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.
Reflections from Father Daryl

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven. (Acts 1:10-11)

As we celebrate today the Ascension of our Lord into heaven, this is the description Luke gives of the event in the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus has gathered the disciples together and has given them the promise that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would fill them with zeal to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Now, they stand there and watch our Lord as he is taken up into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Each year when I read through this passage, one line always seems to draw my attention and reflection. It is the question by the two men dressed white garments. “why are you standing there looking up into the sky?” This year it takes on a much different meaning. During this time of the stay at home orders, it may seem like all we have been doing is looking up at the sky, trying to fill the days and hours that we are staying home. Looking up at the sky is just what I would have been doing in that moment. But the question leads to a much greater response from the disciples present that day as well as each one of us. Jesus has given a command, and we cannot stand by idle all day and not go out and fulfill the command.

The command given by our Lord is to go and make disciples of all the nations. When they receive the Holy Spirit, the disciple indeed would fulfil the command the rest of their lives. Many would do so with the willingness to give up their life defending the Gospel. The Holy Spirit gave them the necessary tools to complete their mission of making disciples. We often fail to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives sending us out to make disciples. We must ask ourselves, are we still looking up to the sky waiting for the Lord to return, or are we allowing the Holy Spirit to fill us with the same zeal of the disciples to share the good news with all that we encounter.

Christianity and religious faith continue to be under attack throughout the world. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are being called each day to give witness to the truth of the Gospel. Jesus gave us the promise to be with us always until his return. May we all look to make disciples of all the nations and bring the good news of salvation to all.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Monday, May 25
St. Bede, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi
9:00am †Mary Ann Beyrle
Tuesday, May 26
St. Philip Neri
7:15am †Alma Gegen †Mark Gegen
Wednesday, May 27
St. Augustine of Caterbury
7:15am Special Intention: 25th ordination anniversary
Thursday, May 28
Easter Weekday
7:15am †Fr. Steven Scheier
Friday, May 29
St. Paul VI
7:15am †Marcellus Engelbrecht
Saturday, May 30
Pentecost
5:00pm †Norbert and Celestine Bergkamp, †Brian Bergkamp
Sunday, May 31
Pentecost
8:00am for the parish
10:00am Special Intention

THE GIFT OF OUR TREASURE
Weekly YTD
Your Gift $ 14,217 $617,400
Budget $ 13,532 $608,940
Difference $ 685 $ 8,460

FLOCKNOTE
Saint Joseph parish has begun to use Flocknote, which is a parish-wide notification system, either by text, voicemail or email. Various groups, ministries and the prayer line will be using this system.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

OFFICE HOURS
The parish office will be open during regular hours.
You are still welcome to email or leave voicemails.

LIVESTREAMING MASS
Sunday’s Mass will continue to be livestreamed on the parish’s You Tube 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 send to the parish office.
Nourish – Catholic Support Group Online for Family Caregivers
If you’re caring for a family member in your home, care facility or elsewhere, consider getting help from fellow caregivers who can relate to what you are going through especially if you are experiencing stress, burnout, or depression because of isolation. While many caregiver support groups offer practical and emotional help, Nourish gives Catholic spiritual support as well. Online help is available every day at 10:00 a.m. Sign up at https://nourishforcaregivers.com/.

A New Marriage Date Night Series – anytime in the comfort of your home!
Join top Marriage Champions from around the country for a 5 part marriage enrichment and renewal series. During this time of social isolation, our Domestic Church is in even greater need of relationship with God and others. This is our time as married couples to shine and be the light to those in our homes and communities. Let your marriage BE LIGHT! For more information and to register go to: https://witnessstolove.org/belight.

Another In-Home Date Night Opportunity
Quarantine and social distancing can be hard on relationships - reconnect with a romantic date night. This Date Night offers mouthwatering recipes to cook together, questions to get the conversation flowing, then kick-back and laugh with Paul Harris and a couples’ comedy special. To learn more and to register go to https://datenight.communio.org/register-at-home-date-night/.

Grieving with Great Hope Series, Beginning June 1
This seven week series will begin on Monday, June 1 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, 7100 N. 45th St., Bel Aire, KS. The cost is $20 per person. This class is limited to 10 people. Please check the Spiritual Life Center’s website for more details or to register at https://slc.retreatportal.com/events/?p=101:2:5975835984874:::PROGRAM_ID:16405.

Called and Gifted Series, beginning June 3
This twelve week series will begin on Wednesday, June 3 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 124 N. Roosevelt, Wichita. The cost per person is $40 which includes the Complete Resource Guide and 6 months access to the streaming videos. To register, call the Parish Office at 316-682-4557, email calledandgifted@blessedsacramentwichita.com (please give your name, email address, phone number and your home parish), or to go the parish website and click on Called and Gifted.

Senior Adult Ministries Appreciation Mass and Luncheon, June 12 – Cancelled

DIACONATE ORDINATION
Will Stuever was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Thursday, May 21. Although the Mass was closed to the general public, we offer our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving for Will’s gift of himself to the church. Will plans to join us for the weekend Masses May 23-24.

CLOTH MASKS NEEDED
Via Christi Foundation is in need of donated cloth masks for all patients that come in for doctor visits, lab draws, radiology appointments, etc. Masks with thin elastic ear loops are preferred. If you are willing to make and donate cloth masks for clinic patients, please contact Maria Maus at maria.maus@ascension.org or by cell at 316.706.9825.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
Rebecca Dolbow, Aaron Engels, Mathew 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

MEMORIAL DAY MASS
On Monday, May 25, Mass will be offered at 9:00am. Father will bless the graves at the end of Mass.

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