

## Focusing the gospel

On the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time, Jesus gives us one of the biggest challenges to living the Christian life: Love Your Enemies. “I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.”

Wednesday is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, apostle, honoring Peter and all those who have served as Pope and Bishop of Rome. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr.

The Seventh Week of Ordinary Time offers beautiful readings from Sirach, part of the “Wisdom” literature in the Old Testament.

The Gospel of Mark brings us the narrative of Jesus healing a boy possessed, an evil spirit the Apostles could not drive out. “This kind can only come out through prayer.” When the disciples argued over which of them was the greatest. Jesus tells them “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” He tells the apostles not to worry about those healing in the name of Jesus, “for whoever is not against us is for us.” He gives them a vivid description of the challenges of following him. “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.” When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question about divorce, he replies, “What God has joined together, no human being must separate.” He encourages us to be childlike before God in trust and love. “Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

*Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on Creighton University’s Online Ministries Website: <http://www.creighton.edu/collaborativeministry/prayer>. Used with permission.*

## Hour For Life Meeting

You’re invited to the monthly Hour for Life meeting at Kansans for Life, Tues, Feb 21st at 7 p.m. Fr. Eric Weldon will present the topic, “How Abortion Affects the Poor.” The KFL offices are at 3301 W. 13th St. Refreshments will be served. This event is free. If you have questions please call 316.687.5433.

### “Oh Come Let Us Adore Him.”



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"...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."- St. Francis of Assisi

### Volunteers needed for the following hours:

Sunday - 2 a.m., 7 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Monday - 6 p.m., Noon & 11 p.m.

Tuesday - 2 p.m.

Thursday - 4 a.m., 1 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Friday - 2 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 8 a.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.

For more details, call Jana at 945-5379.

### Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen  
Juanita Mans  
Jim Ridder  
Sue Warren  
Regina Gaytan  
Nancee Scheffer  
Jim Monroe  
Leroy Nedeau  
Charles T. Morton  
Robie Campbell  
Ruth Freund  
Joan Kant



Jim Flanigan  
Peggy Bowan  
Doug Howell  
Betty Sherlock  
Dorothy Dotterer

Nancy Smith  
Nell Ball  
Manon Ducroquet  
Doug Stuhlsatz  
Don Williams  
Tim Chadd  
Rolly Chadd  
Jo Ann Morton  
Dave Rohlman  
Sandy Gleeson  
+Laura Call  
+Bill Perryman



**United in Prayer**  
**St. Joseph Family**  
**Rosary Crusade**  
**3,340 decades prayed**

*Please join us in praying for our parish families and the poor souls. Decade cards are available in the vestibule of the church.*

## Weekly Readings

Mon.	02/20: Sir 1:1-10, Ps 93:1-5, Mk 9:14-29
Tues.	02/21: Sir 2:1-11, Ps 37:3-40, Mk 9:30-37
Wed.	02/22: 1Pt 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-6, Mt 16:13-19
Thur.	02/23: Sir 5:1-8, Ps 1:1-6, Mk 9:41-50
Fri.	02/24: Sir 6:5-17, Ps 119:12-35, Mk 10:1-12
Sat.	02/25: Sir 17:1-15, Ps 103:13-18, Mk 10:13-16
Sun.	02/26: Is 49:14-15, Ps 62:2-9, 1Cor 4:1-5, Mt 6:24-34

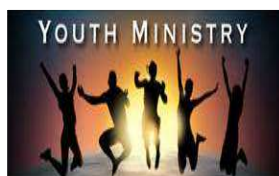
## Thank you for your gift of treasure! July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Weekly Collection 2/12/2017	\$9,918.18
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,090.38
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	\$3,889.89
<b>CMI Fund</b>	<b>\$13,010.00</b>
<b>Roof &amp; Climate Control Repairs</b> (cost so far this fiscal year)	<b>(\$22,507.39)</b>

## Campus Maintenance & Improvement Fund (CMI)

It is so good for us to be debt-free. However, there are things on campus that continue to cause worry; two in particular are aging roofs and climate control units (there are 37 such units) throughout the campus.

To that end, we have started a fund to help us pay for the maintenance and at times replacement of these concerns. Thank you for your continued loving care of our Parish and School.



**Come check out CYM &** be part of fun, fellowship, and faith! ALL high school age youth are invited to join St. Joseph's Catholic Youth

Ministry, held every MONDAY night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the basement of the Mother Mary House (Old Rectory).

## Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Father will be gone on retreat this week and will celebrate the intentions while he is away.**

Monday, February 20

**No 8:15 a.m. Mass** +Bob Bolster

Tuesday, February 21

*Saint Peter Damian*

**No 6:00 p.m. Mass** +Dennis Gleeson

Wednesday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

**No 8:15 a.m. Mass** - S.I. McDaneld Family

Thursday, February 23

Saint Polycarp

**No 8:15 a.m. Mass** +Alice Mertens

Friday, February 24

**No 8:15 a.m. Mass** +Laura Call

**No 10:00 a.m. Masonic Home Mass**

Saturday, February 25

8:15 a.m. Mass +Martha Phung Thap

4:00 p.m. Mass +Kent Mans

Sunday, February 26 - 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass +Esther Oliverson

10:00 a.m. Mass - For the People of St. Joseph

## Ministry Schedule February 25th & 26th

### 4:00 PM

(S) Mike McDaneld

(L1) Mike Irvin

(L2) Corrina Irvin

(H) Jeff Dyer

(C1) Corinna Irvin

(C2) Mike Irvin

(Rosary) Mike Irvin

(M. Server) Matthew Probst

(Candle 1) Zach Stickney

(Candle 2) James Jantzen

(GB) Christina & Paige Hallacy

### 8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler

(L1) Barbara Wattman

(L2) Gabby Shideler

(H) Judy Shideler

(C1) Sandy Bugner

(C2) Bill Bugner

(Rosary) Joe LaBelle

(M. Server) Grace Boman

(Candle 1) Sam Boman

(Candle 2) Connor Ahlstedt

(GB) LeFevre Family

### 10:00 AM

(S) Jack Johnson

(L1) Jordan Schnoor

(L2) Jacob Schnoor

(H) John Cooke

(C1) Donna Riddel

(C2) Shirley Ricke

(Rosary) Florence Marx

(M. Server) Hanival Olivo

(Candle 1) Mercedes Sanders

(Candle 2) David Olivo

(GB) Teresa Lee

## Prayers for Our Military

**Please pray for all members of the military, especially our parishioners:**

Jay Schoen

Tony Jeffress

Jonathan Burke

Sam Francis

Matt Mork

Timothy Collier

Justin Light

Jeff Cranor

## St. Joseph Catholic School News

The school just completed a wonderful Catholic Schools Week with many activities for the students and families to enjoy. Some of the events included the Student Awards Assembly, pizza luncheon with parents, community service project with several of the community resource police officers, board games, and a special Mass and breakfast with our grandparents. Thanks to everyone who celebrated with us and to all of you who make our Catholic school possible!!

Congratulations to Zachary Dowell, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who competed in the Diocesan Spelling Bee on February 7<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Catholic School. Zachary took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the diocese!

All of our students recently completed the winter MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing. This test is an indicator of how our students are doing academically, and measures their progress at three times during the school year. We are very pleased with the academic gains that many of the students have made, and look forward to seeing the final results in the spring.

We are currently in the midst of pre-enrollment for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Pre K/Kindergarten Round-up will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the school library. All families with children of age for either 4-year-old preschool or kindergarten are encouraged to attend or to call the school office at 261-5860. We also have openings in grades 1 through 8, and would be happy to speak to new families about attending St. Joseph Catholic School.

## Is It I, God? Discerning a Call to Religious Life

Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a free “Come and See” Discernment Retreat designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. Experience Dominican prayer and community with the Sisters, and reflect on God’s call for your life. The retreat begins at 4:30pm Friday, March 10 and concludes at noon, Sunday, March 12 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219. For more info, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email [j Fitzgerald@opeace.org](mailto:j Fitzgerald@opeace.org). (We can offer some travel assistance on a need basis.)

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Psalms 46:10*

## Spiritual Life Center

**Special Programming for Knights of Columbus** Wednesday, Feb. 22; 6-9 p.m. Knights of Columbus and their guests are invited to this special presentation on being a Knight in the world today. Evening includes banquet dinner and presentation. Cost is \$15 per person.

**Dinner with the Doctors: Saint Gregory of Narek** Monday, Feb. 27; 6-8 p.m. Fr. Maximilian Biltz presents this evening of learning in our Main Assembly Room surrounded by our one-of-a-kind collection of Icons of Church Doctors. The program includes a banquet dinner and presentation. \$15 Advance Registration. Please register early.

**Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection: Lectio Divina** Wednesday, Mar. 1; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Join Director Fr. Ken VanHaverbeke for this day long retreat focuses on the ancient prayer practice of Lectio Divina. Participants will begin their Lenten Journey with prayer and learning. \$20 includes simple lunch.

**KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children** Thursday, Mar. 2; 11:15 a.m. Little children and their caregivers are welcome to this very special daily Mass tailored especially for the little ones among us. No charge.

*Advance registration requested. For more info and to register, visit [www.slcwichita.org](http://www.slcwichita.org) or call 316.744.0167.*



# Parish Dinner is March 19th



Raffle tickets are available in the parish and school offices. Go out and promote those tickets and win, win, win!!!

- We are in need of prizes for our booths and raffle:

*Movie-size candy, new board games, new electronic gadgets, gift-certificates & sports equipment are some of the items needed. (Prizes for the raffle need to be turned in by March 13th please.)*

- Every family is asked to provide a cake for the cake booth and pies for the dinner.

*Not everyone is a baker so please, if you enjoy baking - we are thrilled to accept as many pies and cakes as you would like.*



- Many volunteers are necessary to make the parish dinner a success, if you already know where you would like to volunteer, or have questions call 261.5812 or email [saintjosephwichita@gmail.com](mailto:saintjosephwichita@gmail.com). You may also sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084bafa72aa3f94-2017>

*Be on the lookout for phone calls and emails about Parish Dinner.*

*Donations may be dropped off in the parish office or school office during regular hours.*

