



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

BULLETIN

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
pastor@sjolpe.org
Direct office: 620-261-8954
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Parish Office:

Wed. 9:00 am - Noon; 2:00 - 8:00 pm
Thurs. 9:00 am - Noon
620-475-3326
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Olpe, KS 66865

Administrative Assistant:

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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 - 5:00-5:30 pm (St. Catherine)
Thurs - 5:00-5:30 pm; 6:00-7:00 pm (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 09/14/26 - 09/20/26

Alan Nuessen

Weekend Servers

09/12: Caroline & Cody Traffenstedt
09/13: Adriana, Lydia, & Bryce Weeden
09/19: Caydence & Griff Studer
09/20: Rowan & Maybelle Krueger,
Sarah Soyez
09/26: Brylee Johnson, Daniel Coughlin
09/27: Chloe Arndt, Bexley Smith,
Cooper Banhart

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

09/12: Jana Redeker
09/13: Danny Schneider
09/19: Donna Bolen
09/20: Cass Coughlin
09/26: Jana Redeker
09/27: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC

Gift Bearers

09/12: Dave & Debbie Cole
09/13: Rusty Wright & Viola Hoelting
09/19: Dave & Karen Kehres
09/20: Michael & Carol Soyez Family
09/26: Doug & Laurie Schmidt
09/27: Wade & Hannah Schmidt Family

**Fr. Mersmann will be gone
September 28th - October 2nd
There will be no sacraments or
adoration that week.**

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin	Debbie Markowitz
Linda Barnard	Jaxson Markowitz
Maya Bishop	Brian Martin
Danny Broyles	Sylvia Miller
Sheila Broyles	Jenna Moyer
Jeanette Reed	Shea Muetting
Copeland	James Nunley
Donna Dains	Olivia Pimpl
Vicki Dickson	Mrs. Ken Redeker
Kauffman Dieker	Norma Redeker
Sherry	Ken Schade
Elmenhorst	Richard Scheve
LeAnn Eberle	Danny Schmidt
Norman Geiger	Jackie Schmidt
Susan Haag	Greg Schonhardt
Sylvia Haag	Vicki Stark
Darren Heins	Audra Steen
Delores Heins	Carl Lee Stueve
Kurtz Family	Carol Taylor
Kenneth Langley	Mike Wecker
Daniel 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

Air National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 09/12: 5:00 pm For the Parish
Sun. 09/13: 8:30 am +Louis & Bertha Trear

Wed. 09/16: 7:15 am +Chad Blow
Thurs. 09/17: 7:15 am +Abbi Markowitz and
Special intention for
Jaxson Markowitz

Fri. 09/18: 7:15 am +Helen Redeker
Sat. 09/19: 5:00 pm +Gary Trear
Sun. 09/20: 8:30 am For the Parish



Knights' News



THIS Sunday, September 13th, we will be serving our hot biscuits and gravy breakfast at the Knights' Hall. We invite you to join us for good food and great fellowship.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 16th.

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight



We're looking for one or two more people to help lead the rosary on Saturday evenings before Mass. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for parish service and spiritual enrichment. Please contact Kathy Stevenson at 620-481-0734 if you are willing to help out.

Last Week's Collections:

09/05-06/2026:	
Envelopes (22)	\$ 1,846.00
Plate	671.00
Capital Improvements (2)	75.00
Catholic University of America (2)	60.00
Religious Education (1)	10.00
Masses	20.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,682.00



Donuts

Next Sunday, September 20th, is the monthly donuts and beverages in the Parish Life Center following Mass. It's a great time to mingle with friends and family and share a light breakfast. We hope to see you there.



If you had your picture taken for the church directory in Summer 2024 and have not yet received your copy of the directory, please stop by the parish office or call Diana and she'll get one to you.

If you did not have your picture taken or you're new to the parish and would like one, we have a few extras. First come, first served. Thank you.



WOW!

You've done it again! The BBQ committee is just overwhelmed and so very thankful for all who helped make this another banner year for the St. Joseph BBQ. A complete report will be published in the coming weeks.

Les & Donna, Doug & Laurie, Dave & Debbie, Wade, Kay, Colby & Morgan, Derek





RETURNS

September 20th

A DAY FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ALL AGES

- Giant Inflatables
- Climbing Tower
- Hiking Trails
- Gaga Ball
- Kayaking
- Giant Bubbles
- Holy Mass
- Family Adoration Experience
- Archery

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JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF BINGO
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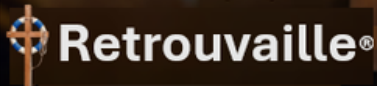
No marriage is beyond hope.
You are not alone.

- Has your romance faded?
- Do you argue without reaching resolution?
- Are you more like roommates than soul mates?
- Have you grown apart?
- Is your marriage in crisis?

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Father's Corner



From the beginning of a sermon on Pastors by Saint Augustine, bishop
(Sermo 46:1-2: CCL 41, 529-530)

I am a Christian as well as a leader

You have often learned that all our hope is in Christ and that he is our true glory and our salvation. You are members of the flock of the Good Shepherd, who watches over Israel and nourishes his people. Yet there are shepherds who want to have the title of shepherd without wanting to fulfil a pastor's duties; let us then recall what God says to his shepherds through the prophet. You must listen attentively; I must listen with fear and trembling.

The word of the Lord came to me and said: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel and speak to the shepherds of Israel. We just heard this reading a moment ago, my brothers, and I have decided to speak to you on this passage. The Lord will help me to speak the truth if I do not speak on my own authority. For if I speak on my own authority, I will be a shepherd nourishing myself and not the sheep. However, if my words are the Lord's, then he is nourishing you no matter who speaks. *Thus says the Lord God: Shepherds of Israel, who have been nourishing only themselves! Should not the shepherds nourish the sheep?* In other words, true shepherds take care of their sheep, not themselves. This is the principle reason why God condemns those shepherds: they took care of themselves rather than their sheep. Who are they who nourish themselves? They are the shepherds the Apostle described when he said: *They all seek what is theirs and not what is Christ's.*

I must distinguish carefully between two aspects of the role the Lord has given me, a role that demands a rigorous accountability, a role based on the Lord's greatness rather than on my own merit. The first aspect is that I am a Christian; the second, that I am a leader. I am a Christian for my own sake, whereas I am a leader for your sake; the fact that I am a Christian is to my own advantage, but I am a leader for your advantage.

Many persons come to God as Christians but not as leaders. Perhaps they travel by an easier road and are less hindered since they bear a lighter burden. In addition to the fact that I am a Christian and must give God an account of my life, I as a leader must give him an account of my stewardship as well.



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