



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2026

BULLETIN

TWENTIETH 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
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Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff (214) 732-3813

Sacristan 08/17/26 - 08/23/26

Karen Hayes

Weekend Servers

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

08/15: 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

08/15: Dave & Karen Kehres
08/16: Kay & Brian Schmidt
08/22: Michael & Angela Nunley Family
08/23: Mike & Shirley Langley
08/29: Dorothy Blaufuss
08/30: Les & Michelle Barnhart Family

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin	Jaxson Markowitz
Linda Barnard	Brian Martin
Maya Bishop	Sylvia Miller
Jeanette Reed	Jenna Moyer
Copeland	Shea Muetting
Donna Dains	James Nunley
Vicki Dickson	Olivia Pimpl
Kauffman Dieker	Mrs. Ken Redeker
Sherry	Norma Redeker
Elmenhorst	Ken Schade
LeAnn Eberle	Richard Scheve
Norman Geiger	Danny Schmidt
Susan Haag	Jackie Schmidt
Sylvia Haag	Greg Schonhardt
Darren Heins	Vicki Stark
Delores Heins	Audra Steen
Kenneth Langley	Carol Taylor
Daniel Markowitz	Mike Wecker
Debbie Markowitz	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. 08/15: 5:00 pm For the parish
Sun. 08/16: 8:30 am +Duane Schmidt

Wed. 08/19: 7:15 am +Louis & Bertha Trear
Thurs. 08/20: 7:15 am +Janet Patterson
Fri. 08/21: 7:15 am +Herb & Lorene Haag and
+Alfred Redeker

Sat. 08/22: 5:00 pm +Ricky Hammond, Jr.
Sun. 08/23: 8:30 am For the parish



Dear Parishioners,
On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth, and the elders in our

sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.



For all Junior & Senior High School students
& High School Students that have made Confirmation

+ Saturday, Aug 29 +
10am-7pm + Prairie Star Ranch

Registration is due by Tuesday, Aug 18 at 3pm

Fliers and registration forms are located in the back of church.



SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED

For those that ordered St. Joseph apparel in May and June, it has arrived and will be available in the Parish Life Center at Sunday donuts this weekend.

Parish Life Center Work Day
Saturday, August 29th
8:00 a.m.

As another CCD year gets underway, we are asking able-bodied parishioners, including our students, to assist with cleaning our parish life center, inside and out. Many hands make quick work. Thank you!



Last Two Weeks' Collections:

08/01-02/2026:

Envelopes (34)	\$ 1,425.00
Plate	1,610.00
Mission Coop (5)	145.00
Capital Improvements (4)	95.00
BBQ (4)	400.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,675.00

08/08-09/2026:

Envelopes (28)	\$ 1,545.00
Plate	357.00
Mission Coop (1)	20.00
Capital Improvements (1)	50.00
BBQ (1)	350.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,368.00

Donut Sunday is THIS Weekend

Please plan to join us in the Parish Life Center following this Sunday's Mass for donuts, beverages, and good conversation. A great way to kick off the school year!



Knights' News



Our August meeting, will be **THIS** Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. As an extra enticement, those in attendance might get a sample of my fine tasting brisket.

There are only **three (3)** Religious Education lottery tickets available at \$100. 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

There are only **five (5)** NFL Kraze tickets left 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.

Grab one or both tickets before they're gone! Please contact me for tickets.

Sincerely,

~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

Opening Night of CCD Wednesday, September 2nd Parish Life Center



6:00 p.m. - Grades 1 - 6 parent and student meeting and dinner

Welcome back to another year of religious education. All students and their parents are invited to attend this informational evening, complete with great food.

7:00 p.m. - Grades 7 - 12 parent and student meeting and dinner



56th annual BBQ Fundraiser
Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026 - Hoeltings' Grove - 5:00 PM

CHECK THE ATTACHED WORKLIST FOR your assignment. If you cannot work as assigned, call Kathy at 620-794-3845 OR Debbie at 620-366-2236 ASAP!!!

- ✓ **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** Grab your friends and family, get those tickets ASAP from a committee member, and **JOIN US** in the **FUN** for **THE** largest fundraiser of our parish!

