

Focusing the gospel

The Third Week of Easter begins with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. The gospels all week are about his being broken and given for us as Bread that Gives Life.

In our first readings from Acts of the Apostles this week, we read of Stephen, one of the earliest martyrs, and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Next is the story of Saul, persecutor of Christians being blinded and then healed by Ananias in the name of Jesus. The week ends with Peter traveling the region and healing.

The Gospel for this week is from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel on Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Like so many stories in this Gospel, Jesus teaches from one layer of understanding to another, taking us deeper into understanding his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus says, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him." This marvelous dialogue ends with this exchange with his disciples: "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"

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

Wednesday - 2 p.m.

Thursday - 4 a.m. & 9 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.



United in Prayer

St. Joseph Family Rosary Crusade
6,590 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.

Please Remember In Prayer:

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| Sr. Lucille Kerschen | | Rolly Chadd |
| Juanita Mans | | Jo Ann Morton |
| Jim Ridder | | Vernie Bloch |
| Sue Warren | | Dave Rohlman |
| Regina Gaytan | | Sandy Gleeson |
| Jim Monroe | | Jim Flanigan |
| Leroy Nedeau | | Sarah Bigley |
| Charles T. Morton | | Jeff Dyer |
| Ruth Freund | | Tim Holden |
| Joan Kandt | | +Wilfred Vogel |
| Peggy Bowen | +Robie Campbell | |
| Doug Howell | +Marita Flanigan | |
| Betty Sherlock | +Chris Burke | |
| Dorothy Dotterer | | |

St. Vincent de Paul News:

This week our St. Vincent de Paul conference conducted a home visit with a family within our Parish boundaries and helped that family purchase some much needed parts for their car so they can get back and forth to appointments. The St. Joseph Conference of St. Vincent de Paul meets again on Monday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We invite everyone who would like to find out more about becoming a Vincentian to help the needy within our Parish boundaries to attend the May 1st meeting.

Weekly Readings

Mon.	05/01: Acts 6:8-15, Ps 119:23-30, Jn 6:22-29
Tues.	05/02: Acts 7:51-8:1, Ps 31:3-21, Jn 6:30-35
Wed.	05/03: 1Cor 15:1-8, Ps 19:2-5, Jn 14:6-14
Thur.	05/04: Acts 8:26-40, Ps 66:8-20, Jn 6:44-51
Fri.	05/05: Acts 9:1-20, Ps 117:1-2, Jn 6:52-59
Sat.	05/06: Acts 9:31-42, Ps 116:12-17, Jn 6:60-69
Sun.	05/07: Acts 2:14-41, Ps 23:1-6, 1Pt 2:20-25, Jn 10:1-10

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

Weekly Collection 4/23/2017	\$8,387.93
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,090.38
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	\$10,204.98
CMI Fund	\$14,535.00
Roof & Climate Control Repairs (cost so far this fiscal year)	(\$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).

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

8:15 a.m. Mass +Maggie Chisholm

Tuesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius

6:00 p.m. Mass +Marian Wherrell

Wednesday, May 3

Saints Philip and James

8:15 a.m. Mass +Marcella & Fred LeFevre

Thursday, May 4

8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Enrique Javier Martin

First Friday, May 5

8:15 a.m. Mass +Frank & Helen Marx

NO 6:00 p.m. Mass of Healing

First Saturday, May 6

8:15 a.m. Mass - Respect Life

4:00 p.m. Mass - For the People of St. Joseph

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7

8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Bill Mertens Family

10:00 a.m. Mass +Eldon Freund

Ministry Schedule May 6th & 7th

4:00 PM

(S) Mike McDaneld

(L1) David Darland

(L2) Katie Gruver

(H) Martha Raybourne

(C1) Shawn Vredenburg

(C2) Heather Vredenburg

(Rosary) Beverly Rancuret

(M. Server) Matthew Probst

(Candle 1) Zach Stickney

(Candle 2) James Janzen

(GB) Sinfiorosa Miller and

Bill & Pat Wright

8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler

(L1) Carl Dittmore

(L2) Michael Morch

(H) Cassidee Cummings

(C1) Jeff Cummings

(C2) Carissa Cummings

(M. Server) Thomas Kucera

(Candle 1) Sam Boman

(Candle 2) Joe Wagner

(GB) **Rob & Shawn Gordon**

10:00 AM

(S) Betty Ewing

(L1) Julie Sanders

(L2) Judy Johnston

(H) Shirley Ricke

(C1) John Cooke

(C2) Donna Riddel

(Rosary) Florence Marx

(M. Server) Hanival Olivo

(Candle 1) Colton Klein

(Candle 2) Madison Trosclair

(GB) Mike Flanigan Family

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

The Fatima Pilgrim Statue

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace is 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 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 from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm. Check our website for a schedule of events. 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! 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 May 8, 9, and 10, respectively.

Junior Golden Eagle Youth Soccer Camp

The 2017 youth soccer camp will be July 10-13, from 9am to 11 am at Bishop Carroll Family Stadium. Cost is \$60. The camp will focus on individual and team skills. Head boys coach, Mike Skaggs, and head girls coach, Greg Rauch, will be conducting the camp for students entering grades 5-8 in the fall. Registration forms can be found on the Bishop Carroll website, www.bcchs.org, or by contacting Coach Skaggs at skaggsmike@bcchs.org.



Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

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.

Apologia: Vatican II—Continuity or Disruption Monday, May 8; 7-8:30 p.m. In this apologetics course, Fr. Patrick Reilley will examine the reception and interpretation of the Conciliar documents of Vatican II. Come learn to defend your Faith! \$10

Raising Faithful Kids in a Modern Culture Tuesday, May 9; 7-8:30 p.m. Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School teacher Beth Ferraro will spend this evening helping parents of pre-teens navigate those very rough years. The program is targeted for parents of incoming 4th-8th graders, but will be beneficial to all parents. Discussions will include how to talk about "the birds and the bees," addressing internet and social media safety, and much more! Bring your questions. \$10 per person (refreshments and handouts included)

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

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

Here at St. Joseph parish, we are so fortunate to have so many who are willing to open their hearts and pocketbooks to help those who are less fortunate or who may be 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 as well-fed as their souls; and that all know that they have family and friends who care.

We need your help to resupply our shelves, which have become very low. Remember, our pantry is sponsored solely 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 to collect donations, or donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Please help us with this cause, so we can continue to help others.

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 marked "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:

- Bath stools, bedside commode/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.

