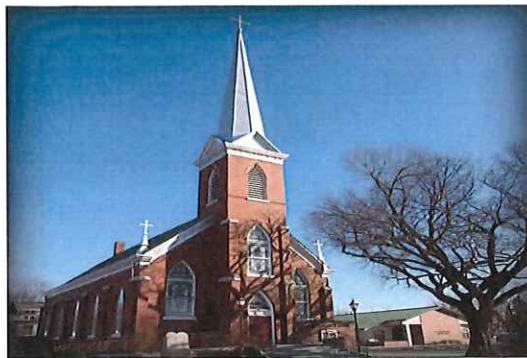
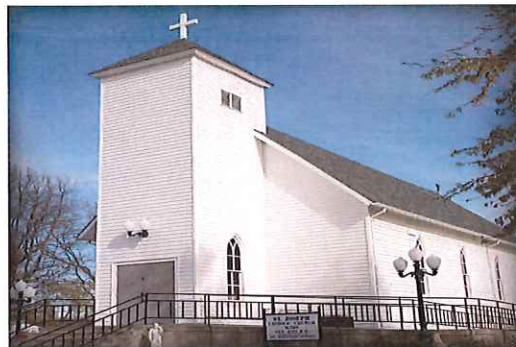
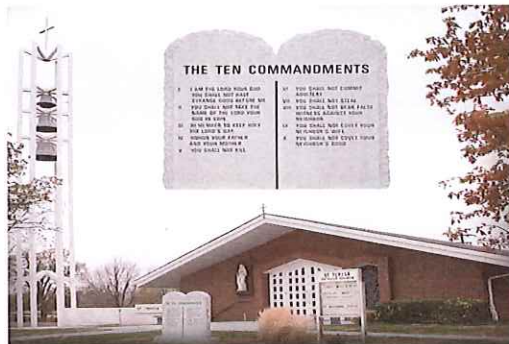




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Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Contact the office at least 1 month prior.

1st Holy Eucharist: Contact parish DRE or office for details.

Confirmation: This Sacrament of Initiation is held every three years for all parishes. Please contact the office for information.

Holy Matrimony: Contact the office at least 6 months prior to the date you are considering.

OCIA / Joining the Church: Contact Father or the office. Classes are held from September until Easter each year.

	<u>St. Francis:</u>	<u>St. Joseph:</u>
Finance Chair:	Greg Stice	Kevin Thimmesch
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Knights:	Richard Mahoney	
Religious Ed:	Gennifer Birk	Lindsay Bartlett
Summer VBS:	Amber Nolan	
Youth (7-12)	Angela Myers	
& YA Ministry:	Diani Myers	
	<u>St. Teresa:</u>	<u>St. Patrick:</u>
Finance Chair:	Wilma Setter	Chris Ulupano
Altar Society:	Wilma Setter	Joan Gagnon
Knights:	Heath Ohl	Glen Gagnon
Religious Ed:	Holly Ellington Reva Pracht	

Other: Legion of Mary: All 4 Parishes - Irene Tastove, Pres.

Contact the Office for more information:

Bible Study Series & OCIA / Continuing Education
Catholic Charities Mobile Bus & Volunteer Opportunities
Red Cross & St. Francis Youth Group Blood Drives
Summer Totus Tuus & VBS programs
Rural Youth Ministry & Young Adult Programs

40 days of Lent

4th Sunday of Lent

March 14 & March 15,
2026

*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

- John 8:12

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special Intention

Sat Mar 14

4:00pm SP For the people of all 4 parishes
6:00pm ST SI for all married couples

Sun Mar 15

8:00am SJ + Zeno Drumm by Don Drumm
10:00am SFX + Bernadette Hoefler
11:00am SFX OCIA & Continuing Education

Mon Mar 16

No Masses held today

Tues Mar 17

St. Patrick Feast Day

12:05pm SFX + Shaun Heinz by Tom & Cyndy Heinz
6:00pm SP Jim & Helen Mulcahey

Wed Mar 18

6:00pm SJ SI for all OCIA candidates

Thurs Mar 19

St. Joseph Feast Day

8:30am ST SI Gary & Wilma Setter
6:00pm SJ For the people of St. Joseph parish

Fri Mar 20

4th Friday of Lent

12:05pm SFX For all babies lost to abortion
5:00pm ST Reconciliation
5:45pm ST Stations of the Cross
Fish Fry immediately following Stations

