



St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic School



May 17th, 2026 - The Ascension of the Lord

Msgr. Ivan Eck:
Diamond Jubilee
75th Ordination Anniversary
May 19th, 2026



Not many people are blessed enough to do what they love for 75 years. Monsignor Ivan Eck is one of those fortunate few. Not only has he been able to share his love of God, but he has also been able to share his love of sports through his ministry.

A gifted athlete himself, Monsignor Eck used sports to pass on the Faith to the many young people in his parishes. In support of these youth, he walked sidelines, sat courtside, peered over dugouts, and taught them how to water ski. The only things more important to him have been his love of God and devotion to the Sacred Heart. Father Ivan has always strived to inspire people to live their faith more fully during his 75 years of priestly ministry.

Born to John and Anna (Thimmesch) Eck on July 30, 1926, Fr. Ivan Eck began his priestly ministry on May 19, 1951. During his 75 years ordained, he served 10 parishes and filled numerous diocesan roles before returning to serve in his home parish of St. Joe, Ost, in 1995. While pastor of St. Joe, Father Ivan also served St. Rose, Mt. Vernon, and St. Louis, Waterloo.

In 2004, proving old traditions can have new beginnings, he shepherded the six-month transition of St. Joe Elementary from a public school to St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost. His steadfast leadership set the foundation for the school to continue to flourish over 20 years later. He remained in these assignments until his retirement on June 10, 2013, retiring two miles away to the Cheney Lake area after more than six decades of active priestly service.

In recognition of his faithful ministry and lifelong dedication to the Church, Father Eck was named a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor on October 29, 2021. Throughout his long vocation, Monsignor Eck has become known as a devoted priest whose life reflects steadfast faith, generous service, and enduring commitment to the people of the Diocese of Wichita.



Parish Announcements

Msgr Ivan Eck Ordination Anniversary— Tuesday May 19th, Msgr Ivan Eck is celebrating his 75th Ordination Anniversary! Following the 8am Mass there will be coffee and rolls in the Parish Hall.

Totus Tuus Training Week—We are blessed to host Totus Tuus Training Week again this year from May 26– June 5! This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to support the next generation of leaders. Sign up with this link to help with meals! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48ABAB22A5F49-63859473-totus#/>

Parish Totus Tuus— July 12-17th. More details coming soon.

Auction/Social Committee— The Auction Committee is postponed to May 20th and will be combined with the Social Committee meeting.

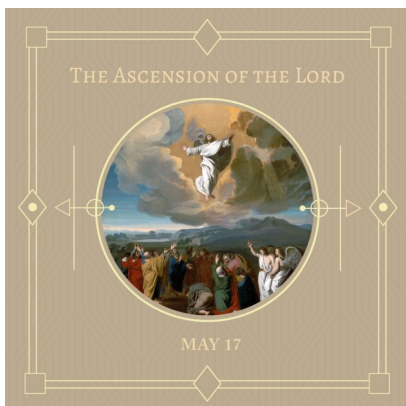
Golf Tournament— Tickets are now on sale for the St. Joe, Ost Golf Classic! It takes place at Cherry Oaks Golf Course and is on July 25th & 26th. You can choose your date. Look for the insert here in the bulletin for more details.

St. Anne Altar Society Cash Raffle— Christmas in July tickets are available! \$50 ticket donation and the funds raised will go towards new furniture in our Church Sanctuary. Look for the insert here in the bulletin for more details.

Quilting— Have you been wanting to learn to quilt? We have a quilt frame and welcome anyone who wants to learn. We currently quilt Thursday mornings from 8:30am-11:30am but if you give Anita Zogman a call she can work out another time for you. Anita's number is (316) 619-8546.

Totus Tuus Family Fun Night— Join us here at St. Joe, Ost May 30th at 5pm (following 4pm Mass). There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and sides (free will offering), yard games, inflatables, and a street dance. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fun night!

Project Rachel Ministry— Hurt by abortion? You are not alone. Join us for a gentle, prayerful journey of reflection through *Encountering Christ: From Trust unto Surrender* Visio Divina Scripture Study. The study is designed to help women move from trust into deeper surrender, opening the heart to God's mercy, love, and healing from the wounds of abortion. The group, offered through Project Rachel Ministry, will begin on June 1 and meet in Wichita for six sessions throughout the summer ending August 25. Contact Stephanie at 316-269-4673 or ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org for more information or to register.



