

## Focusing the gospel

On the First Sunday of Lent, we read the Genesis story of the temptation that shaped human history and how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - led to the desert by the Spirit - to be tempted.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for "signs." He is the sign - a call to repentance. On Thursday, when we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of Esther, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

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

### "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.*

*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 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  
Marita Flanigan

### Thank you to this Parish Dinner sponsor

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**United in Prayer:** St. Joseph Family Rosary Crusade 3,720 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. 03/06: Lv 19:1-18, Ps 19:8-15, Mt 25:31-46
- Tues. 03/07: Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-19, Mt 6:7-15
- Wed. 03/08: Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-19, Lk 11:29-32
- Thur. 03/09: Est C:12-25, Ps 138:1-8, Mt 7:7-12
- Fri. 03/10: Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-8, Mt 5:20-26
- Sat. 03/11: Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-8, Mt 5:43-48
- Sun. 03/12: Gn 12:1-4, Ps 33:4-22, 2Tm 1:8-10, Mt 17:1-9

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

Weekly Collection 2/26/2017	\$13,018.98
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,090.38
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	\$2,676.61
<b>CMI Fund</b>	<b>\$13,665.00</b>
<b>Roof &amp; Climate Control Repairs</b>	<b>(\$22,507.39)</b>
<b>(cost so far this fiscal year)</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 & faith! ALL high school age youth are invited to join St.

Joseph's Catholic Youth Ministry, held each MONDAY night from 7-8:30 p.m. in the basement of the Mother Mary House (the Old Rectory).

### Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, March 6  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Marian Wherrell
- Tuesday, March 7  
*Saints Perpetua and Felicity*  
6:00 p.m. Mass +Dennis Gleeson
- Wednesday, March 8  
*Saint John of God*  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Kenneth Bell
- Thursday, March 9  
*Saint Frances of Rome*  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Laura Call
- Friday, March 10  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Agnes Di Sante  
10:00 a.m. Masonic Home Mass +Dena Gill
- Saturday, March 11  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Marcella & Fred LeFevre  
4:00 p.m. Mass +Bob Bolster
- Sunday, March 12 - 2nd Sunday of Lent  
8:15 a.m. Mass - For the People of St. Joseph  
10:00 a.m. Mass - S.I. Mertens Family

### Ministry Schedule March 11th & 12th

#### 4:00 PM

- (S) Mike McDanel
- (L1) Mike McDanel
- (L2) Katie Gruver
- (H) Heather Vredenburg
- (C1) Martha Raybourne
- (C2) Shawn Vredenburg
- (Rosary) Ann Jaegar
- (M. Server) Matthew Probst
- (Candle 1) James Jantzen
- (Candle 2) Zach Stickney
- (GB) Deb Lowery

#### 8:15 AM

- (S) Charlie Deitchler
- (L1) Bonnie Setzkorn
- (L2) Larry Setzkorn
- (H) Jeff Cummings
- (C1) Carissa Cummings
- (C2) Cassidee Cummings
- (Rosary) Joe LaBelle
- (M. Server) Connor Ahlstedt
- (Candle 1) Grace Boman
- (Candle 2) Sam Boman
- (GB) Judy Shideler Family

#### 10:00 AM

- (S) Betty Ewing
- (L1) Julie Sanders
- (L2) Judy Johnston
- (H) Bert Purcell
- (C1) John Riddel
- (C2) Bridgett Sublett
- (Rosary) Florence Marx
- (M. Server) Angela McKinney
- (Candle 1) Hunter Martin
- (Candle 2) Madison Trosclair
- (GB) Ron & Lise Fisher

### 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



Curious about the 2017 Raffle Prize List?

Here's a preview...

First Prize - \$5,000

Second Prize - \$2,500

Third Prize - \$1,000 Travel Voucher from Village Tours

4th Prize - 40" Flat Screen TV

5th Prize - Handmade Quilt

6th Prize - Digital Camera

And the list just keeps on going!!!

This year's raffle features prizes like a Treadmill, a Nostalgia Popcorn Cart, Jewelry, Gift Certificates, Crock-pots, Chafing Dishes and even a Stunt Heli Quad!

Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets to take part in this fantastic raffle!!!!

Come enjoy dinner, visit the Boulevard of Games, play bingo and have a blast.

Winners will be announced at 5 p.m. on March 19th, 2017.



*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Psalm 46:10*

## Spiritual Life Center

**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

**Symbolon: Catholicism Explained** Wednesday mornings beginning Mar. 8; 6:30-7:30 a.m. In ten-Wednesday morning sessions, we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church. No charge. Donations accepted.

**Docentium: The Virgin Mary—Basis of Christian Culture** Thursday, Mar. 16; 6:15-8:30 p.m. Includes dinner and a talk on living Catholicism in our culture today. Dick Landkamer presents. \$15

*Advance registration requested. For more info and to register, visit [www.slwchita.org](http://www.slwchita.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 can 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.*

