NOVEMBER 22, 2026

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN

CHRIST THE KING



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 11/23/26 - 11/29/26
Alan Nuessen

Weekend Servers
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
11/21: Jana Redeker
11/22: Cass Coughlin
11/28: Cass Coughlin
11/29: Shirley Langley

Weekend Gift Bearers
11/21: Derek & Erica Nuessen Family
11/22: Michael & Carol Soyez Family
11/28: Luke & Lynn Miller Family
11/29: Michael & Lindsey Ratcliff Family

THE MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, WILL BE AT 8:00 AM.

THERE WILL BE NO CCD AND NO ADORATION THIS WEEK DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

THE MASSES ON DECEMBER 8TH, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WILL BE AT 7:15 AM & 5:30 PM.

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
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.	11/21:	5:00 pm	+Paul & Helen Marie Richard
Sun.	11/22:	8:30 am	For the Parish
Wed.	11/25:	7:15 am	+Louis & Bertha Trear
Thurs.	11/26:	8:00 am	+Fred & Helen Windle
Fri.	11/27:	7:15 am	+Marvin & Sylvia Klumpe and +Steven Klumpe
Sat.	11/28:	5:00 pm	+Doris Redeker
Sun.	11/29:	8:30 am	For the Parish

Last Week's Collections:

11/14-15/2026:

Envelopes (26)	$ 1,595.25
Plate	468.75
Capital Improvements (1)	10.00
Campaign for Human Development (3)	85.00
TOTAL	**$ 2,159.00**



COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Olpe United Methodist Church will be hosting this year's community Advent Service. Mark your calendars for **NEXT 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.

Knights' News

CONGRATULATIONS to the following folks who support the Knights and our community with their service:

Knight of the Month: Joe Pientka

Family of Month: Dan & Janet Schneider

Friend of the Knights: Marla Craig

Mark your calendars - our next biscuits and gravy breakfast will be on Sunday, December 13th.

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

Sincerely,

~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

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!



Parish Life Center Lottery Tickets On Sale

Lottery tickets for the March 2027 - February 2028 season are now available for $25 each! Please help spread the word to your family and friends.

These lottery tickets make great Christmas gifts, and birthday, anniversary, "thank you," or "just because" gifts as well. There are 999 tickets for sale. With Leap Year, there are **366** chances to win. We have sold out the last couple of years! The proceeds support the Parish Life Center.

Tickets have been distributed to CCD families . If you are interested in purchasing tickets, you can contact one of them. You can also call Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5th! Our semi-annual church cleaning will begin at 8:30am. We invite all able-bodied men, women, and youth to help make fast work of this task. Let's all pitch in to beautify our church for the Christmas season.





Choir practices for the Christmas season will begin this Sunday, Nov. 22nd following Mass. If you can't make it this week, join us next week. If you are interested in joining the Choir, we'd love to have you!





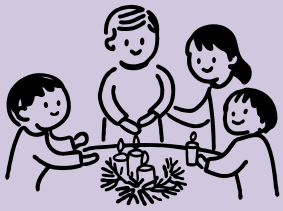
What a BEAUTIFUL time to "Gather Together" and enjoy each other's company! Please join us at the SOUP SUPPER AND PRIZE BINGO this Sunday at the Knights Hall. Supper begins serving at 5:00 PM and Bingo is at 6:00 PM. We will have DELICIOUS food and WONDERFUL prizes and RAFFLE items! Invite your friends and families!



Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, December 24th
Caroling - 5:00 p.m. Mass - 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Mass
Friday, December 25th
Caroling - 8:10 a.m. Mass - 8:30 a.m.



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Office will be open Monday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM and Tuesday, 8:00 AM - Noon this week. The office will be closed Wednesday through Friday.



CHRISTMAS "ADVENT" URES

HEY PARENTS!
St. Joseph Parish is again providing an avenue for you to enjoy a "night out" and your kids to get a great start to ADVENT!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Parish Life Center 3:00-6:00 PM
AGES K-6th grade
Pizza, movie, snacks/hot chocolate, crafts
Please bring a pillow and blanket for movie watching

This is a GREAT opportunity for parents to drop off your youngsters and enjoy a dinner date out or shop, etc. It will also coincide nicely with the Community Advent Vespers which begin at 6:30 PM at the Olpe United Methodist Church.

Sign up on the sheet in the back of church this weekend or text Kay at 620-340-5638 to register your child!

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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There's More to Your Nativity Scene than You Thought | Ep 4

In this episode, we explore the incarnational meaning of the nativity set, traditions to follow within your own family, and how we're not only preparing for the birth of Christ that happened 2000 years ago – but the present reality that Christ will one day come again for us. Are you ready?

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Father's Corner

From a notebook On Prayer by Origen, priest
(Cap. 25: PG 11, 495-499)

Your kingdom come

The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, *does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is; but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart.* Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: *We shall come to him and make our home with him.*

Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his *kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.* Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: *Hallowed be your name; your kingdom come.*

Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not *a sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial.* The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin.

Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way *should sin reign in our mortal body;* rather we should *mortify our members which are upon the earth* and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out.

All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; death will be cast out, and our mortality will be clad with the Father's immortality, so that, as God reigns in us, we may truly enjoy the blessings of rebirth and resurrection.

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 $271,553 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!