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday— 8am

Tuesday—6:30pm

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 9am

See inside for Holy Day and Mass Schedule changes

Confessions will be heard beginning one-half hour before every Mass, and after 4pm Mass every Saturday. On the first weekend of the month, confessions will be available after all Masses.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Bernard X. Gorges, Pastor

Pastor Cell 316-655-9384

To Schedule an appointment with Father, please call Pam May in the Parish Office

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(316) 444-2210

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am –3pm

13015 E Maple Grove Rd

Mt. Hope, Ks 67108

SCHOOL OFFICE

316-444-2548

SACRAMENTS: For information about registration or the sacraments; including: Anointing of the Sick; Baptism; & Marriage; please contact the parish office. Couples wishing to be married should make an appointment with Father at least nine months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

OCIA: Classes are held each Sunday after Mass in the parish office September-April. Contact Marvin Huffman, thehuffmans1961@gmail.com

ADORATION: Offered in the adoration chapel weekly from Wednesday at noon until Thursday at midnight. For more information please contact Kelly Linnebur @ (316)-258-6869.

MSGR. IVAN ECK

DIAMOND JUBILEE



May 19th, 2026

8am Mass

Coffee & Rolls to follow in the Parish Hall

Come celebrate Msgr. Ivan Eck's 75th Ordination
Anniversary!

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: Rev. Msgr. Ivan Carl Eck

DATE OF BIRTH: 7/30/1926

PLACE OF BIRTH: Ost, KS

PARENTS: John Peter and Anna (Thimmesch) Eck

SEMINARY: St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, IN

DATE OF ORDINATION: 5/19/1951

PLACE OF ORDINATION: St. Joseph, Ost, KScCC

STATUS: Retired

MINISTRY END: Retirement Cheney, KS 06/11/2013

APPOINTMENTS:

Assigned as:	Parish/Institution	City	Start Date	End date
Assistant	Christ the King	Wichita	6/8/1951	5/1/1958
Pastor	Sacred Heart	Fredonia	5/2/1958	5/30/1963
Pastor	St. Paul	Lyons	5/31/1963	6/30/1967
Pastor	Holy Trinity	Little River	5/31/1963	7/8/1965
Chancery	CCM Kingman Deanery, Moderator	Kingman	7/1/1963	
Chancery	Liturgical Commission, member	Wichita	12/26/1963	
Pastor	Holy Name	Winfield	7/1/1967	7/1/1970
Administrator	St. Mary	Oxford	7/1/1967	6/30/1970
Chancery	Presbyteral Council, President	Wichita	10/1/1968	09/30/1973
Pastor	St. Margaret Mary	Wichita	7/1/1970	7/2/1981
Chancery	College of Consultors, member	Wichita	1/21/1974	1979
Chancery	Pittsburg Deanery, Vicar Forane	Pittsburg	7/2/1981	
Pastor	Our Lady of Lourdes	Pittsburg	7/2/1981	3/22/1987
Chancery	Pittsburg Deanery, Dean	Pittsburg	6/21/1984	
Pastor	Church of the Blessed Sacrament	Wichita	3/16/1987	7/5/1995
Chancery	Presbyteral Council, member		1989	1994
Chancery	College of Consultors, member		1989	1994
Pastor	St. Joseph	Ost	7/6/1995	6/10/2013
Pastor	St. Rose	Mt. Vernon	7/6/1995	6/10/2013
Pastor	St. Louis	Waterloo	7/6/1995	6/10/2013
Chancery	Kingman Deanery, Vicar Forane	Kingman	9/15/1995	
Chancery	Hutchinson Deanery, Dean	Hutchinson	6/10/1997	
Monsignor	Named Prelate of Honor	Rome	10/29/2021	

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Questions? Call 316-204-8262 (Susan)

TOTUS TUUS &
ST. JOE, OST

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

A great opportunity to reunite! Join us at St. Joe, Ost for hamburgers, hot dogs, and sides (free will offering). Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fun night!

FUN, FOOD, AND FESTIVITIES

Featuring: picnic, corn hole, inflatables, games, street dance, etc. BYOB!



