

Focusing the gospel

The Fifth Sunday of Lent brings us closer toward the Passion and death of Jesus. This is the third and final week of Scrutinies in our parishes for those in the RCIA program. In John's Gospel, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus was not there when his dear friend, Lazarus died, but after meeting with Lazarus' grief-stricken sisters and weeping himself, he stood at the door of the tomb and called, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

The first readings prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but wonderful story of Susanna, who trusted in God. The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus' saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects "the servants who trusted in him." God enters a covenant with Abraham. Despite his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, "For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" God promises the people of Israel "a covenant of peace."

Our gospels are again from the John's Gospel, also known as the Fourth Gospel. On Monday, Jesus is presented with a woman caught in adultery. Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "Whoever keeps my word will never see death.... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, "the Father is in me and I am in the Father." After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, "it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."

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.

Monday - 6 a.m. & Noon

Thursday - 4 a.m., 5 a.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
Jim Monroe
Leroy Nedeau
Charles T. Morton
Robie Campbell
Ruth Freund
Joan Kandt
Peggy Bowen
Doug Howell



Betty Sherlock
Dorothy Dotterer
Nancy Smith
Nell Ball
Manon Ducroquet
Doug Stuhlsatz

Don Williams
Tim Chadd
Rolly Chadd
Jo Ann Morton
Vernie Bloch
Dave Rohlman
Sandy Gleeson
Jim Flanigan
Marita Flanigan
Sarah Bigley
+Nancee Scheffer
+Mary Harren



United in Prayer

**St. Joseph Family
Rosary Crusade
4,930 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. 04/03: Dn 13:1-62, Ps 23:1-6, Jn 8:1-11
- Tues. 04/04: Nm 21:4-9, Ps 102:2-21, Jn 8:21-30
- Wed. 04/05: Dn 3:14-95, Dn 3:52-56, Jn 8:31-42
- Thur. 04/06: Gn 17:3-9, Ps 105:4-9, Jn 8:51-59
- Fri. 04/07: Jer 20:10-13, Ps 18:2-7, Jn 10:31-42
- Sat. 04/08: Ez 37:21-28, Jer 31:10-13, Jn 11:45-56
- Sun. 04/09: Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-24, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66

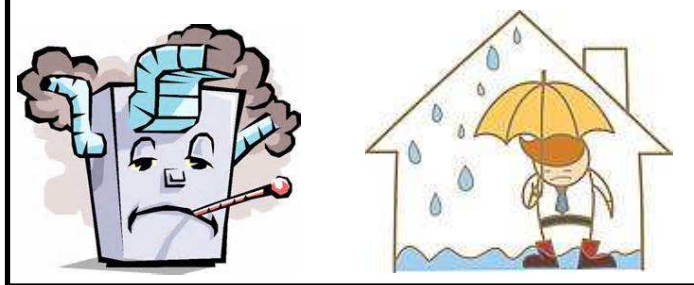
Thank you for your gift of treasure! July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

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| Weekly Collection 3/26/2017 | \$14,191.72 |
| Weekly tithe amount needed | \$13,090.38 |
| Surplus or (Deficit) YTD | \$7,947.93 |
| CMI Fund | \$13,915.00 |
| Roof & Climate Control Repairs | (\$22,507.39) |
| (cost so far this fiscal year) | |

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, April 3
8:15 a.m. Mass +Marian Wherrell
- Tuesday, April 4
Saint Isidore
6:00 p.m. Mass +Marcella & +Fred LeFevre
- Wednesday, April 5
Saint Vincent Ferrer
8:15 a.m. Mass +Jeanne & +Jim Sullivan
- Thursday, April 6
8:15 a.m. Mass +Kenneth Bell
- First Friday, April 7
Saint John Baptist de la Salle
8:15 a.m. Mass +LeRoy Orth
6:00 p.m. Mass of Healing +Winnie Love Simon
- Saturday, April 8
8:15 a.m. Mass +Riney Hay
4:00 p.m. Mass +Dennis Gleeson
- Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday
8:15 a.m. Mass +Phan T-Dan
10:00 a.m. Mass - For the People of St. Joseph

Ministry Schedule April 8th & 9th

- 4:00 PM**
 - (S) Mike McDanel
 - (L1) Katie Gruver
 - (L2) Mike McDanel
 - (H) Shawn Vredenburg
 - (C1) Heather Vredenburg
 - (C2) Martha Raybourne
 - (Rosary) Mike Irvin
 - (M. Server) Matthew Probst
 - (Candle 1) James Janzen
 - (Candle 2) Zach Stickney
 - (GB) Anne Harris Family
- 8:15 AM**
 - (S) Charlie Deitchler
 - (L1) Michael Morch
 - (L2) Barbara Wattman
 - (H) Cassidee Cummings
 - (C1) Jeff Cummings
 - (C2) Carissa Cummings
 - (M. Server) Thomas Kucera
 - (Candle 1) Sam Boman
 - (Candle 2) Grace Boman
 - (GB) Rob & Shawn Gordon
- 10:00 AM**
 - (S) Betty Ewing
 - (L1) Julie Sanders
 - (L2) Jacque McLain
 - (H) Mindy Johnson
 - (C1) Jack Johnson
 - (C2) Judy Johnston
 - (Rosary) Florence Marx
 - (M. Server) Angela McKinney
 - (Candle 1) Mercedes Sanders
 - (Candle 2) Adam Orth
 - (GB) Steve & Shellie Hamersky

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. Vincent de Paul

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul booth at the annual Parish Dinner this weekend! We are actively recruiting new members to join with us. Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and

women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. All of us are blessed with an awareness that our blessings (time, talent or treasure) are to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need. Our next meeting is Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall and we hope to see you!

St Margaret Mary Mexican Dinner

The SMM Mexican Dinner is Sunday, April 2nd, 11:00am - 4:00pm, 2635 S Pattie St, Wichita. Menu includes carnitas, tacos, flautas and tortas, along with great side dishes, drinks & dessert. Carry out is available, please call 316.267.4911.

Thank you to these Parish Dinner sponsors

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Spiritual Life Center

KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children Tuesday, Apr. 4; 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.

2017 Palm Sunday Retreat with Bishop Kemme Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. to Sunday, April 9 at 1 p.m. The Center is honored to welcome our Bishop Carl Kemme to lead the annual Palm Sunday retreat. Retreatants will begin Holy Week and their final preparations for Easter as guided by our primary teacher of the Faith -- the Bishop of our Diocese. Earlybird registration rates end March 27th. All payments include a \$50 non refundable deposit. Cmtr: \$100; Single: \$145; Double: \$120

Stations of the Cross by Torchlight Saturday, April 8 at 8:30 p.m. Meet in the foyer with your flashlights in hand to enjoy a beautiful procession outdoors by torchlight to pray the Stations of the Cross and usher in Holy Week. All are welcome. No charge.

Docentium: The Six Deaths of the Faith Thursday, April 20; 6:15-8:30 p.m. Fr. Tom Hoisington presents our monthly presentation on Catholicism and Culture. Doors open at 6 p.m., food is served at 6:30 p.m., and a lecture follows. The cost is \$15 per person. Advance registration appreciated.

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