



We, the parish family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, pray to become disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit, introducing others to Jesus Christ through evangelization.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026

What Farmer in His Right Mind would sow good seed on a footpath, among thorns or amidst rocks? Pay close attention to the parable that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel. This is one of the very few parables in the Gospels where Jesus actually explains the meaning of the parable. The seed is the Word of God. How that seed takes root depends upon the condition and state of the soil—our hearts. Lord Jesus, plow and soften the hardness of my heart so that the seed of your Word helps to produce an abundant harvest in my life.

Disciples and Evangelists in the Making: Pray for 22 of our high school youth, young adults and chaperones who are participating this weekend at the Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield, Missouri. This is a powerful way to introduce our youth to the wider Catholic Church. Hundreds of young people, (with incredible energy), come together to praise God, pray together, have fun and meet new friends from throughout the Midwest. All of them have a desire to come to know Jesus the more and to love Him.



Welcome Back Fr. Mainzer! As Fr. John is out of town this weekend, Fr. Jim Minzer has graciously agreed to celebrate the weekend Masses with us at St. John the Evangelist. Let us welcome him back as he was last here in April of this year.

No Masses or Confessions on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Our normal daily Mass schedule resumes with the celebration of Mass on Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m.

Capital Campaign Contribution Report: As you may recall, our parish launched a capital campaign in September of 2024. This was a three-year campaign and due to the generosity of many of you, over \$1.3 Million was pledged. As we now finish the second year of the campaign, financial contribution reports were mailed out this past week to any family who made a pledge to the campaign effort. We have almost reached \$1,000,000.00 in pledge payments. Thank you so much for your trust, faith and generosity. Our Church renovation would never have happened without you. We hope to conclude the capital campaign in June, 2027.



A Steward Possesses God's Gifts: When people consider the gifts of stewardship, they often think of time, talent and treasure. But these gifts must never become de-spiritualized. Natural gifts are good, but they are elevated and perfected by grace. Spiritual gifts, or charisms, are given for service and ministry. When stewardship speaks of "God's gifts" it reaches its deepest meaning in the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us as in a temple. From this indwelling flows communion, , and from communion flows solidarity: the sharing of time, talent and treasure for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Plan the Catholic Way: This Tuesday, July 14, join us at the Spiritual Life Center in Bel Aire for a day-long seminar (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for those seeking aid and advice in estate planning, wills, trusts, end-of-life care, funeral planning and more. To register for this free seminar, go to www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/event/plan-the-catholic-way.

Are You or Someone You Know Non-Catholic and interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Fr. John teaches a class entitled, "What Catholics Believe." The class takes place Sunday mornings between the two Masses. The class begins on Sunday, August 30.



Day	Time	Intention	Feast	Scripture Readings
Monday	No Mass*	Fr. Caleb Kuestersteffen	St. Henry	Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	No Mass*	Aaron Walker	St. Kateri Tekakwitha	Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 48:2-8; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	+Randy Wessel	St. Bonaventure	Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16; Psalm 94:5-10,14-15; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	+Chris Cooper	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19; Psalm 102:13-21; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday	7:00 a.m.	+Rick Austin	Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; (Ps) Isaiah 38:10-12abcd,16; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	+Kay Lanzrath	Same as Sunday below	Same as Sunday below
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Particia "Sweetie" Llss	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	Same as Sunday above	Same as Sunday above

*Fr. John will offer Masses during his vacation for the intentions listed above for Monday and Tuesday.

The Week Ahead:

"Metanoia" Adult Faith Formation Series (Session Six of Ten)	Sunday, July 12, from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	School / Conference Room
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Rosary Makers	Tuesday, July 14, at 2:00 p.m.	School / Conference Room
Legion of Mary Meeting	Wednesday, July 15, at 2:00 p.m.	School / Conference Room
Sewing Group	Thursday, July 16, at 9:00 a.m.	School / Conference Room

On the Road? Find Sunday Mass: As many of us are traveling for summer trips and vacations, we must not use this as an excuse to miss attending Sunday Mass. Plan your trip and find a Catholic Church and Mass times by going to www.masstimes.org.

Midwest Catholic Family Conference: "*Be Still and Know I Am God*" is the theme of this year's annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference that will take place on July 31 – August 2 at Century II in Wichita. Listen to great speakers, attend daily Mass, walk in a Eucharistic Procession. To register for this event, go to www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787.

Prayers for Venezuela: The devastation, death and destruction caused by two earthquakes in that country is catastrophic. The death toll continues to climb as over 1700 people are confirmed dead and thousands are missing. We pray that humanitarian aid from all countries of the world will assist these sisters and brothers in Christ.

The Spiritual Life Center:

Check out www.slwichita.org for events happening this summer. They also have a video library of past events at slwichita.org/digital-resources/video-library.

Retrouvaille Weekend:

Since 1977 Retrouvaille has helped heal and renew the marriages of over 200,000 couples in over 26 countries. Whether you have been married for many years or a short time; are not communicating well; are bored, angry, or frustrated in your marriage; are in a state of hopelessness or are separated or divorced, they can help! Upcoming weekend is August 28-30, 2026. For more information call 1-800-470-2230.