SATURDAY,
MAY 30TH



5-10PM:
FOLLOWING
4PM MASS



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Socials:
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2026 St. Anne Altar Society Cash Raffle



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

TICKET DONATION: \$50 EACH

ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Winner drawn daily
from July 1-25. All
tickets placed back
in the raffle for
chance to win daily.

\$100 July 1-14
\$200 July 15-21
\$300 July 22
\$400 July 23
\$500 July 24
\$1000 July 25

Scan the QR Code to Purchase
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Get tickets in person after weekend
Masses May 16th - June 28th

Questions?
Contact Theresa Kremer
316-218-2793



Thank you!

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Graduation
Mass
All seniors
welcome!

May
17

2:30 PM
St. Joseph,
Andale

Please arrive at the church by 2:00 in your cap and gown for pictures

Seniors will process from Church to the High School immediately following Mass.

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3 To place an order for electronic gift cards, please contact **Pam May** in our parish office to get set up for online purchases.

May

- 19 Msgr Ivan Eck 75th Celebration
following 8am Mass— Parish Hall
- 19 Finance Council Meeting
7pm—Parish Office
- 20 Social Committee & Auction
Committee
7pm—Parish Office
- 24 First Mass
3:30pm—Reception to follow
- 27 Totus Tuus Training Starts
- 30 Family Fun Night
5pm

June

- 1 Lord's Diner Serving Day
5:15pm—The Lord's Diner
- 5 Totus Tuus Training Ends
- 10 Auction Committee
7pm—Parish Office

Our Seminarians:

- Isaac Hilger (*Parishioner & St. Joe Alumnus*)
- Peter Bergkamp (*St. Joe Alumnus*)
- Isaac Peloquin (*St. Joe Alumnus*)

Our Retired Priests:

- Fr. Ivan Eck
- Fr. Dwight Birket
- Fr. Floyd McKinney

Our Expectant Parents:

- Jason & Danielle Clupny
- Montana & Emily Danler
- Tyler & Mallery Darrah
- Chip & Kaylee Dockers
- Ben & Lauren Gorges
- Jacob & Brianna Helten
- Travis & Angelica Lorg
- Eric & Anne Moutray
- Nick & Morgan Ward
- Geoff & Kylee Weninger

May

- 19 Msgr Ivan Eck
- 21 Kevin and Stephanie O'Brien

Birthdays

May

- 17 Kristy Gehling
- 18 Beth Hilger
- 23 Jon Seiwert
- 23 Kellie Pankratz
- 23 Luke Helten
- 24 Nathan Helten

Mass Changes
There will be no evening Masses
Wednesday or Thursday
5/20—5/21

Father's Mass Intentions May 16—24

Saturday	4pm	People of the Parish	Thursday	8am	+ Stephanie Weninger
				6:30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	9am	+ Dale Sells	Friday	8am	+ Jim Bergkamp
Monday	8am	+ Brad Speer			
Tuesday	8am	Msgr. Ivan Eck (Ordination Anniversary)	Saturday	8am	Special Intention
	6:30pm	Special Intention		4pm	+Justin Landwehr
Wednesday	8am	+ Kathy Meyer	Sunday	9am	People of the Parish
	7pm	Special Intention			



Liturgical Ministry Schedule - May 2026

**Extraordinary
Ministers**
 * Choir
 ** Cup

Date	Extraordinary Ministers	Lector	Servers	Ushers	Offertory
Saturday, May 23 4:00 PM	Jacque Matchett **Deanna Helten **Dan May	Chris Gabler	Noah Berning Anthony Giefer Reagan Stahlheber	David Bergkamp Luke Seiler Terry Gorges Daryl Bugner	Jared & MaCray Doll
Sunday, May 24 9:00 AM	Kelly Linnebur *Brienne Helten **Byron Bergkamp **Jason Bergkamp	Larry Reichenberger	Kevin Linnebur Simon Linnebur Bradley Helten	Joe Seiwert Leon Seiwert Ken Seiwert Jayden Seiwert	Tim & Joyce Helten

Thank you for your gifts of Time and Talent to our Parish! The ministry schedule for May 2026 is posted on the website. If you are scheduled for a ministry but unable to fulfill your position, we ask that you please find someone to trade with or a substitute for you.

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