



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
pastor@sjolpe.org
Direct office: 620-261-8954
Rectory: 620-475-3420

Parish Office:

Wed. 9:00 am - Noon; 2:00 - 8:00 pm
Thurs. 9:00 am - Noon
620-475-3326
office@sjolpe.org
307 Iowa Street
PO Box 165
Olpe, KS 66865

Administrative Assistant:

Diana Kuhlmann
diana@sjolpe.org
620-258-6031 or 620-794-1914

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 09/28/26 - 10/04/26

Arlene Redeker

Weekend Servers

09/26: Brylee Johnson, Daniel Coughlin
09/27: Chloe Arndt, Bexley Smith,
Cooper Barnhart
10/03: Maylee & Daylen Ballinger
10/04: Raylon & Maren Ratcliff,
Sawyer McGee
10/10: Lilly Lieneman, Ace Dieker
10/11: Augusta McGee, Aiden Dreier,
Amber Soyez

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

09/26: Jana Redeker
09/27: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC
10/03: Jana Redeker
10/04: Carolyn Cole
10/10: Donna Bolen
10/11: Danny Schneider

Gift Bearers

09/26: Doug & Laurie Schmidt
09/27: Wade & Hannah Schmidt Family
10/03: Michael & Angela Nunley Family
10/04: Joe & Melanie Kerwin
10/10: Michael & Cassie Dieker Family
10/11: Greg & Trish Markowitz

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin	Daniel Markowitz
Linda Barnard	Debbie Markowitz
Isla Barnhart	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



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.	09/26:	5:00 pm	Special Intention for Doug & Laurie Schmidt's 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sun.	09/27:	8:30 am	For the Parish
Wed.	09/30:	7:15 am	NO MASS
Thurs.	10/01:	7:15 am	NO MASS
Fri.	10/02:	7:15 am	NO MASS
Sat.	10/03:	5:00 pm	+Gary Trear
Sun.	10/04:	8:30 am	For the Parish

Fr. Mersmann will be gone September 28th - October 2nd

There will be no sacraments or adoration this week. Please pray for all of our priests in the diocese as they gather for their convocation, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood within our local church.



We're **still** 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.

This week, the parish office will be open on Tuesday from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

The office will be closed from Thursday, October 1st – Friday, October 9th. Fr. Mersmann will be around the week of October 4th for anyone who needs to meet or needs other assistance. His office and rectory phone numbers are on the first page of the bulletin.

Thank you for your flexibility.



Knights' News

THIS Sunday, September 27th, we will be serving our hot biscuits and gravy breakfast at the Knights' Hall. With the fall temperatures outside, please come join us for good hot food and great conversation.

The annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held the weekend of October 10-11. Knights will be outside after both Masses. Your generosity to help the intellectually challenged is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight



Last Week's Collections:

09/19-20/2026:	
Envelopes (32)	\$ 2,385.00
Plate	867.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,252.00

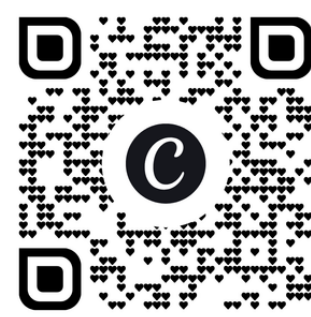


Women's Bible Study

Women's bible study will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning October 14th, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center conference room. The book that will be used is "Keeping in Balance" by Lisa Brenninkmeyer and is part of the Walking with Purpose series.

Please use this QR code to register no later than this Wednesday, September 30th.

We hope you'll join us!





Sunday, October 4th
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Intersection of 6th Avenue & Merchant Street, Emporia

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY 2026

October is "Respect Life Month". We invite you to help us kick off the month by participating in Life Chain Sunday.

The national Life Chain is the largest prayerful, pro-life public witness in the world. More than 1,500 cities across the U.S. and Canada are expected to participate on October 4th.

St. Joseph parishioners are invited to meet at 6th & Merchant Streets in Emporia for an hour of prayer from 3:00-4:00 p.m. We will be praying for respecting all life – from the womb to the tomb. We hope to see you there.

Congratulations

on receiving the sacrament of matrimony!



Zach Sutton &
Allie Bonitatibus
Married 6-20-2026



Artwork by Maren Ratcliff, Sacred Heart 5th grader





**ST. CATHERINE
CHURCH**

**2ND ANNUAL PARISH
FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 18**

11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

 **ANDERSON
BUILDING**

Join us for a fun-filled time for all ages
while we raise funds for our church!

There will be lots of delicious food,
entertainment, and prizes!



Women's Retreat

The Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat brings women into the life-giving, Christ-centered, and naturally beautiful experience of Camp Tekakwitha. Women can expect to experience sacraments, community, outdoor adventure, relaxing scenery, and a slow-down from busy lives. For the last 10 years, we have developed this retreat into something worthwhile and truly unique. Women from all over the area seeking time with Jesus, nature, and other like-minded women are welcome!

Join us October 16-18, 2026, at Prairie Star Ranch.
For more information, please see our website:
<https://psrcatholic.org/calendar/womens-retreat>.



Father's Corner



From the beginning of a letter to the Philippians by Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr
(Cap. 1, 1-2, 3: Funk 1, 267-269)

It is by grace that you are saved

From Polycarp and his fellow presbyters to the pilgrim church of God at Philippi: May you have mercy and peace in abundance from Almighty God and Jesus Christ our Savior.

I rejoice with you greatly in the Lord Jesus Christ because you have assumed the pattern of true love and have rightly helped on their way those who were in chains. Such chains are becoming to the faithful; they are the rich crown of the chosen ones of our Lord and God. I am glad, too, that your deep-rooted faith, proclaimed of old, still abides and continues to bear fruit in the life-giving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. He, for our sins, did not refuse to go down to death, and *God raised him up after destroying the pains of hell. With a glorious joy that no words can express you believe in Christ without seeing him.* This is the joy in which many wish to share *knowing that it is by grace that you are saved and not by works, for so God has willed through Jesus Christ.*

So prepare yourselves for the struggle, serve the Lord in fear and truth. Put aside empty talk and popular errors; your faith must be in him who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him a share in his own glory and a seat at his right hand. To him everything was made subject in heaven and on earth; all things obey him, who will come as judge of the living and the dead. All who refuse to believe must answer to God for the blood of his Son.

He who raised him from the dead will raise us too if we do his will and keep his commandments, loving what he loved, refraining from all wrongdoing, fraud, avarice, malice and slander. We must abstain from false witness, *not returning evil for evil, nor curse for curse, nor blow for blow, nor denunciation for denunciation.* Always remember the words of the Lord, who taught: *Do not judge and you will not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will find mercy; the amount you measure out to others will be the amount measured out to you. Blessed are the poor and those who suffer persecution, for theirs is the kingdom of God.*



SPiritUAL LIFE

Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Elizabeth Klein

FORMEDNOW

formed[™]
Forming Catholics for Life.

Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

