

Focusing the gospel

In the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus gives us timeless and loving advice. Don't worry, don't fret. Our cares distract us from God unless we can place our worries directly in God's hands. "Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."

The first readings this week are from Sirach, with their beautiful seeking of Wisdom.

During the week, Mark's Gospel offers us stories about sacrificing part of ourselves. We hear of the Rich Young Man: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Peter tells Jesus, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus responds, "there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more." When the disciples squabble over who will sit in glory with Jesus, he tells them, "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Beginning of Lent

The Season of Lent begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet Joel helps us begin our journey: "return to me with your whole heart." "Rend your hearts, not your garments," reminds us that this is an interior journey. The Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51, has the antiphon: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Paul, in his Second Letter to the Corinthians says, "be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In Matthew's Gospel Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

Thursday: From Deuteronomy, we are shown our options: "Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him." In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells us to take up our cross daily. If we decline to be his disciples out of self-protection, we will actually lose ourselves. Really saving our lives is to lose ourselves for his sake.

Friday and Saturday: It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us ponder Isaiah, Chapter 58, as we begin. "This is the fasting that I wish" gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

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

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 Kandt



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



United in Prayer

**St. Joseph Family
Rosary Crusade
3,480 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. 02/27: Sir 17:20-24, Ps 32:1-7, Mk 10:17-27
- Tues. 02/28: Sir 35:1-12, Ps 50:5-23, Mk 10:28-31
- Wed. 03/01: Jl 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-17, 2Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-18
- Thur. 03/02: Dt 30:15-20, Ps 1:1-6, Lk 9:22-25
- Fri. 03/03: Is 58:1-9, Ps 51:3-19, Mk 9:14-15
- Sat. 03/04: Is 58:9-14, Ps 86:1-6, Lk 5:27-32
- Sun. 03/05: Gn 2:7-3:7, Ps 51:3-17, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11

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

Weekly Collection 2/19/2017	\$11,948.50
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,090.38
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	\$2,748.01
CMI Fund	\$13,135.00
Roof & Climate Control Repairs	(\$22,507.39)
<i>(cost so far this fiscal year)</i>	

**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

- Monday, February 27
8:15 a.m. Mass +Teresa Harp
- Tuesday, February 28
6:00 p.m. Mass +LeRoy Orth
- Ash Wednesday, March 1
8:15 a.m. Mass +The Poor Souls
7:00 p.m. Mass - For the Conversion of Sinners
- Thursday, March 2
8:15 a.m. Mass +William F. Mertens
- First Friday, March 3
Saint Katharine Drexel
8:15 a.m. Mass +Vesta Marshall
6:00 p.m. Mass +Winnie Love Simon
- Saturday, March 4
Saint Casimir
8:15 a.m. Mass - Respect Life
4:00 p.m. Mass - For the People of St. Joseph
- Sunday, March 5 - 1st Sunday of Lent
8:15 a.m. Mass +Phan V. Dinh
10:00 a.m. Mass +Marian Wherrell

Ministry Schedule March 4th & 5th

- 4:00 PM**
(S) Mike McDaneld (Rosary) Ann Blick
(L1) JoAnn Morton (M. Server) James Jantzen
(L2) Angie Bolster-Epps (Candle 1) Zach Stickney
(H) Marvin Patterson (Candle 2) Matthew Probst
(C1) Jennifer Martin (GB) Sinforosa Miller and Bill & Pat Wright
(C2) Beth Patterson
- 8:15 AM**
(S) Charlie Deitchler (M. Server) Minnie Schreffler
(L1) Carl Dittmore (Candle 1) Thomas Kucera
(L2) Michael Morch (Candle 2) Dan Wagner
(H) Charlie Deitchler (GB) Rob & Shawn Gordon
(C1) Sr. Nancy Jane Kuntz
(C2) Barbara Wattman
- 10:00 AM**
(S) Donna Riddel (Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Jacque McLain (M. Server) Abby Dresher
(L2) Jack Johnson (Candle 1) Austin Dowell
(H) Mindy Johnson (Candle 2) Zach Dowell
(C1) Jack Johnson (GB) Jacque McLain
(C2) Judy Johnston

Prayers for Our Military

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

- Jay Schoen
- Sam Francis
- Justin Light
- Tony Jeffress
- Matt Mork
- Jeff Cranor
- Jonathan Burke
- Timothy Collier

Kapaun's Men

The St. Joseph Men's Group is hosting the Kapaun's Men Series beginning Thursday, March 2nd at 6 p.m. in the Mother Teresa Room. Kapaun's Men is a spiritual formation program designed to bring men closer to God following the example of Fr. Emil Kapaun. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.



Holy Mass times:
8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 1

Gentle reminders for Lent: Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (your 59th birthday begins your 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good



Spiritual Life Center

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.

Brown Baggin' It with Jesus Lenten Fridays; 12:10-12:50 p.m. Use your Friday lunch hours to feed your soul. Fr. Ken VanHaverbeke and Dusty Gates will take each Friday to explore the four marks of the Church as explained in the Nicene Creed. No charge. Pack a lunch or call ahead to reserve.

A Retreat in Bethany Saturday, Mar. 4; 9 a.m. Each weekend of Lent, Fr. Vanhaverbeke will lead a group of retreatants through meditations on the relationship Jesus had with Lazarus, Martha, and Mary of Bethany, His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and an examination of his final parables and words before His passion. Saturday program goes through supper time, but retreatants are welcome to stay overnight for extra silence and prayer. Saturday only: \$45; Overnight: \$65/\$80

Advance registration requested. For more info and to register, visit www.slwichita.org or call 316.744.0167.

"Oh Come Let Us Adore Him."



"...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.
 - Monday - 6 p.m., Noon & 11 p.m.
 - Tuesday - 2 p.m.
 - Thursday - 4 a.m., 5 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.



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. Sign-up Genius is available 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.

