



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Ellinwood, Kansas

19 July 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish

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Saint Joseph Parish and School

Administration

Fr. Aneesh Parappanattu, MSFS
Laurie Kolling, Principal
Jamie Komarek, Secretary

Masses

Weekdays 8:15 am
Weekends 5:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday

Confessions

4:00 pm Saturday & by request



Upcoming Events

Ladies Swim Night
July 24
6:30 pm

**Midwest Catholic
Family Conference**
July 31-Aug 2, 2026
Wichita

**Holy Hour with
seminarians**
Aug 1, 10:30 am
Dodge City

**SJCS Parent
Meeting &
Enrollment Aug 5**
5:30 pm

**PGC Awareness
Session Aug 25**
6-9 pm
Great Bend

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Weekday (7/20)

Mass 8:15 am For Rain

Tues., Weekday (7/21)

Mass 8:15 am +Margie Thomas

Wed., St. Mary Magdalene (7/22)

**Mass 8:15 am Fr. Esteban, Fr. Carson,
Fr. Eric**

Thurs., Weekday (7/23)

Mass 8:15 am +Keith Hammeke

Fri., Weekday (7/24)

Mass 8:15 am +Gus Rickert

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/25)

**Mass 5:00 pm Liv/Dec Members of the Bieberle,
Batchman, and Ewald Families**

SEVENTEENTH SUN ORDINARY TIME (7/26)

Mass 9:00 am For the Parish

Church Support

Envelopes \$3,765.00 Offertory \$819.00

Online Giving \$1,847.50

Total Weekend Collection \$6,431.50

Wkly offering needed to meet budget \$9,700.00

Envelopes Mailed 112

Envelopes Returned 39

Online Donors 50



*"The kingdom of heaven is like a
mustard seed." (Matthew 13:31)*

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? Talk to Father Aneesh or reach out to Father John Stang, Director of Vocations at the Diocesan Vocation Office, 620-227-1500.

Ministers

Wkday Servers: July 19: Noah Resner, Emma Trout

July 25 & 26

Sat. 5:00pm

Sun. 9:00am

Lector

David Gonzales

Ben Schneider

Lector

Karla Gonzales

Steve Billinger

EM

Amy Oelke

Chad Steffan

Steve Oelke

Lori Steffan

Melanie Zink

Amanda Brack

Servers

Chioggia Staton

Lexi Thomas

Cabrini Staton

Remi Thomas

Sacristans

Larry Drees

K & K Wondra

Greeters Sat., July 25 – Dustin & Eleanor Jahay Family, Steve & Amy Oelke

Sunday, July 26 – Kelly & Kristen Wondra, Jake & Amy Jones Family

SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



WE WANT TO EXTEND A WARM

WELCOME to everyone in town this weekend for the After Harvest Festival. We are truly happy to have you join us for Masses at St. Joseph Parish.

May your weekend be filled with good memories, safe travels, and God's blessings.

THANK YOU - Our youth had a wonderful and faith-filled experience at the Steubenville Conference. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, the Altar Society, our dedicated chaperones, and all the parishioners whose generous support, prayers, and encouragement made this opportunity possible. Your kindness and commitment to our young people are deeply appreciated. May God bless you abundantly for investing in the faith and future of our youth.

THANK YOU – Dear Parishioners, on behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth, and elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

MISSION APPEAL - Next weekend, July 25–26, we will be blessed to welcome the Dominican Sisters of Peace, who will be with us for a Mission Appeal. During both Masses, the sisters will share about their ministry, their mission of proclaiming the Gospel, and the many ways they serve those in need.

There will be no special envelopes or second collection for this appeal, but you are to add your donation to the regular collection of the day, which allows our parish to offer a greater stewardship to the Diocese, which in turn can offer a greater donation to the Dominican Sisters and other missionary groups.

THIS WEEK IS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK – July 19–25, 2026 - Join Catholics across the nation in celebrating Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. NFP promotes God's plan for married love, helping couples grow in faith, communication, and openness to life. Please keep all married and engaged couples in your prayers.

PETITION SCHEDULE, Weekend of July 26:
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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, July 20, through Friday, July 24.