Sat Mar 21

4:00pm SP + Nancy Kimball by Altar Society
6:00pm ST + Larry Setter by Gary & Wilma Setter

Sun Mar 22

8:00am SJ For the people of all 4 parishes
10:00am SFX SI of the Knights of Columbus
11:00am SFX OCIA & Continuing Education



Mass Intentions for St. Patrick and St. Francis Xavier are filling quickly. St. Teresa & St. Joseph have dates open. If you have a specific request, please contact the office so we can get your Mass(es) scheduled.

Mark your calendars for
TOTUS TUUS
June 14 – 19 at St. Joseph

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Lenten Abstinence of Meat - Why do we do that?

The Lenten abstinence on no meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. This is for all Catholics (in good health), 14yrs of age and older. But why no meat during Lent?

Because meat has often been a luxury in many cultures and used in celebrations Thanksgiving = Turkey, Christmas = Ham.

God doesn't need us to give up meat and doesn't want us to suffer, but God does want us to grow in holiness! The heart of holiness is LOVE, and the way we express our love is through obedience.

Abstaining from the meat won't make a person closer to God but having a posture of obedience to the Church that Christ established will. Why? Because we sinners like to do things our own way. It is often hard to be told what to, but to submit is to place our lives in our Father's hands. To hunger for "meat" is to relate to "hunger for more" than what this earth can offer, we "hunger" for God and what He alone can provide.

If you resent having to give up meat and see it as pointless, look more deeply this Lent into what prompts you to think that way. Is it really the Spirit of Christ? Or a spirit of rebellion and self? One choice leads you to God and, well, the other in the opposite direction.

- Fr. Mike Schmitz, UMD Newman

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Lord Jesus Christ
SON OF
God
HAVE MERCY ON ME
a sinner.



Lent: A Season of Turning Back



Welcome to all Visitors!

We are glad you are with us today and pray for your safe travels. If you are visiting and need help during your stay, please notify the office or Fr. Rhodes directly. If you are new to the area and would like to join one of our parishes, please stop by or call the office to register you and your family.

God bless you all!

Archdiocesan & Parish Announcements

Job Openings: Sacred Heart School in Emporia

- **Principal, Pre-K Long Term Substitute**
K-2 Classroom Teacher, 3rd Grade Teacher

Sacred Heart School is seeking highly-motivated individuals with demonstrated skill in spiritual & academic leadership. For more questions on these positions, contact Fr. Haganey at frhaganey@shemporia.org or apply online (link found on our 4 parish website page).



Sacred Heart Catholic School Emporia is now accepting applications for all incoming Kindergarten and older students for the new 2026-27 school year. For more information you can call the school office 620-343-7349

Will you celebrate your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2026? Please enroll now for the **Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration June 7** at 2pm, Church of the Nativity, Leawood To receive an invitation from Archbishop McKnight, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of wedding.

All expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for their unborn children in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 24). The solemnity commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. It calls us to reflect on the blessing of children and how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child.

**God, author of all life,
bless, we pray, this unborn child;
give constant protection and grant a healthy birth
that is the sign of our rebirth one day
into the eternal rejoicing of heaven...**

~ excerpt from the *Prayer of Blessing*

God's Storehouse is still collecting items for distribution and all donations and are greatly appreciated! Canned items, hygiene products and bagged or boxed non-perishables can be dropped in the back of each Church or taken directly to God's Storehouse during hours of operation. Winter clothing and coats in good working condition are welcome. For more information or to volunteer, contact Janet Wahlmeier.



