NOVEMBER 15, 2026

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

THIRTY-THIRD 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 11/16/26 - 11/22/26
Phyllis Krueger

Weekend Servers
11/14: Brylee Johnson, Daniel Coughlin
11/15: Chloe Arndt, Bexley Smith, Cooper Barnhart
11/21: Maylee & Daylen Ballinger
11/22: Raylon & Maren Ratcliff, and Sawyer McGee
11/28: Lilly Lienemann, Ace Dieker
11/29: 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
11/14: Jana Redeker
Laurie Schmidt - EMHC
11/15: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC
11/21: Jana Redeker
11/22: Cass Coughlin
11/28: Cass Coughlin
11/29: Shirley Langley

Weekend Gift Bearers
11/14: Brandon & Morgan Haney Family
11/15: Les & Michelle Barnhart Family
11/21: Derek & Erica Nuessen Family
11/22: Michael & Carol Soyez Family
11/28: Luke & Lynn Miller Family
11/29: Michael & Lindsey Ratcliff Family

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 26th
will be at 8:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin
Linda Barnard
Isla Barnhart
Maya Bishop
Danny Broyles
Sheila Broyles
Jeanette Reed Copeland
Donna Dains
Vicki Dickson
Kauffman Dieker
Sherry Elmenhorst
LeAnn Eberle
Penny Jo Einspahr
Norman Geiger
Susan Haag
Sylvia Haag
Darren Heins
Delores Heins
Kurtz Family
Kenneth Langley
Dustin Lantow
Daniel Markowitz
Debbie Markowitz
Jaxson Markowitz
Brian Martin
Sylvia Miller
Jenna Moyer
Shea Mueting
James Nunley
Olivia Pimpl
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Ken Schade
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Jackie Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Vicki Stark
Carl Lee Stueve
Carol Taylor
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.	11/14:	5:00 pm	+Phillip and Todd Orear
Sun.	11/15:	8:30 am	For the Parish
Wed.	11/18:	7:15 am	+John & Lucille Trear and +Richard and Bob Trear
Thurs.	11/19:	7:15 am	+Erwin Eberle
Fri.	11/20:	7:15 am	+Abbi Markowitz
Sat.	11/21:	5:00 pm	+Paul & Helen Marie Richard
Sun.	11/22:	8:30 am	For the Parish

DONUT SUNDAY is THIS weekend



Following Mass this Sunday please come to the Parish Life Center and enjoy some special treats prepared by our quilting ladies. And there's always good conversation to be had.

Knights' News

A *HUGE THANK YOU* to all who contributed to our annual tootsie roll drive and to the Todd Orear memorial. $3,798 have been donated to Hetlinger Developmental Center with $798 coming from the tootsie roll sales and $3,000 from the Todd Orear memorial. Your generosity is so much appreciated!

The November meeting will be this Wednesday, November 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Hall. Please come get involved in our service organization and its activities.

Next Sunday, November 22nd, we will again be serving our hot biscuits and gravy breakfast. Please come enjoy a hot breakfast and great conversation

The annual Stag will be held Saturday, January 23, 2027. More information to come.

Sincerely,

~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight



COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE

Olpe United Methodist Church will be hosting this year's community Advent Service. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 29th, at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend with your family. It's a great way to start the Advent season.

Last Week's Collections:

11/07-08/2026:

Envelopes (25)	$ 1,570.00
Plate	412.00
Capital Improvements (1)	55.00
TOTAL	**$ 2,037.00**

Congratulations

October Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

10/01 - St. Teresa of Lisieux	Brian Schmidt	$50
10/02	Lisa Blaufuss-Blow	$25
10/03	Leon Brown	$25
10/04	Ty Gasche	$25
10/05	Carol Soyez	$25
10/06	Carol Taylor	$25
10/07	Megan Haag	$25
10/08	Vickie Lutz	$25
10/09	Hannah Blow	$25
10/10	Donna Farr	$25
10/11	Kathy Redeker	$25
10/12	Logan Conklin	$25
10/13	Neleh Davis	$25
10/14	Diana Kuhlmann	$25
10/15	Maisie Fritz	$25
10/16	John Blaufuss, Jr.	$25
10/17	Josh Beckler	$25
10/18	Alejandro Pena	$25
10/19	Terry & Carol Taylor	$25
10/20	Joe Cole	$25
10/21	Rayna Bush	$25
10/22	Kate Nunley	$25
10/23	Callahan Moyer	$25
10/24	Brianna Prock	$25
10/25	Cassie Dieker	$25
10/26	Ashley Schmidt	$25
10/27	Quentin Sage	$25
10/28	Frankie Davis Murray	$25
10/29	Brian Schmidt	$25
10/30	Liz Doyle	$25
10/31	John Blaufuss, Jr.	$25



Just in time for the holidays, 2027-2028 lottery tickets to benefit the Parish Life Center are now available. Contact a CCD student or Kim Irwin at (620) 475-3295 if you'd like to purchase some.

The season of Advent is quickly approaching and it's time to begin planning for our Christmas altar flowers. If you would like to help by donating towards the purchase of altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Donna at 620-475-3794 or Laurie at 620-343-0321 BY SUNDAY, DEC. 20TH. The suggested donation remains at $25. We will also be collecting donations after Masses on the weekends of Dec. 12/13 and Dec. 19/20. THANK YOU kindly for always being so very generous!

Our SOUP SUPPER/PRIZE BINGO

is next Sunday and it is time to....

enjoy the company and friendship of our community and parish!



