

Focusing the gospel

On the Second Sunday of Easter, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." John's Gospel gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The Acts of the Apostles all this week offers us the challenges the apostles faced from the earliest communities and from the Jewish authorities.

For the remaining five weeks of the Easter season, our readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and from John's Gospel, with stories of Jesus' ministry not heard during the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year.

The weekday readings begin with the frightened Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming at night to speak to Jesus, asking how anyone can be "born again." Jesus says we must be born of water and Spirit. The gospel offers a poetic look at light and darkness, good and evil: "the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light...But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." John writes, "For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God." After Jesus' disciples tell him to send 5,000 people away, he shows them how to feed them all. He walks across the sea to meet his apostles in their boat, saying, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

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."



"...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., 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Monday - Noon

Tuesday - 8 a.m.

Wednesday - 7 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Thursday - 4 a.m.

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

Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 8 a.m. & 6 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, Jeff Dyer, Tim Holden, +Wilfred Vogel



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

United in Prayer

St. Joseph Family Rosary Crusade 6,350 decades prayed

Weekly Readings

- Mon. 04/24: Acts 4:23-31, Ps 2:1-9, Jn 3:1-8
Tues. 04/25: 1Pt 5:5-14, Ps 89:2-17, Mk 16:15-20
Wed. 04/26: Acts 5:17-26, Ps 34:2-9, Jn 3:16-21
Thur. 04/27: Acts 5:27-33, Ps 34:2-20, Jn 3:31-36
Fri. 04/28: Acts 5:34-42, Ps 27:1-14, Jn 6:1-15
Sat. 04/29: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-19, Jn 6:16-21
Sun. 04/30: Acts 2:14-33, Ps 16:1-11, 1Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, April 24
Saint Fidelis
8:15 a.m. Mass +Nancee Scheffer
Tuesday, April 25
Saint Mark
6:00 p.m. Mass +Teresa Harp
Wednesday, April 26
8:15 a.m. Mass +All Poor Souls
Thursday, April 27
8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Charles & Myrtle Dye Family
Friday, April 28
Saints Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort
8:15 a.m. Mass +Laura Call
Saturday, April 29
Saint Catherine of Siena
8:15 a.m. Mass +Dorothy Schulte
4:00 p.m. Mass +Riney Hay
Third Sunday of Easter, April 30
8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Bishop Gerber
10:00 a.m. Mass - For the People of St. Joseph

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

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Weekly Collection 4/16/2017 (\$17,950.17), Weekly tithe amount needed (\$13,090.38), Surplus or (Deficit) YTD (\$14,907.43), CMI Fund (\$14,035.00), and Roof & Climate Control Repairs (\$22,507.39).

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).

Ministry Schedule April 29th & 30th

- 4:00 PM
(S) Mike McDanel, (L1) Mike Irvin, (L2) Corrina Irvin, (H) Jennifer Martin, (C1) Beth Patterson, (C2) Marvin Patterson, (Rosary) Corrina Irvin, (M. Server) James Janzen, (Candle 1) Matthew Probst, (Candle 2) Zach Stickney, (GB) Christina & Paige Hallacy
8:15 AM
(S) Charlie Deitchler, (L1) Barbara Wattman, (L2) Gabby Shideler, (H) Carl Dittmore, (C1) Charlie Deitchler, (C2) Pat Dittmore, (M. Server) Minnie Schreffler, (Candle 1) Grace Boman, (Candle 2) Sam Boman, (GB) LeFevre Family
10:00 AM
(S) Donna Riddel, (L1) Jordon Schnoor, (L2) Jacob Schnoor, (H) Shelly Hamersky, (C1) Mike McDanel, (C2) Andrew Purcell, (Rosary) Florence Marx, (M. Server) Abby Dresher, (Candle 1) Hunter Martin, (Candle 2) Mercedes Sanders, (GB) Charles & Nancee Scheffer

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

## Rosary Leaders Needed

At St. Joseph Parish, the Rosary is prayed before weekend Masses as a form of vocal prayer and meditation. Volunteers are needed to act as leaders of the Rosary 25 minutes prior to the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass and the Sunday 8:15 Mass. If you are interested in leading the congregation in the rosary please contact Susan McDanel at 316.261.5800 or Linda Bolster at 316.650.1878.