Pope Leo's Prayer Requests for the month of March

- ♦ **That the dignity of human life might be respected.** Let us pray that in a culture focused on productivity and instant results, we might be capable of discovering and appreciating the unique dignity of each person, both our own and that of others.
- ♦ **For disarmament and peace.** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph	Wed - 5:15 to 5:45pm
	Sun - 7:30 to 7:50am
St. Patrick	Sat - 3:30 to 3:50pm
St. Teresa	Sat - 5:30 to 5:50pm
St. Francis	Sun - 9:30 to 9:50am

Contact Father or the office directly if you would like to reserve a time that better fits your schedule.

+ *Create a clean heart in me, O God.* +

Psalm 51



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SJ	9:00am - 6:00pm	Wed
ST	9:00am - 7:00pm	Thur
SFX	12:30pm - 3:30pm	Thur



NEEDED: Totus Tuus Summer 2026 Missionaries

Missionaries will travel to parishes spending a week at each running programs for children elementary during the day and teens during the evening, they will share in Christian community with the parishes they visit and participate in events while staying with host families. They will seek to give witness to their love for Christ and his Church. This is a temporary 2month commitment (May 26-Aug 1). This includes 1 week of training and a 1 week break for the 4th of July. This is a great experience for those wanting to work in ministry, education or with children in any setting. Applicants must be 18 or older (by May), have an authentic, dynamic Catholic faith and be actively living the teachings of the Catholic Church. One year of college/work is preferred, but willing to consider mature high school graduates. Applications can be found at <https://archkck.org/family-kids/kids-teens/youth-formation/totus-tuus/> under "For Missionaries." Please share this information and pray for the program.

*Please continue to pray for our OCIA candidates that are finishing with their last few weeks of preparations and studies.
May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide them.*

Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign is half-way over - please prayerfully consider what help you can give towards this annual fundraising campaign. Your contribution provides the continued basis for projects and events for the Church of Northeast Kansas. If you are unable to donate, please mark your pledge card that you will continue to pray for the success of our Church and all its Endeavors as this also counts towards our total family participation percentage.

Thank you and God bless!

Parish	Goal	Donated	% or Parish Participating
St. Patrick	\$ 3,000	\$ 520	17 %
St. Joseph	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,970	13 %
St. Teresa	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,420	17 %
St. Francis	\$ 20,000	\$12,360	25 %



We are updating our prayer lists (**see new prayer heading requests**) below. If you would like to add a name(s) or if you know anyone that can be removed, please contact the office. Thank you!

Preparing for a New Baby: Taylor Akins, Shelby Hoffman, Paige Meats, Alexis Spears, Shelby Spencer, Micah Tate

OCIA Candidates: Bryna Faimon, Ben Marten, Brayden Riggs, Francis Williams

Military Service: Master Sgt. John Edwards (Army), Lt. Erich Eifert (Air Force), Pvt. Jayden Fabray (Army), Staff Sgt. Noah Foster (Air Force), Pvt. Owen Szalsky (Army), Sgt. Tierney Woitas (Air Force)

Overseas: Michael Adams (Egypt), Sarah Fesperman (Italy), Dakota Ranallo (Osaka), Dustin & Christina Chapman & family (Germany)

Special prayers: For those with no one to pray for them, the Holy Souls in purgatory and those that will die this day

