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 Have Conquered

"I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you. (John 16:1-4)

In the sixteenth chapter of John’s Gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for his return to the Father. He would soon depart from them and ascend to his Father. In these opening lines, Jesus tells them plainly what will happen to them as they fulfill the mission he would entrust to them to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. He is preparing them for the persecutions they would endure in his name. As we look around our world today, these words are just as pertinent to us as they were to the disciples.

We have begun to witness in our own country and in our world a greater opposition to religion and an increasing persecution to those who profess a faith in God. Jesus declares clearly to the disciples why they will persecute them and why they continue to do the same today. They have not known the Father or the Son. In these times, we must ask ourselves, do we truly know the Father and the Son. Are we willing to go forth into a world that has lost the knowledge of the Father and the Son and boldly proclaim their name?

When we look at what is taking place in society today, we can quickly see that the more God has been taken out of the lives of the people, the further we are from sharing in the true life God intended for us. Jesus came that all might share in his abundant life. That promise remains for each of us today. Rather than rejoicing in all that God has done for us, too many people today only rejoice in themselves. They do not know the Father or the Son.

Looking at the state of society today, we can easily become discouraged. Grief would fill the hearts of the disciples as Jesus tells them what to expect and that he is returning to the father. Jesus reassures them that he will not abandon them, but will send the advocate, the Holy Spirit, to guide them to all truth. Through the Holy Spirit we are continually reminded of the final word of Jesus in the same chapter: ‘I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.’” (John 16:33)
**SACRISTAN NEEDED**
We are in need of a volunteer sacristan for 1-2 weekday Masses per week. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Gorges at 833.3344

**Set Your House In Order Series**
Beginning July 29—The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring this series at the Spiritual Life Center beginning Wednesday, July 29 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This five week series helps adults in the second half of life organize all their important information that their family will need in case of an accident, sudden illness or death. Cost for singles is $50 and for couples is $75 which includes a book and workbook. Please register early due to limited class space. To register, call the SLC at 316-744-0167 by July 15th.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**
What if God came to you in a dream and said, “Ask anything of me and I will give it to you”? What would you ask for? Health for yourself or a loved one? More money or prestige? When King Solomon is presented with this opportunity, he demonstrates a true spirit of stewardship. Before making his request, Solomon acknowledges the blessings he has already received and rather than asking for something that would benefit himself, he asks for an understanding heart that would allow him to rule with wisdom. Solomon requests a gift that will allow him to promote the good of others. In response, God gives Solomon wisdom and understanding in abundance — more than anyone ever has or ever will have again. God loves a humble and grateful heart; a heart that surrenders to His loving will. While it would be tempting to ask God for more temporal and self-serving things, let us remember that our stewardship is meant to serve God and His Kingdom.

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION**
If you would like to commit to spending one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each week, please call or text Ginny at 316-665-1004. Someone for the 6-7am hour on Tuesday is especially needed at this time.

**INQUIRY CLASS**
Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? A class will be offered beginning this fall, with the possibility of joining the church on Holy Saturday. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in this opportunity, please contact the parish office to learn more.

**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 Salmons, Nick Scheer, Trystan Tevis. Contact Dee Reichenberger at 644-7246 or dee.reichenberger@gmail.com

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**
The Catholic Diocese of Wichita’s Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been sexually abused as a minor by someone representing the Catholic Church. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Contact Sandy Lessor, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 316-440-1733.

**SAVE THE DATE**
Father Daryl will be celebrating his 25th ordination anniversary on Saturday, August 15. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be at 5:00pm, followed by a reception, dinner and program. The parish is invited to this special occasion.

Please RSVP by July 31 to the parish office if you plan to attend the dinner.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**
We recognize the parish’s high school seniors today. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them God’s blessings in the future.

**TRAVELING MADONNA STATUE**
Please use the sign-up sheet located in the back of church.

**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