



**NOTICE: The procedures for communion will be:**

-Just one line for communion (as we have done previously). - Use hand sanitizer AND KEEP your mask in place while receiving communion. We ask that you take two steps to the side before consuming communion. (take mask off, consume the Body of Christ, and then put mask back on). We will still cover the ciboriums (bowls with the Body of Christ) with Corporals. Again, MASKS ARE REQUIRED to attend Mass.



**FOLLOWS: WILL BEGIN ON FEB. 17 with 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM here at St. Joseph. MASSES AS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS.....**

*Knights of Columbus officers and members are selling Lottery Tickets for the 2021-2022 drawings, which begins in March 2021. Please contact a K of C member OR purchase at a Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast.*

*Thank you all for continuing to support the Knights of Columbus Biscuit and Gravy Breakfasts, this allows us to support community causes. Breakfast is being served TODAY! Dine in or carryout are available from 7:30 -10:00 AM.*

**The Year of St. Joseph - A Year of Virtues**

Pope Francis has declared 2021 the Year of St. Joseph. He is the husband of Mary and the Foster Father of Jesus. He is the patron saint of workers, the dying, families, and the universal church, St. Joseph Parish. As a parish to explore the life of St. Joseph through the virtues he cultivated. Let us all work on the virtues that St Joseph displayed in his own life.

February is the month to cultivate the Virtue of LOVE. Cultivating virtues lead children and adults to develop confidence and a more meaningful life. Once virtues are cultivated, they will last your whole lifetime. They are often confused with values. There are distinct qualities that set them apart. A virtue is something we practice and improve on. Growing in virtue means forming new habits and continuing that habit over time. They are the building blocks of a Holy life. Each virtue should be considered an "Act of Love," or a gift of self. When we intentionally form virtuous habits, we open ourselves to new opportunities to form a truer version of whom God created us to be.

There are three theological virtues. They are Faith, Hope, and Love and the greatest of these is Love. Love God with your whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.

On Dec 8, 2020, Pope Francis announced the beginning of the year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is a model of individual surrender to God and availability to divine appointment. As part of the Archdiocese's three-year apostolic initiative to Enflame our Hearts, Homes, and Communities, we are prayerful that this year of St. Joseph will be a catalyst to Enflame our Homes. Please visit <https://archkck.org/yearofstjoseph> to find great resources for individuals, families, and parishes to grow during this year through the guidance of St. Joseph.

### **Retreat with the Heart of St. Joseph**

Come and retreat with the heart of St. Joseph. On Saturday, March 20th, you are invited to encounter the overflowing love of the Father's heart as you reflect on the life of Saint Joseph. Take a day to step away from your pandemic routine, pressures, and worries. Take a day to enter into the Year of St. Joseph. Prairie Star Ranch is offering a one-day guided retreat entitled Cor : Retreat with the heart of St. Joseph. With options for both in-person retreatants as well as live-stream participation, we hope all can take advantage of this special event. The retreat includes a vigil Mass, powerful and dynamic meditations offered by the Holy Family School of Faith, lunch, and perhaps most importantly, time for greater prayer. To find out more, register, and review our COVID-19 precautions, visit our website at [archkck.org/ranch](http://archkck.org/ranch)

*Our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the kind words, food, cards, masses, plants and flowers, and all the wonderful donations received for the St. Joseph's Cemetery Endowment and the Olpe Knights of Columbus Renovation Fund in memory of Marvin. A special thank you to Fr. Dan Coronado for the wonderful graveside service. We sincerely appreciate your many acts of kindness. May God bless you all!*

*The family of Marvin E. Klumpe*

## ***Lent 2021***

**Ash Wednesday Mass** – Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. CCD students do not have class so they may attend Mass.

**Stations of the Cross**- Each Wednesday @ St. Joseph Church at 7:10 p.m.

Confessions- Confessions will be held 4:00-4:30 each Saturday before Mass. Extended Confession times will be on *Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00-4:30* and a *Lenten Penance service will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.*

**Fish Fry**- We will have a Fish Fry on March 19 to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. We will begin at 6:00 with Stations of the Cross in church and then follow with a dine in or carry out Fish Fry at the K of C Hall at 6:30. You **MUST** sign up for dine in or carry out with the number of people coming by March 15<sup>th</sup>. A Sign-up sheet will be in the back of church at the beginning of March.

### **Parish Circle Leaders needed!**

**Circle I: Rose Redeker & Shirley Langley**

**Circle III: Bobby Johnson & 1 leader needed**

**Circle II: 2 leaders needed**

**Circle IV: 2 leaders needed**

**Please consider filling these leadership roles in our parish and contact Beth Skalsky at 620-437-6107 if interested.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“CONGRATULATIONS”** are in order for our Olpe Junior High and High School athletic teams! Recently, our high school girls finished **FIRST** in the Lyon County League Tournament; and all teams have enjoyed a great season thus far. We wish them well as they finish their season and post season competition. **ALSO.....many “CONGRATULATIONS”** to those students receiving academic honors. St. Joseph Parish is very proud of your accomplishments.

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*While we are congratulating students, we also want to recognize the CCD students and teachers AND parents who have cooperated with COVID restrictions in their attendance and participation at CCD. We know that the guidance the students are receiving in these classes is partly responsible for their achievements in school AND in social lives. We continue to pray for their success throughout their lives.*

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**As our mass attendance continues to increase, we will begin to take up collections at weekend masses. We need the help of several good people to assist with the collections. We usually have at least one “designated usher” that can oversee the transfer to the security packet; but could also use assistance from three others that would like to help with the collection. “PLEASE” and “THANK YOU”!!**

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**During Lent, we have the opportunity for all those signed up for FLOCKNOTE to receive a daily message from Bishop Barrons’ ‘Word on Fire’. If you are signed up for FLOCKNOTE and DO NOT wish to receive this daily message during Lent, there will be an option when you receive the message to UNSUBSCRIBE from the message. This is a very good, brief daily message; and we hope you choose to participate!**

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**ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament is available at St. Joseph Church for all parishioners---no matter the age---every Wednesday between 8 AM and 9 PM. Each hour has an anchor or someone who is responsible for keeping Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament attended, and that person is called an Adorer for the hour. Sara Miller was the Adorer for the 5 PM hour every week. This was Sara’s Hour of prayer. Since she has been in the hospital, Emma filled this prayer hour while she was available. We need a more permanent Adorer for this hour. If you are interested in being a 5-6PM Adorer, call Beth Schmidt (475-3575) or Rosemary Martin (620-437-2175).**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at 5-6PM is Sara’s Hour. Please consider coming in to pray for Sara Miller or James Nunley or anyone else who is ill or dealing with hard times or life decisions. Teens, young people of the parish are especially encouraged. Young families can bring children to this prayer time or any other time of the day. Stopping in for short visits are also encouraged. You will never leave this time of Adoration prayer without being changed in some way---God’s Graces are abundant.**