Fr. John Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
How well do you know Greek? Just like me, probably not very well. At the time of Jesus, Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek were the dominant spoken languages of the day. As we continue in this column to highlight specific artistic elements in our renovated Church, I draw your attention to the sanctuary. In the sanctuary, you will see four different letters of the Greek alphabet. In English, there are 26 letters in the alphabet, but in Greek, there are only 24 letters. College students who pledge to a fraternity or sorority sometimes are required to learn the Greek alphabet. The first letter of the Greek alphabet is the letter, **Alpha**. The last letter of the Greek alphabet is the letter, **Omega**. In the sanctuary of our Church, the large canopy that hangs down from the ceiling over the tabernacle is called a baldachino. You see the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on the underside of the baldachino. There is also inscribed a cross in each of the two letters. Why? This comes from the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. We read in Revelation 22:13, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Jesus existed before all creation and will exist for eternity. Jesus claims the same eternal qualities as of God the Father. The other two Greek letters in the sanctuary are found mounted on the base of the Altar. It looks like the letter, "P" is intertwined with the letter, "X." The letter that looks like "P" is the Greek letter **Rho**, and the letter that looks like "X" is the Greek letter, **Chi**. In Greek, the monogram created for **Chi Rho** is the name for Christ. Jesus Christ is the Anointed One, the Messiah. Therefore, the Altar in our parish Church focuses upon the name of Jesus Christ, for on that sacred Altar, bread and wine miraculously are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Now you know four of the 24 letters of the Greek alphabet! St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!
Fr. John

Lost and Found

If you have lost something in the church and can't find it check out the Lost and Found which is located in the greeters room. This room is adjacent to the women's restroom in the southwest corner of the Church.

Religious Education

Have a wonderful and safe summer and make sure to attend Mass every Sunday with your family!



St. John's Knights Knotes Council # 2296

The Knights of Columbus meet **the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** in the basement of the school in the Knight's Room. Any parish youth needing financial assistance to attend a discernment weekend, please contact a Knight for details. The Knights will donate up to \$100.00 for the event based on entries and time frames.
Next Knights' Breakfast on July 26th. The Rosary Group will be selling rosaries again at this breakfast.

Weekly Collection of Treasure

July 4-5, 2026

Weekend Envelopes, Loose & Online—\$9,960.00

Fiscal YTD = \$9,960.00

Fiscal YTD Budget = \$9,760.00

Surplus (7-1-26—7-9-26) = \$200.00

Capital Campaign Pledges Received

7-22-2024 to 7-9-2026

\$995,635.78

Please remember to write "Campaign" on the check or envelope when you are submitting a pledge payment so that we can apply your gift correctly.

Prayer Request: Please pray for Dean Engel, Marv Loucks, J.H., Susan Rommelfanger, Charles Price, Robin Pollard, Kurt Weigel, and for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. May these individuals know that the Lord walks with them in their journey and passion through pain and suffering.

Baby Bottle Contributions:

Thank you to all who made financial gifts to our annual Baby Bottle Campaign. \$2,232.36 was donated to protect the lives of the unborn.



Priesthood Sunday:

September 27th is Priesthood Sunday. Priesthood Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and support Fr. John and other Priest who have served us throughout the years.

July 18-19, 2026	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>GIFT BEARERS</u>
5:30PM	1-Cassie Morton 2-Bernie Spradling	William Rinkenbaugh	Toni Owen Mary Good	Steve Vinduska, Michelle Larimar, Mike/Mary Maloney	Mike Maloney Family
8:30AM	Joseph Harkins	Tim Rhyne	Cece & Chris Pretz	Dan/Susan Johnson, Davy Harkins, Jerry Urton	Dan Johnson Family
11:00AM	Robyn Dick	1-Mike Kuestersteffen	Eli Hoffmann Ethan Dillner	Ryan/Valerie Skender, Jerry/Lueata Evenson	Ryan Skender Family

Sacrament of Baptism: To have your baby baptized, please call the Parish Office at 316-321-4796. The gift of human life is precious in the eyes of God and in our eyes!

Sacrament of Holy Communion: Students in 2nd Grade made their First Holy Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 26, 2026.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Kemme will confirm our fourth and fifth graders in 2027.

Sacrament of Matrimony: To prepare to enter this beautiful vocation of marriage, please call Fr. John nine months prior to the scheduled wedding date at 316-321-4796.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office in the case of a medical emergency, serious illness or if you or someone you know are being admitted to the hospital or a nursing care facility.

Interested in Converting to the Catholic Faith? If you are wanting to learn what it means to be a Catholic and what we believe as Catholics, please call Fr. John at the Parish Office. The class begins on Sunday, August 30, 2026 and continues each Sunday morning through April, 2027.

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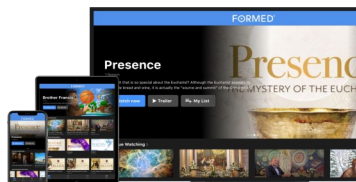
Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 316-321-4796 or send an email message to mail@stjohneldorado.com.

For information on accessing the Catholic resources on FORMED, and how to sign up for Flocknote, visit our parish website:

www.stjohneldorado.com



Go to www.formed.org for free Catholic books and videos for adults and children.

Searching for Lost Sheep! We use Flocknote to communicate what is happening in the parish. It is simple to use. Simply text the word, “Hour” to 84576. Over 400 parishioners use this communication tool. We are adding to that number and hope that you will jump on board if you are not already part of “the flock.” St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday Masses at 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Mass at 6:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Confession:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 5:30 – 6:10 p.m.

Saturday 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from
6:00 a.m. until 12:00 Midnight

Daily Rosary:

Join us as we pray the Rosary after Mass
every day.

Religious Education Classes for Students in Grades K-12:

Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

School of Discipleship for Adults:

Sunday from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Monday from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Holy Communion to the Homebound:

Friday morning after 7:00 a.m. Mass

