We **ALSO** need all the tomatoes and cucumbers we can get! If you have any of these to donate, or want to donate monetarily please contact Laurie, Donna, or Debbie.

THE WORKLIST will be compiled in a few weeks; so, if you are not able to work OR would like to volunteer TO work, please let Laurie, Donna, Debbie, or Kathy Orear know ASAP.

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



Friday
July 31, 2026
Legends Field
KCK

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!

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★ 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!



Father's Corner



From a homily on the 2nd letter to the Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop
 (Hom. 14,1-2: PG 61, 497-499)

I rejoice exceedingly in all my tribulations

Again Paul turns to speak of love, softening the harshness of his rebuke. For after convicting and reproaching them for not loving him as he had loved them, breaking away from his love and attaching themselves to troublemakers, he again takes the edge off the reproach by saying: *Open your hearts to us*, that is, *love us*. He asks for a favour which will be no burden to them but will be more profitable to the giver than to the receiver. And he did not use the word “love” but said, more appealingly: *Open your hearts to us*.

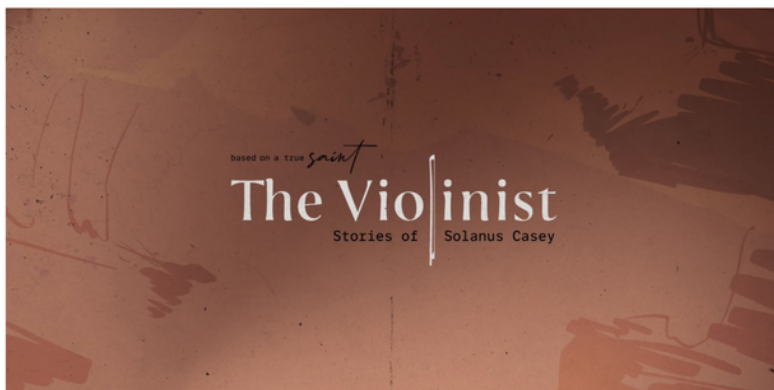
Who, he said, has cast us out of your minds, thrust us from your hearts? How is it that you feel constraint with us? For, since he has said earlier: *You are restricted in your own affection*, he now declares himself more openly and says: *Open your heart to us*, thus once more drawing them to him. For nothing so much wins love as the knowledge that one's lover desires most of all to be himself loved.

For I said before, he tells them, *that you are in our hearts to die together or live together*. This is love at its height, that even though in disfavour, he wishes both to die and to live with them. For you are in our hearts, not just somehow or other, but in the way I have said. It is possible to love and yet to draw back when danger threatens; but my love is not like that.

I am filled with consolation. What consolation? That which comes from you because you, being changed for the better, have consoled me by what you have done. It is natural for a lover both to complain that he is not loved in return and to fear that he may cause distress by complaining too much. Therefore, he says: *I am filled with consolation, I rejoice exceedingly*.

It is as if he said, I was much grieved on your account, but you have made it up for me in full measure and given me comfort; for you have not only removed the cause for any grief but filled me with a richer joy.

Then he shows the greatness of that joy by saying not only *I rejoice exceedingly* but also the words which follow: *in all my tribulations*. So great, he says, was the delight that you gave me that it was not even dimmed by so much tribulation, but overcame by its strength and keenness all those sorrows which had invaded my heart, and took away from me all awareness of them.



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