## The Fatima Pilgrim Statue

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace is underway and coming to the IHM Novitiate House in Colwich. The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are hosting the tour on May 7 beginning at 11:00 am and concluding at 7:30 pm. Please check website for detailed schedule of events. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you! Hundreds and favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community. Contact the IHM Sisters for more information or view their website at sistersihmofwichita.org. Learn more about the tour and the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com. Please note the Statue will be hosted by Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Church of the Resurrection, and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the May 8, 9, 10, respectively.

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Psalm 46:10*

## Spiritual Life Center

**Catholic Culture Conference: Catholic Perspectives on Church and State** Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. to Saturday, April 29 at 4 p.m. The Center welcomes keynote speakers Msgr. Stuart Swetland and Dr. Kenneth Howell along with many talented speakers from our Diocese for this timely conference on faith and culture. The program intends to promote Catholic values in personal and family life, as well as in society at large. Early bird rates end April 21. Cmtr: \$55, Sngl: \$85; Dbl: \$75

**Good Books Club: "Kristin Lavransdatter"** First Tuesday of the month beginning May 2; 7-8:30 p.m. Join us in reading and discussing great books from the Christian Tradition. Reading schedule can be found on our web site. No charge. Book available in SLC Bookstore.

**Date Night: A Night Out for Catholic Couples** Thursday, May 4; 6:15-9 p.m. Enjoy a banquet dinner, a conference and quiet time with your significant other! Jake and Ramie Samour will present on spousal temperaments and how to learn to love our significant others even within our differences. \$30 per couple. Advance registration requested.

**KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children** Friday, May 5; 11:15 a.m. Join us for our regularly scheduled daily Mass that on this day is especially tailored for the littlest among us. Please pack a lunch to enjoy in the courtyard afterward.

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

## ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

We here at St. Joseph parish are so fortunate to have so many that are willing to open their hearts and pocketbook in order to help those less fortunate or may be just going through a rough period in their life. We can help lessen their stress by making sure no one goes hungry. That is why we provide the ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY. It is our mission to make sure that all bodies are well fed as well as their souls; and that all know that they do have family and friends that care.

We need your help to resupply our shelves which are becoming very low. Remember our pantry is solely sponsored through your generous donations of food and/or money. On May 6th/7th there will be a large Food Pantry Box in the entrance of the church; or you can drop off your donations at the parish office. Please help us with this cause, so we can continue to help others.

Please be sure to check for expiration dates on all items. Per the Kansas Department of Health, we cannot distribute items that have expired. Listed below are the items that are needed. We list these in groups according to the first letter of your last name in order to get the variety of items that are needed.

Names beginning with:

(A - C) cereals, breakfast items, pancake mix, syrups.

(D - F) laundry soaps, fabric softener, tooth paste, body & hand soap

(G - I) hamburger helper, chicken helper, tuna helper, macaroni & cheese

(J - L) toilet paper, Kleenex, instant mashed potatoes

(M - O) canned soup, canned chili, crackers, canned tomatoes, tomato paste, tomato sauce

(P - R) jelly and jams, peanut butter, noodles, spaghetti

(S - U) canned fruit, canned vegetables, muffin mixes, cake mixes

(W - Z) canned meats, tuna, chicken



Monetary donations may be made out to St. Joseph church and placed in an envelope with Attention: Food Pantry. We are also able to accept frozen goods.

St. Joseph Food Pantry is extending a helping hand to fellow parishioners who are in need. If you are going through difficult times or know someone that may need assistance please contact Susan, Mike or Kelly at (261-5812).

Your compassion and generosity is greatly appreciated.

God Bless each of you for caring for each other.

## ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S CIRCLE OUTREACH

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF SOME TYPE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT? ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S CIRCLE HAS GENTLY USED AND/OR NEW ITEMS FOR THOSE WHO MAY NEED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

BATHSTOOLS, BEDSIDE COMMODOE/TOILET SEAT/SAFETY RAILS  
ADJUSTABLE METAL CRUTCHES, ADJUSTABLE CANES AND REGULAR CANES  
WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, 3 WHEEL WALKERS AND FOLDING WALKERS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT LINDA BOLSTER AT 650-1878 OR [lfbolster@yahoo.com](mailto:lfbolster@yahoo.com).

