

AUGUST 2, 2026



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH 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
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 08/03/26 - 08/09/26

Phyllis Krueger

Weekend Servers

08/01: Caydence & Griff Studer
08/02: Sarah Soye, 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

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

Gift Bearers

08/01: Doug & Laurie Schmidt
08/02: Jim & Barb Kuhlmann
08/08: Michael & Cassie Dieker Family
08/09: Greg & Trish Markowitz

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. 08/01: 5:00 pm +Cody Cole
Sun. 08/02: 8:30 am For the parish
- Wed. 08/05: 7:15 am +Fred & Helen Windle
Thurs. 08/06: 7:15 am +Chad Blow
Fri. 08/07: 7:15 am +Phillip and Todd Orear
Sat. 08/08: 5:00 pm +Olivia Gates
Sun. 08/09: 8:30 am For the parish

The parish office will be closed this week, August 3rd - 7th, and will reopen on Wednesday, August 12th. You can leave a message by calling or emailing and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your flexibility.



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 our region's 4th Degree Knights.

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

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

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Last Week's Collection:

07/25-26/2026:	
Envelopes (19)	\$ 860.00
Plate	301.00
Capital Improvements	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,196.00



Please welcome Rev. Jeff Ethen who is with us this weekend 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.

Father's Day Books



If you received one of the Father's Day books "*Because of the Fathers*" please text Kay Schmidt@620-340-5638 to let her know who currently has the books. We will be glad to assist you in passing them on to other Father's in the parish! Thank you!

Congratulations



Please congratulate our newest baptized parishioner -
Bryer Pimple baptized 7-12.



OUR 56th year!!!

- ✓ **SPONSORS:** Would you like to support by sponsoring monetarily? AGAIN, THIS YEAR, we are distributing **4x7 magnets with sponsor names**, featuring sponsors on social media and in newspaper, as well as recognition at the BBQ. If you want to participate, please call Laurie at 620-343-0321 **BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12.** (This is a great way to support if you are unable to attend!)
- ✓ **TICKETS:** Committee members are busy selling tickets. If you haven't been contacted yet, please call one of the BBQ committee members **SOON** or use the QR code and order online OR use the envelope in your packets!

Dave & Debbie Cole	Les & Donna Farr	Wade Schmidt
Doug & Laurie Schmidt	Kay Schmidt	Derek Nuessen
Colby & Morgan Nuessen		
- ✓ **FOOD:** If you would like to help with supplies for our food, we could surely use the following: butter, margarine, sugar, vinegar, onions, oil.
We ALSO need all the tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers we can get! If you have any of these to donate, or want to donate monetarily, contact Kathy Orear (620-794-3845) OR Laurie (629-343-0321), OR Donna (620-475-3794). THANK YOU!
- ✓ **WORKLIST:** There will be a **FLOCKNOTE sent out via email/text this coming week** for worklist signup. If you cannot work, please let us know ASAP. The worklist will be published the weekend of August 22/23.
- ✓ **AUCTION:** We will be holding our **AUCTION** again this year during the BBQ and here are some **GREAT** items thus far: $\frac{1}{2}$ beef, quilt by Quilting Ladies, Bourbon tasting event, Wine tasting event, Golf package, and loads of washed gravel.
- ✓ We are **SOOOO VERY APPRECIATIVE** of all those who have contributed OR volunteered in any way, thus far! This is **OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISER** for the religious education and parish life programs, and we certainly appreciate all efforts!

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

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



Father's Corner



From the beginning of a letter attributed to Barnabas

(Cap. 1, 1-8l 2:1-5: Funk 1,3-7)

Hope of life is the beginning and end of our faith

Greetings, sons and daughters. In the name of the Lord who loves us, peace be to you.

Because the Lord has granted you an abundance of blessings, I rejoice immeasurably in your blessed and glorious company.

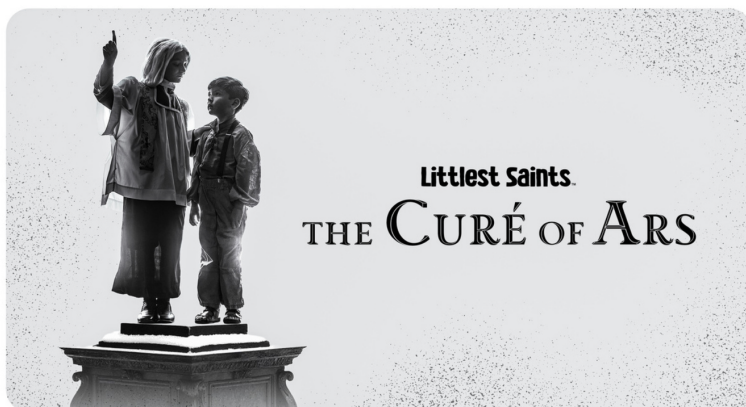
You have received abundantly that indwelling grace which is the Spirit's gift, and for this reason I hope in my own salvation and I give thanks all the more when I see the bountiful fullness of the Lord's Spirit pouring over you. I have longed so much for you that when I saw you I was overwhelmed.

I am now convinced and fully aware that I have learned much by speaking with you, for the Lord accompanied me on the road to righteousness, and so I am driven in all ways to love you more than my own life. For surely there is a great store of faith and charity within you because of your hope for life in Christ. Therefore, I have been thinking that if my concern for you inspires me to pass on to you a portion of what I have received, then I will be rewarded for ministering to souls such as yours. Consequently, I am writing you, that you may have perfect knowledge along with your faith.

The Lord has given us these three basic doctrines: hope for eternal life, the beginning and end of our faith; justice, the beginning and end of righteousness; and love, which bears cheerful and joyous witness to the works of righteousness. Now the Lord has made the past and present known to us through his prophets, and he has given us the ability to taste the fruits of the future beforehand. Thus, when we see prophecies fulfilled in their appointed order, we ought to grow more fully and deeply in awe of him. Let me suggest a few things – not as a teacher, but as one of you – which should bring you joy in the present situation.

When evil days are upon us and the worker of malice gains power, we must attend to our own souls and seek to know the ways of the Lord. In those times reverential fear and perseverance will sustain our faith, and we will find need of forbearance and self-restraint as well. Provided that we hold fast to these virtues and look to the Lord, then wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and insight will make joyous company with them.

Truly, the Lord has revealed to us through the prophets that he has no need of sacrifice, burnt offerings or oblations. He says in one place: *Your endless sacrifices, what are they to me? says the Lord. I have had my fill of holocausts; I do not want the fat of your lambs, nor the blood of your bulls and goats, nor your presence in my sight. Indeed, who has made these demands of you? No more will you trample my courts. Your sacrifices of fine flour are in vain; your incense is loathsome to me; I cannot bear your feasts of the new moon, nor your sabbaths.*



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