LOTTO ST. JOE 2026 – The winner of the weekly \$50.00 drawing for July 17 is Heather Roth. All tickets are re-entered, allowing one to win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of SJCS.

LADIES SWIM NIGHT! Next Friday, July 24, join us for summer drinks, finger foods, and water at just the right temperature! Jean Doll and The Flickas are hosting an evening of relaxation and girl talk. Wear your swimming suit to jump in the pool or something cool to lounge alongside, as long as you join us! Start time is 6:30 pm at 305 E 1st St. Can't wait to see you there!

SJCS PARENT MEETING AND ENROLLMENT - We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for a new school year! Join us on Wednesday, August 5, in the Parish Center for our SJCS Parent Meeting, which begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. Enrollment will take place immediately following the meeting. Please make plans to complete your child's enrollment by **Friday, August 7, 2025**. We can't wait to see you!

MISSING A CAKE PAN OR SERVING BOWL?
Ladies, we've collected quite a few cake pans, bowls, and serving dishes that were left behind after funeral dinners at the Parish Center.

If you've been wondering where your favorite pan or bowl disappeared to, it just might be here! Feel free to stop by the Parish Center and take a look. The north (back) door is open during the day, Monday through Friday, for your convenience.

Please claim any items by **August 3**. After that date, any unclaimed items will be donated to Catholic Charities Golden Harvest Thrift Store.
Thank you!



JOIN US for a Special Holy Hour for Vocations with our seminarians on Saturday, August 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT GOLDEN HARVEST THRIFT STORE -

Golden Harvest Thrift Store has expanded its Saturday hours and is looking for volunteers to help serve our community!

Whether you're looking to give back, earn community service hours, or enjoy meeting new people, we'd love to have you join our team. Volunteers assist in sorting donations, organizing merchandise, and supporting the mission of Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas.



Interested? Scan the QR code to sign up for an orientation session or contact Rebecca at 620-792-1393 for more information.

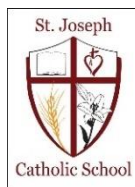


THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE invite you to an Open House at their Motherhouse, 3600 Broadway in Great Bend, on Saturday, July 25, from 1:30–3:30 p.m.

The Open House will feature displays highlighting the Sisters' history, ministries, and treasured memorabilia. Guests are also invited to tour the Sisters' Chapel and the Heritage Room.

Take this special opportunity to visit with the Sisters and celebrate their legacy before the Motherhouse closes at the end of 2026.

A second Open House will be held on Sunday, September 27.



Dillons Community Rewards Update

Thank you to everyone who has linked their Dillons (Kroger)

Community Rewards account to St. Joseph Catholic School! Because of your support, SJCS earned \$282.06 through the Community Rewards Program for the second quarter of the year (April 1–June 30, 2026).

A total of 137 households are currently supporting SJCS through this program. The more you shop at Dillons, the more we earn—at no additional cost to you!

If you have not yet linked your Dillons Rewards card to St. Joseph Catholic School, we encourage you to do so. It is easy to participate, and every purchase helps support our school.

Thank you for helping SJCS through your everyday shopping!

LET US ASK OUR BLESSED MOTHER

MARY for help with vocations to our diocese: seminarians, priests, religious sisters, and married couples. After each before-meal prayer, please add a Hail Mary for vocations. + Bishop John

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(Matthew 13:31)



Reflect:

The smallest seed can grow into something great in God's kingdom. Every “yes” to God — even a small one — can blossom into a life of holiness and service.



Discuss:

How can your parish encourage young people to take small, faithful steps toward discovering God's plan for their lives?



Pray:

Pray for patience and trust in the slow work of God, especially for those in early stages of discernment.



For with God, nothing will be impossible.
Luke 1:37

Natural Family Planning



Designed by God
Guided by Love
Open to Life

NFP BENEFITS

- Supports reproductive health
- No harmful side effects
- Inexpensive
- Useful to achieve or postpone pregnancy
- Can be used throughout the reproductive life cycle
- Fosters mutual communication
- Encourages respect for and acceptance of the total person
- Cooperates with a couple's combined fertility
- Honors God's design for married love!

#NFP Week 2026

Explore NFP
methods

