FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 3, 2020

MISSION STATEMENT
Saint Joseph Catholic Church parish family is dedicated to serving God and community through prayer, service, and hospitality, so that we may live as faith-filled stewards.

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Office hours  Monday-Friday 8:00 am-noon, Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00-4:00 pm

Mass schedule
Weekend  Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am

Weekdays  Monday-Friday 7:15am
First Saturday, 8:00am

Confession schedule
Monday through Friday, 7:00-7:10 am
Sat 3:30-4:30 pm

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Reflections from Father Daryl

I am the Good Shepherd

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:14-15)

Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus would use the image of the shepherd to describe his relationship to his disciples several times during his ministry. The birth of Jesus was first announced to the shepherds in the place called shepherds field in Bethlehem. While in the Holy Land, I was blessed with the opportunity to celebrate Mass in a cave in the middle of this field where it is believed that the shepherds would come to see the newborn savior. While there, I gained a much better understanding of the life of a shepherd in the time of Jesus. Shepherds field is a very large valley where many of the sheep were raised and tended to during the time of Jesus. Shepherds were considered one of the lowest of occupations one could have at that time. The shepherds lived in the caves in the hills surrounding the fields. Each cave had an outer area where the shepherds would bring the sheep into at night so they would be protected. They would be brought in at night and a gate would be closed so no predators could get in. There would then be another area further into the cave where the family could gather and finally an inner cave that would be the sleeping quarters for the family. Jesus would state the he is the gate through which the sheep would enter. Whoever enters through this gate would be saved. It is in the fold of Jesus our good shepherd that we continue to be protected and cared for. Each morning, the shepherd would lead the sheep out through the gate and lead them to pasture to graze and to water for them to drink. They would follow the shepherd throughout the day and at night would be brought back in through the gate for their protection through the night. Jesus invites each one of us to know his voice and to follow him throughout each day. Just as the shepherd feeds the flock, so too does our Lord feed and nourish each of us. Each time we come to Mass we share in the Holy Eucharist, the body and blood of our Lord. It is Jesus who laid down his life for us and gave to us the nourishment we need to live the resurrection life our Lord won for us. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as disciples of Christ. Jesus has laid down his life for our sake through his death on the cross and has taken it up again through his resurrection. “No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again.” Jesus willingly suffered the death of the cross, knowing it would bring about the forgiveness of sins and he is raised from the dead so that we might share in his abundant life. As our Good Shepherd he has done all for our sake. It is up to each of us to seek out his voice as he calls us to follow him. We can be assured that he will be with us to overcome all things and fill our hearts with the joy and happiness that we are seeking in this life and in the life that awaits us in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 4
Easter Weekday
†Chuck Peltzer

Tuesday, May 5
Easter Weekday
†Frank Vesterling

Wednesday, May 6
Easter Weekday
†Joe Klein

Thursday, May 7
Easter Weekday
†Tyler Underwood

Friday, May 8
Easter Weekday
†George Raple

Saturday, May 9
Easter Weekday
†David Stanhope

Sunday, May 10
Fourth Sunday of Easter
for the parish

THE GIFT OF OUR TREASURE

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ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION

From the Office of Marriage and Family Life:

A NEW Virtual Marriage Preparation Experience

We are adding a new Virtual Seminar on Saturday May 9: We will be sending the necessary information for the participants to join online. Couples can register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marriage-preparation-seminar-tickets-54929689179

We will handle any upcoming seminars or workshops in a similar manner until we are able to provide services in person.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

Sunday’s Mass will be livestreamed on the parish’s YouTube page: St. Joseph Catholic Church—Andale, KS

Tune in Sunday at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING

After consultation with the Finance Council, the decision has been made to offer online giving here at St. Joseph. On our parish website, you will find a link to download the application to set up ACH giving directly from your bank. You will complete the form and
LETTER TO PSR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

After Joseph and Mary returned to Jerusalem and found Jesus in the temple, we are simply told that Jesus returned home with them where he grew in wisdom and age and favor with God and man. In these unprecedented times, families are all returning home with one another where they now grow in wisdom with new forms of education.

In the hidden years of our Lord, it was Mary and Joseph who taught the faith to Jesus. The parables that Jesus used in his ministry to teach the Gospel were stories and life events he would have learned from his parents. Mary and Joseph were the first and primary teachers of Jesus. In some ways, during this time of social distancing, we are returning to the very way of life of the Holy Family.

Just as you are receiving packets from school for you to use with your children for the remainder of this academic year, so too will we do so for the religious education for your children. The outside door to the parish hall will be open during office hours, even if the office is closed. The materials will be available in Room 101. Textbooks sent home need to be returned to the parish office. The packets will be available after April 2.

At this time, we do not have a set date for First Communion for our second graders. It is important that they continue to receive formation during this time. Once we are able to schedule this, if possible, we will have a class with the children to prepare them for First Communion.

I am grateful to all of you and you will be in my prayers as you continue to form your children in our Catholic faith. May God bless you and reward you for all you do.

Fr. Daryl

BULLETINS

Church bulletins are available in church on Friday for the coming weekend, along with Magnifikids. The bulletin is also available on the parish website, www.stjosephhandale.com. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please let the office know.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Rebecca Dolbow, Aaron Engels, Matthew Focke, Gabriel Goff, Josh Goff, Hollie Martin, Shelby Nixon, Chase Penney, Cole Penney, Conner Penney, Lauren Penney, Gina Reichenberger, Lucas Reichenberger, Isaac Robben, Nicholas Robben, Brandon Rowland, Matthew Salmans, Nick Scheer, Trystan Tevis. Contact Dee Reichenberger at 644-7246 or dee.reichenberger@gmail.com

CONFESSIONS

Father will be hearing confessions Monday through Friday from 7:00am-7:30am in the adoration chapel. In addition, he will be hearing confessions on Saturday from 3:30pm-4:30pm

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will not be open during regular hours. If you have a question or concern, you may email or leave a voicemail. Messages will be checked periodically. If you wish to drop off a donation during regular office hours, you may put it under the office door.

As always, if you have an emergency, please contact Father’s cell at 316.706.1627.

LORD’S DINER May, 4

Our group will be serving on Monday, May 4th at the Lord’s Diner to feed the homeless/poor in Wichita. Due to Covid19, everything has changed. Only 9 volunteers are needed. YOU WILL NOT COME IN CONTACT WITH THE GUESTS, You will be filling to-go trays.

Please call Chris Schaeffer home 448-0587 or text cell 405 301-6987 or Janice Wetta cell 213-1059 by April 30th. We need to turn the names in to the Diner by the Friday before.

Thanks in advance for your help.

ONLINE RESOURCES

ChristLife is offering their online videos for free during this time of crisis. You can access these videos at https://christlife.org/store/category/rentals

FOOD FOR THE POOR

The Daily Bread Food Pantry that we take the collected food for the poor is not taking any food donations at this time. Please discontinue taking the food to the church until it is open again. We will post it in the bulletin when we can accept donations again.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Emergency: Father Daryl at 316.706.1627
Baptism: Call the office to set up appointment with Fr. Daryl.
Matrimony: Call the office at least 9 months in advance.
Prayer Requests: Bonnie, 444.2520
Altar Society: Terri, 371.7298
Knights of Columbus: Brandon, 619-6231
Formed.org, parish password is D2FACY
Bulletin notices no later than noon on Tuesday
Eucharistic Adoration: Ginny, 665.1004
Project Rachel: If you or a friend is hurting from an abortion, call 634.1300
Unplanned pregnancy? Call 1.800.848.LOVE