



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2026

BULLETIN

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor:

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Parish Office:

Wed. 9:00 am - Noon; 2:00 - 8:00 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 - 5:00-5:30 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 10/19/26 - 10/25/26

Alan Nuessen

Weekend Servers

10/17: Megan Barnhart, Noah Nunley
10/18: Daniel Coughlin, Thomas & Isaac Arnold
10/24: Rynlea Heins, Tripp Gasche
10/25: Taitlyn Cole, Alisa Skalsky, Bryer McGee

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

10/17: Cass Coughlin
10/18: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC
10/24: Jana Redeker
10/25: Shirley Langley

Gift Bearers

10/17: Willie & Courtney Ward Family
10/18: Ryan & Aubrey Arnold Family
10/24: BJ & Natasha Heins Family
10/25: Mike & Shirley Langley

Mass will be at 7:15 a.m. as normally scheduled this Wednesday, October 21st. There will be no adoration on Wednesday, October 21st and no confessions or morning Mass this Thursday and Friday, October 22nd & 23rd.

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin	Dustin Lantow
Linda Barnard	Daniel Markowitz
Isla Barnhart	Debbie Markowitz
Maya Bishop	Jaxson Markowitz
Danny Broyles	Brian Martin
Sheila Broyles	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	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

Army National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	10/17:	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	10/18:	8:30 am	+Jim & Marie Kuhlmann
Wed.	10/21:	7:15 am	+Abbi Markowitz
Thurs.	10/22:	7:15 am	No Mass
Fri.	10/23:	7:15 am	No Mass
Sat.	10/24:	5:00 pm	+Herb & Lorene Haag and +Alfred Redeker
Sun.	10/25:	8:30 am	For the Parish

Fr. Mersmann will be gone October 21st - 26th.
Fr. Oswaldo Sandoval will be covering the weekend Masses next weekend, October 24th - 25th.



THANK YOU to all who collected for and donated to the annual Tootsie Roll Drive last weekend! It was another successful year thanks to your support.

Our Knights' meeting will be this Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday is our biscuits and gravy breakfast. Please come join us for a warm meal and good fellowship.

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

Thank you

The family of Clara Young wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the St. Joseph Parish community for your overwhelming love and support during the passing of our beloved mother. We offer a special thank you to Fr. Mersmann for his comforting presence, prayers, and spiritual guidance. We are also deeply grateful to the parish choir for the beautiful music, St. Anne's for their wonderful help with the luncheon, and the Knights of Columbus for generously providing the use of their facility. Thank you to her many friends who sent cards, offered prayers, and provided expressions of sympathy. Your kindness has been a true source of strength for us. May God bless you all.

Last Two Week's Collections:

10/03-04/2026:	
Envelopes (24)	\$ 1,516.00
Plate	291.00
Capital Improvements (5)	225.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,032.00
10/10-11/2026:	
Envelopes (34)	\$ 1,645.00
Plate	220.00
World Mission Sunday (2)	15.00
Capital Improvements (1)	10.00
Religious Education (1)	30.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,920.00

This weekend's Sunday donuts is canceled in support of the fundraiser for Danny Broyles, Sr. as he fights cancer. Please pray for him and his family.

The next date for Sunday donuts is November 15th. It will be sponsored by our talented quilting ladies so mark your calendars.

LeAnn Eberle is expected to return home - 1105 Road 20, Emporia, KS - by the end of this week for the first time since her accident in June. We are seeking volunteers to clean her house this Wednesday, October 21st, starting at 9:00 a.m. If you can spare some time, we'd really appreciate your help. Please bring cleaning supplies, including cleaners, rags, mops, brooms, buckets and a vacuum. Please call Kathy Stevenson at (620) 481-0734 with questions. Thank you for your continued support of LeAnn.

Thank you so much for all of the prayers and concern for our daughter, Audra Steen during her illness. She is improving each day. We believe prayer has truly helped.

Sincerely grateful,
Carnie & Gary Murphy



Congratulations

Please congratulate our newest baptized parishioner - Evie Nuessen baptized 10-11.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The annual Soup Supper and Prize Bingo is Sunday, November 22nd, beginning at 5:00 pm with soup supper and Bingo following at 6:00 pm. We again are seeking donations of prizes for the Bingo and raffle---please call Val Studer (620-366-1118) OR Jess Rogers (620-341-7337). If you would like to help with supplies or preparation of the soups, please contact Kristina Weeden (620-437-6481). We will be sending out a work list sign up in the next couple of weeks.

**JOIN US FOR A
BISCUITS & GRAVY MEAL**

A BENEFIT FOR
Danny Broyles, Sr
SUPPORTING HIS BATTLE
AGAINST CANCER



Come enjoy a meal and
show your support
for our Danny!

WHEN:
SUNDAY, OCT 18TH

TIME:
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

WHERE:
OLPE HS CAFETERIA

SPONSORED BY:
THE OHS STUCO

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!

The poster features a collage of images on the right side: a bowl of chili, a bingo card, a display of punch and fruit, and a person in a costume.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church

SOUP & CHILI SUPPER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

4:30 – 7:00 pm

1002 S. 4th – Madison, Ks (basement)

FREE WILL DONATION

Soup or Chili, Dessert & Drink

Purchase Raffle Tickets from Any Altar Society member!

The poster is decorated with a border of autumn leaves and a large pumpkin at the bottom.

Mary,
Mother of Life

Pray for us!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The poster features a religious painting of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child. The text is overlaid on the image.



Father's Corner



From a letter to Proba by Saint Augustine, bishop

(Ep. 130,8,15,17-9,18: CSEL 44,56-57,59-60)

Let us exercise our desire in prayer

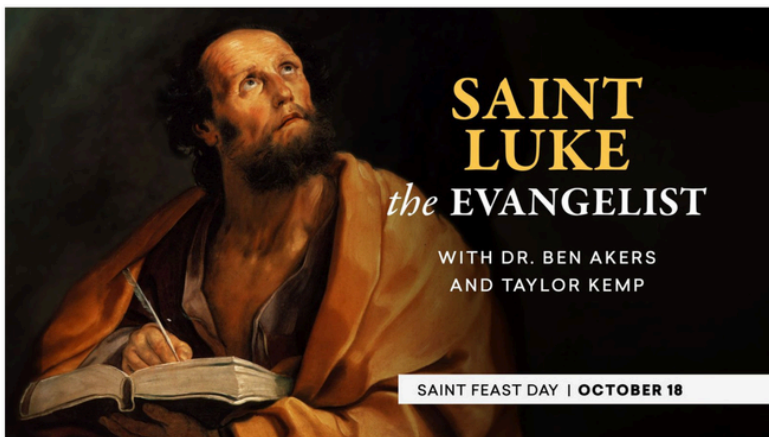
Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple.* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realize that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it) but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, that greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no color. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man's heart; man's heart must enter into it.*

In this faith, hope and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire, and spur ourselves on to deepen it. The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: *Pray without ceasing*, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal, and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.



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