



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2026

BULLETIN

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor:

Fr. Anthony Mersmann
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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 10/26/26 - 11/01/26

Karen Hayes

Weekend Servers

10/24: Rynlea Heins, Tripp Gasche
10/25: Taitlyn Cole, Alisa Skalsky, Bryer McGee
10/31: Caroline & Cody Traffenstedt
11/01: Adriana, Lydia, & Bryce Weeden
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

10/24: Jana Redeker
10/25: Shirley Langley
10/31: Carolyn Cole
11/01: Rosemary Martin

Gift Bearers

10/24: BJ & Natasha Heins Family
10/25: Mike & Shirley Langley
10/31: Joe & Carolyn Cole Family
11/01: Brian & Kay Schmidt



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

Air National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 10/24: 5:00 pm +Herb & Lorene Haag and
+Alfred Redeker
Sun. 10/25: 8:30 am For the Parish

Wed. 10/28: 7:15 am +Duane Schmidt
Thurs. 10/29: 7:15 am +Fred & Helen Windle
Fri. 10/30: 7:15 am +Louis & Bertha Trear
Sat. 10/31: 5:00 pm For the Parish
Sun. 11/01: 8:30 am +Chad Blow

Welcome

Please give a warm Olpe welcome to
Fr. Cesar Gomez
who is covering our Masses this weekend.
Fr. Mersmann will be return October 27th.



Check out the flyer on the next page containing information about the annual Soup Supper and Prize bingo coming up on Sunday, November 22nd at the Knights Hall.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH PRIZES OR FOOD SUPPLIES? Please call Val Studer (620-366-1118) or Jess Rogers (620-341-7337) if you have a prize to donate. 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 and dessert sign up in the next week.

VALUING & PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY AT LIFE’S END
In light of the promise of sharing in divine life, which Christians believe will reach its full realization in eternity, life on earth is not our final destination (cf. Heb 13:14). Nonetheless, life remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters. Difficult decisions about the use of medical technology at the end of life may be made easier if we take the time to express our wishes about end-of-life treatments before illness strikes.

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas has created a guide to help explain the moral principles of Catholic teaching about end-of-life decision-making and to outline the options that exist in Kansas for advance care planning. Visit: <https://archkck.org/prolife/support/catholic-guide-for-end-of-life-planning/> to learn more.

Last Week’s Collections:

10/17-18/2026:	
Envelopes (25)	\$ 1,515.00
Plate	526.00
Capital Improvements (15)	50.00
World Mission Sunday (3)	91.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,182.00



Knights’ News



This Sunday is our biscuits and gravy breakfast. Please come enjoy a hot breakfast and great conversation

Congratulations to the following folks:

Knight of the Month: Doug Schmidt
Family of the Month: Les & Donna Farr
Friend of the Knights: Clara Young Family
Thank you for all you do to make our parish and community a better place to live.

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight



Listening with the Heart Registration

The Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is discerning what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be. At our synodal listening sessions, scheduled throughout the archdiocese Nov. 7-22, we will pray, listen to one another and hear from Archbishop Shawn McKnight.

All are welcome! In these 90-minute sessions, we will discern together as a contribution to our archdiocesan pastoral planning process, Renewal from the Heartland. **The nearest *Listening with the Heart* session for our parish is in Emporia at the Didde Catholic Campus Center, 1415 Merchant Street, Emporia, KS 66801 on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.** To register for the session, go to archkck.org/renewal-heartland and click on the “Register for a Listening Session” icon. We belong to the Southern Deanery.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the parish office. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for your voice to be heard.

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!



TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR CANS

October 28 • 6–8 pm

St. Joseph's CCD Youth will be trick-or-treating for cans in the City of Olpe.



Please leave non-perishable food items on your front porch with your porch light on for pickup.

Donations benefit Sacred Heart's Ice House Food Pantry.

If you live outside Olpe, please leave your food items in the back of church by Wednesday, October 28th.



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LOVE'S REPLY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (BEGINNING AT 10 AM)
TO SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (ENDING AT 5 PM), 2026
AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH IN WILLIAMSBURG,
KANSAS**

Young women are invited to join Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM, and a host of other women religious for a weekend retreat designed to help them learn more about all things associated with a vocation to the consecrated religious life.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of KCK Vocation Office, Love's Reply is FREE and open to all young women (juniors and seniors in high school up to age 29). Sign up TODAY!

Questions? Contact the Vocation Office at 913-647-0303 or vocation@archkck.org.



Scan the QR code to register.

SOUP/CHILI SUPPER & PRIZE BINGO

Cash prizes for special Bingo's
& quilt for Blackout!
Raffle, snacks, FUN!!!

SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 2026
Olpe Knights Hall
Supper @ 5:00 PM
Bingo @ 6:00 pm
Free will donation for supper

St. Joseph Parish Ministries





Father's Corner



From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement, pope

(Cap. 19, 2-20, 12: Funk 1, 87-89)

In his goodness to all, God gives order and harmony to the world

Let us fix our gaze on the Father and Creator of the whole world, and let us hold on to his peace and blessings, his splendid and surpassing gifts. Let us contemplate him in our thoughts and with our mind's eye reflect upon the peaceful and restrained unfolding of his plan; let us consider the care with which he provides for the whole of his creation. By his direction the heavens are in motion, and they are subject to him in peace. Day and night fulfill the course he has established without interfering with each other. The sun, the moon and the choirs of stars revolve in harmony at his command in their appointed paths without deviation. By his will the earth blossoms in the proper seasons and produces abundant food for men and animals and all the living things on it without reluctance and without any violation of what he has arranged.

Yet unexplored regions of the abysses and inexpressible realms of the deep are subject to his laws. The mass of the boundless sea, joined together by his ordinance in a single expanse, does not overflow its prescribed limits but flows as he commanded it. For he said: *Thus far shall you come, and your waves will be halted here.* The ocean, impassable for men, and the worlds beyond it are governed by the same edicts of the Lord.

The seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, follow one another in harmony. The quarters from which the winds blow function in due season without the least deviation. And the ever-flowing springs, created for our health as well as our enjoyment, unfailingly offer their breasts to sustain human life. The tiniest of living creatures meet together in harmony and peace. The great Creator and Lord of the universe commanded all these things to be established in peace and harmony, in his goodness to all, and in overflowing measure to us who seek refuge in his mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ; to him be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen.

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