Sick & Shut In: Brooklyn Allen, Donna Allen, Mick Allen, Katherine Austin, Sandra Austin, Jennifer Baldwin, Mike Baldwin, Dan Barlow, Carol Barnes, Rachel Barraza, Kavin Bazil, Alden Beyer, Darlene Black, Debbie Black, Dominic Bowen, Toni Bowling, Jeri Boyer, Derrick & Marie Braden, Stewart Braden, Robert Brown, Paula Butler, Sean Callewaert, Ric Carson, John Caudle, Marcia Caudle, Mark Chester, Lois Christiansen, Ryne Cormode, Peggy Hegg Counts, Courtney Cowan, Robin Crane, Greg Crawford, Jerilynn Curtiss, Mark Davidson, Rhonda Davis, Brent Dean, Ken Decker, Cindy Dennison, Loyd Dennison, John Diaz, Dennis Doebele, Dorothy Duncan, Kim Dunaway, Norman Eccles, Susan Faler, Frank Farrow, Ronald Foster, Kelli Fraas, Liz Fraas, Mary Fraas, Aubrea Freeksen, Jett Gast, Crystal Geary, Loren Gilmore, Chris Grow, Dan Gruber, Bob & Cindy Haight, Terri Halfmann, Rita Harper, Kristen Hayes, Darren Heinse, Stella Hernandez, Sallee Hess, Kyle Hinterweger, Anya Honse, Gabby Hudson, Karen Hudson, Jimmy Hugunin, Oliver Johnson, Steve Johnson, Kendall Jones, Carter Keehn, Kennedy Keehn, Molly Keehn, Paul Kirk, Marilyn Kirk, Phil Kirk, Jean Krause, Craig Latham, Shawn Lucca, Joyce Lutz, Kelsey Lyon, Luca McIntosh, Jody Mahoney, Shirley Marcotte, John Massoth, Jim Mast, Luella Masters, Breanna McBride, Willow McGlothlin, Tim McMillan, Mike Meats, Lily Miller, Tessa Miller, David Morgan, Linda Munoz, Jackie Myers, Heddy Neimeyer, Susan Newbolt, Gina Nowak, Ellen Ohl, Louise Ohl, Kathy Payne, Renee Pemberton, Harlee Perry, Diane Plumberg, Dean Pitt, Bob Powell, Cindy Powell, Michele Ramirez, Matt Rhea, Luca Riggs, Charlotte Roecker-Parson, Addysen Roney, Greg Ruff, David Russell, Michael Russell, Jourdin Rust, Linda Salava, Don Setter, Sam Sharon, Patty Shelly, Sarah Shove, Kelsie Son, Carolyn Smith, Judy Smith, Renee Smith, Becky Stapp, Leo Stice, River Rose Stuart, Harold Swearingen, Alan Sweet, Keith Van Horn, Junelle Varvel, Haydn Ward, John Waner, Barbara Warner, Caitlyn Wright, Jeremy Young, Tom Young, Rodney Zike, Teresa Zink



The Knights of Columbus are now collecting dues of \$30 per gentleman or \$10 per student, 18yrs and older. Please mail the dues to the office or contact your parish Knights of Columbus directly at the parish: St. Patrick, Glen Gagnon St. Teresa, Heath Ohl St. Francis Xavier, John Cuffe

The St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus are currently sponsoring the **40 Cans for Lent Collection**. Bring in 40 canned food items - or as many as you can - during Lent to support the pantry at God's Storehouse. Items can be placed in the donation tubs in the back of church. The Knights thank you in advance for your support of this endeavor.

THIS SUNDAY !!!

**St. Patrick Annual
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

March 15
11am - 2pm

St. Patrick Church, Emerald
Suggested Donation \$20 per meal



Live Irish Music by Larry Lintner of Ottawa
Raffle for queen size quilt, gift certificates,
cash & more. \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5

We hope you can join us!

Faith Minute.....

If you have ever been hot, thirsty and exhausted, then you can understand the conditions under which the Israelites "grumbled" when reading the scripture passage of their "wandering" time. Most of us can remember a time we reacted in the same way when faced with a similar physical or mental stress. But our "kind and merciful" God doesn't react well to their complaints, because they are letting their discomforts replace their appreciation of His amazing, salvific work.

We act the same way when we:

- Take a family member's faults out of context
- "Keep score" against a family member
- Criticize or belittle a family member
- Treat family or religious commitments as time consuming burdens

As your Lenten sacrifices continue this week, focus on being grateful to God. Grateful not only for your family and the wonderful work of redemption He is doing in your lives through the Sacraments, but the opportunities He gives you for sacrifice as well.



PRAYER



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**CRS RICE
BOWL**

Lenten Rice Bowl Collection Boxes are now available at each parish. Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, inviting you to live in solidarity with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. If you can, please participate in this Almsgiving which is the 3rd pillar of Lent. Thank you for your generous participation.