- **We will be calling to remind those who volunteered of their task.**
- *ALL PARISHIONERS are welcome to donate PRIZES for the Bingo and Raffle!*
  (Monetary donations to purchase prizes will also be accepted!)
  TO DONATE, Contact: Val Studer @ 620-366-1118 OR Jess Rogers @ 620-341-7337
- **If you donated snacks to be sold, please wrap those individually and bring them to the Knights Hall by 5:00.**

REMEMBER: Sunday, Nov. 22--SOUP 5:00 pm--BINGO 6:00 PM--Knights Hall

SPOILER ALERT: We have some GREAT prizes, including CASH prizes for special Bingos and a HANDMADE QUILT for blackout!

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

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 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.

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.

The nearest Listening with the Heart sessions for our parish are:

Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m., Osage City – St. Patrick, 309 S 6th St, Osage City KS 66523
Languages anticipated: English

Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Emporia – Didde Catholic Campus Center, 1415 Merchant Street,
Emporia KS 66801 Languages anticipated: English and Spanish

Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Ottawa – Sacred Heart Parish Center, 426 S. Cedar St, Ottawa KS
66067 Languages anticipated: English

Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Garnett – St. Rose Catholic School, 430 E 4th Ave, Garnett KS 66032
Languages anticipated: English

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Plus an unforgettable visit to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown in Chalco

March 5-8, 2027

To Register, Visit:
https://worldvillages.org/events/naumann-2027/
Or Call: 1 (800) 662-6316



Join **The Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann**, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, **Reverend Nicholas Ashmore**, Pastor of Our Lady of Unity in Kansas City, and **Reverend Brian Schieber**, Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Leawood on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown to deepen your faith and grow closer to Jesus through Mary.



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The Jesse Tree EXPLAINED – The (Not) Christmas Tree You've Never Heard of | Ep 3

The often-forgotten Jesse tree reminds us of God's faithful fulfillment of all his promises (of which there are so many throughout all of salvation history!). In Christ, he keeps every promise he has made, from Adam and Eve to John the Baptist. His promises of peace and salvation apply not just to ancient Israel, but to all of us today. Join us in learning about this hidden gem of an Advent tradition and how it can help you and your family walk through Advent in the light of Sacred Scripture.

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Father's Corner

From a discourse on the Psalms by Saint Augustine, bishop
(Ps. 95. 14,15: CCL 39, 1351-1353)

Let us not resist the first coming, so that we may not dread the second

All the trees of the forest will exult before the face of the Lord, for he has come, he has come to judge the earth. He has come the first time, and he will come again. At his first coming, his own voice declared in the gospel: *Hereafter you shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds.* What does he mean by *hereafter*? Does he not mean that the Lord will come at a future time when all the nations of the earth will be striking their breasts in grief? Previously he came through his preachers, and he filled the whole world. Let us not resist his first coming, so that we may not dread the second.
What then should the Christian do? He ought to use the world, not become its slave. And what does this mean? It means having, as though not having. So says the Apostle: *My brethren, the appointed time is short: from now on let those who have wives live as though they had none; and those who mourn as though they were not mourning; and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing; and those who buy as though they had no goods; and those who deal with this world as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away. But I wish you to be without anxiety.* He who is without anxiety waits without fear until his Lord comes. For what sort of love of Christ is it to fear his coming? Brothers, do we not have to blush for shame? We love him, yet we fear his coming. Are we really certain that we love him? Or do we love our sins more? Therefore let us hate our sins and love him who will exact punishment for them. He will come whether we wish it or not. Do not think that because he is not coming just now, he will not come at all. He will come, you know not when; and provided he finds you prepared, your ignorance of the time of his coming will not be held against you.

All the trees of the forest will exult. He has come the first time, and he will come again to judge the earth; he will find those rejoicing who believed in his first coming, for he has come.

He will judge the world with equity and the peoples in his truth. What are equity and truth? He will gather together with him for the judgment his chosen ones, but the others he will set apart; for he will place some on his right, other on his left. What is more equitable, what more true than that they should not themselves expect mercy from the judge, who themselves were unwilling to show mercy before the judge's coming. Those, however who were willing to show mercy will be judged with mercy. For it will be said to those placed on his right: *Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world.* And he reckons to their account their works of mercy: *For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.*

What is imputed to those places on his left side? That they refused to show mercy. And where will they go? *Depart into the everlasting fire.* The hearing of this condemnation will cause much wailing. But what has another psalm said? *The just man will be held in everlasting remembrance; he will not fear the evil report.* What is the evil report? *Depart into the everlasting fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels.* Whoever rejoices to hear the good report will not fear the bad. This is equity, this is truth.

Or do you, because you are unjust, expect the judge not to be just? Or because you are a liar, will the truthful one not be true? Rather, if you wish to receive mercy, be merciful before he comes; forgive whatever has been done against you; give of your abundance. Of whose possessions do you give, if not from his? If you were to give of your own, it would be largess; but since you give of his, it is restitution. *For what have you that you have not received?* These are the sacrifices most pleasing to God: mercy, humility, praise, peace, charity. Such as these, then, let us bring and, free from fear, we shall await the coming of the judge *who will judge the world in equity and the peoples in his truth.*

General Tithing

- Giving God who gave us all things something small in return
- Doing our part to provide for the daily needs of our parish and God's home in Olpe.

Scan the code to make a recurring or one-time gift to the parish.

Parish Life Center

We still owe $277,412 on our Parish Life Center, and we need your help getting it paid off.

We have big hopes for what we can do next with the church building, the grounds, and even the rectory, but this comes first!