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

- ✓ **We NEED tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers!** If you have those to share, please call Kathy, Debbie, or Laurie. Also, if you would like to help with grocery supplies, we could use margarine, sugar, vinegar, onions, and oil.

We will be holding our LIVE AUCTION again this year during the BBQ. Check out these FABULOUS donated items!!

½ Beef Processed -- Loads of Washed Gravel (delivered) -- Golf Package at Emporia Municipal -- Handmade Quilt -- 60# mixed beef bundle -- Bourbon tasting event -- Wine tasting event

There will also be the chance at the BBQ to purchase tickets for our 50/50 raffle.

THANKS So Much to all who have contributed in any way, thus far! Again, this is **OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISER** for Our **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMS**, and we certainly appreciate all efforts!

NOTE: If you did not get a chance to sponsor and are unable to attend, we are still accepting donations. This helps offset expenses! **THANK YOU!**



Father's Corner



From a homily on Matthew by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

(Hom. 16:6,7: PG 57, 231-232)

Salt of the earth and light of the world

You are the salt of the earth. It is not for your own sake, he says, but for the world's sake that the word is entrusted to you. I am not sending you into two cities only or ten or twenty, not to a single nation, as I sent the prophets of old, but across land and sea, to the whole world. And that world is in a miserable state. For when he says: *You are the salt of the earth*, he is indicating that all mankind had lost its savor and had been corrupted by sin. Therefore, he requires of these men those virtues which are especially useful and even necessary if they are to bear the burdens of many. For the man who is kindly, modest, merciful and just will not keep his good works to himself but will see to it that these admirable fountains send out their streams for the good of others. Again, the man who is clean of heart, a peacemaker and ardent for truth will order his life so as to contribute to the common good.

Do not think, he says, that you are destined for easy struggles or unimportant tasks. *You are the salt of the earth.* What do these words imply? Did the disciples restore what had already turned rotten? Not at all. Salt cannot help what is already corrupted. That is not what they did. But what had first been renewed and freed from corruption and then turned over to them, they salted and preserved in the newness the Lord had bestowed. It took the power of Christ to free men from the corruption caused by sin; it was the task of the apostles through strenuous labor to keep that corruption from returning.

Have you noticed how, bit by bit, Christ shows them to be superior to the prophets? He says they are to be teachers not simply for Palestine but for the whole world. Do not be surprised, then, he says, that I address you apart from the others and involve you in such a dangerous enterprise. Consider the numerous and extensive cities, peoples and nations I will be sending you to govern. For this reason I would have you make others prudent, as well as being prudent yourselves. For unless you can do that, you will not be able to sustain even yourselves.

If others lose their savor, then your ministry will help them regain it. But if you yourselves suffer that loss, you will drag others down with you. Therefore, the greater the undertakings put into your hands, the more zealous you must be. For this reason he says: *But if the salt becomes tasteless, how can its flavor be restored? It is good for nothing now, but to be thrown out and trampled by men's feet.*

When they hear the words: *When they curse you and persecute you and accuse you of every evil*, they may be afraid to come forward. Therefore he says; "Unless you are prepared for that sort of thing, it is in vain that I have chosen you. Curses shall necessarily be your lot but they shall not harm you and will simply be a testimony to your constancy. If through fear, however, you fail to show the forcefulness your mission demands, your lot will be much worse, for all will speak evil of you and despise you. That is what being trampled by men's feet means."

Then he passes on to a more exalted comparison: *You are the light of the world.* Once again, "of the world": not of one nation or twenty cities, but of the whole world. The light he means is an intelligible light, far superior to the rays of the sun we see, just as the salt is a spiritual salt. First salt, then light, so that you may learn how profitable sharp words may be and how useful serious doctrine. Such teaching holds in check and prevents dissipation; it leads to virtue and sharpens the mind's eye. *A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do men light a lamp and put it under a basket.* Here again he is urging them to a careful manner of life and teaching them to be watchful, for they live under the eyes of all and have the whole world for the arena of their struggles.



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Pope Saint Pius X

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