St. Teresa Parish Announcements

Ministers	Saturday - March 14 - Mass 6:00pm
Lector	Margie Highberger
Offertory	Lauren Schaffer Family
Eucharist	Mary Morgan
Ushers	Brian, Eric
Cross	Lizzie
Servers	Rylie, Nash
Ministers	Saturday - March 21 - Mass 6:00pm
Lector	Mick Blaufuss
Offertory	Gary Setter Family
Eucharist	Marilyn Brooks
Ushers	Sarah, Heath
Cross	Lane
Servers	Ed, Hope
Ministers	Palm Sunday Weekend - Mar 28 - Mass 6pm
Lector	Sarah Strawder, Brian Mader
Offertory	Mike Splechter Family
Eucharist	Ron Ohl
Ushers	Ken, Holly
Cross	Cayden
Servers	Kinsley, Ella
March Cleaners	Wilma Setter, Mary Ann Morgan, Rebecca Teter Olivia Comfort

St. Patrick Parish Announcements

Reminder - Food Preparation day is this Sat, March 14 at 8am. Please come assist if possible. Thank you in advance in helping make our celebration a success!

Ministers	Saturday - March 14 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Sue Stringer
Offertory	Kenny & Cookie Rausch
Ministers	Saturday - March 21 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Greg Hernandez
Offertory	Tom & JoAnn Johnson
Ministers	Palm Sunday Weekend - Mar 28 - Mass 4pm
Lector	Amanda Garrett
Offertory	Dusty & Shy Rubick

St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Ministers	Sunday - March 15 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	Pete Foltz
Ushers	Andy Foltz, Rex Arb
Offertory	Chapman Family
Servers	Alec Stice, Clayton Bartlett, Dustin Foster
Ministers	Sunday - March 22 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	Megan Drumm
Ushers	Marcus Stice, John Lichtenauer
Offertory	Coursen Family
Servers	Joseph Biggs, Gavin Stice, Leo Stice
Ministers	Palm Sunday - March 29 - Mass 8am
Lector	Jennifer Stukey, Megan Drumm
Ushers	Brian Barnhardt, Michael Drumm
Offertory	Barnhardt Family
Servers	Dustin Foster, Joseph Biggs, Clayton Bartlett

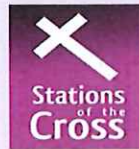
We adore you, O Christ and we praise you. Because by your Holy Cross, You have Redeemed the world.



Mark your Calendars Now for these Fridays in Lent

5pm Confessions, 5:45pm Stations

Followed by Fish Fry



March 13 St. Francis
March 20 St. Teresa
March 27 St. Patrick



REMINDER: Lenten Abstinence on all Fridays of Lent, all Catholics (in good health), 14yrs of age and older, are to abstain from eating meat.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

Help Needed: Ladies are asked to bring desserts/salads to the hall by 5pm on March 13 for the Fish Fry meal. Clean-up volunteers are also needed after the meal. Thank you!

Ministers	Sunday - March 15 - 10:00am
Greeters	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Offertory	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Lector	Kimberly Robrahn
Eucharist	Gennifer Birk
Sacristan	Leslie Mahoney
Cross Bearer	Case Birk
Servers 2,3,4	Dexter Birk, Tom Vu
Usher	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Rosary	Susan Mueller
Collection Count	Wahlmeier, Reynolds
Hospitality	K. Skillman, D. Myers, C. Chavira
Ministers	Sunday - March 22 - 10:00am
Greeters	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Offertory	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Lector	Chris Jones
Eucharist	Amber Nolan
Sacristan	Gennifer Birk
Cross Bearer	Adeline Skillman
Servers 1 & 2	Nevaeh Myers, Tucker Skillman
Usher	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Rosary	Angela Myers
Collection Count	Ryan & Jones
Hospitality	Chris & Andrea Jones
Ministers	Palm Sunday - Mar 29 - Mass 10am
Greeters	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Offertory	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Lector	Theresa Martin Narrator: Tim Austin
Eucharist	Gwen Birk
Sacristan	Andrea Jones
Cross Bearer	Case Birk, Incense: Dexter Birk
Servers 1 & 2	Tom Vu, Jonah Furse
Usher	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Rosary	None - Procession from Hall
Collection Count	Mueller & Robrahn
Hospitality	Damon & Gennifer Birk



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St. Francis Xavier

Friday, April 10

11am - 5pm

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