

Focusing the gospel

God's love belongs to all of us, according to the readings of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Isaiah, God promises “my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, tells us “the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable” and refers to himself as the “apostle to the Gentiles.” In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus hears the pleas of a “foreign” woman, a Canaanite who begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

This week we remember St. Pius X, The Queenship of Mary and St. Bartholomew.

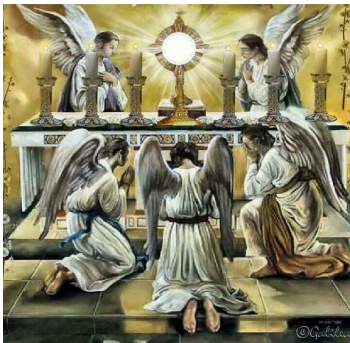
In the first part of the week, we have readings from the Book of Judges. We read of how Israel worshiped other gods and fell into the power of their enemies; how God called Gideon to be a leader of his tribe; of Gideon's son Abimelech who was unfairly made king and his brother Jotham's response; and of Jephtha's promise to God to sacrifice the first person he saw if only he was victorious in battle. After his victory, Jephtha's only child ran to greet him and he sacrificed her. The Psalm reading for that day reminds us that “Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience.” Two days of readings from the Book of Ruth tell the moving story of Naomi and her loving daughter-in-law Ruth. Ruth leaves her own homeland to return with Naomi to Bethlehem, where Ruth remarries and has a child, Obed, who will become the grandfather of the great king, David.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes some favorite parables, like the rich young man and introduces the counter-cultural idea that riches may make it more difficult to be saved. Those are followed by stories of the Master of the vineyard who leaves us with the phrase “The last will be first and the first, last.” Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who hires workers throughout the day, including the last hours. When he pays them all the same, those who worked all day grumbled. “Are you envious because I am generous?” He offers the parable of the guests who are too busy to attend the wedding feast of the king's son. Friday, Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Saturday, Jesus says, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

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. & 3 p.m.

Monday - 9 a.m., 7 & 8 p.m.

Tuesday - 8 a.m.

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

Friday - 6 p.m.

Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 6 p.m. & 9 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
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
Vernie Bloch
Dave Rohlman
Sandy Gleeson
Jim Flanigan
Sarah Bigley
Jeff Dyer
Tim Holden
JoAnn Heimerman
+Leo Hamersky



United in Prayer

St. Joseph Family

Rosary Crusade

10,450 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. 08/21: Jgs 2:11-19, Ps 106:34-44, Mt 19:16-22
- Tues. 08/22: Jgs 6:11-24, Ps 85:9-14, Mt 19:23-30
- Wed. 08/23: Jgs 9:6-15, Ps 21:2-7, Mt 20:1-16
- Thur. 08/24: Rv 21:9-14, Ps 145:10-18, Jn 1:45-51
- Fri. 08/25: Ru 1:1-22, Ps 146:5-10, Mt 22:34-40
- Sat. 08/26: Ru 2:1-4:17, Ps 128:1-5, Mt 23:1-12
- Sun. 08/27: Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-8, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

Thank you for your gift of treasure! July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Weekly Collection 8/13/2017	\$12,442.34
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,483.09
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$8,286.72)
CMI Fund	\$5775.00
2017-2018 Fiscal Year	
Roof & Climate Control Repairs	(\$4,923.00)
(cost so far this fiscal year)	
CMI Balance	\$852.00
<i>(Campus Maintenance & Improvement Fund)</i>	

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

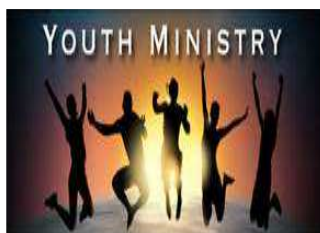
- Monday, August 21
Saint Pius X
8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Pat & Leanne O'Brien
- Tuesday, August 22
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 p.m. Mass S.I. Schauf Family
- Wednesday, August 23
Saint Rose of Lima
8:15 a.m. Mass +Bill Babich
- Thursday, August 24
Saint Bartholomew
8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Marlene Family
- Friday, August 25
Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz
8:15 a.m. Mass - Stuhlsatz Family
10:00 a.m. Masonic Home Mass +Clara Zogleman
- Saturday, August 26
8:15 a.m. Mass +Barbara Stohr
4:00 p.m. Mass - S.I. Henning Family
- Sunday, August 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass - For the People of St. Joseph
10:00 a.m. Mass +Marita Flanigan



Just a friendly reminder for all servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to please arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of Holy Mass.

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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 August 26th & 27th

- 4:00 PM

(S) Linda Bolster	(Rosary) Mike Irvin
(L1) Corrinna Irvin	(M. Server) Matthew Probst
(L2) Mike Irvin	(Candle 1) James Janzen
(H) Martha Raybourne	(Candle 2) Zach Stickney
(C1) Shawn Vredenburg	(GB) Sinforosa Miller and Pat Wright
(C2) Heather Vredenburg	
- 8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler	(Rosary) Ken Sueper
(L1) Gabby Shideler	(M. Server) Thomas Kucera
(L2) Carl Dittmore	(Candle 1) Minnie Schreffler
(H) Cassidee Cummings	(Candle 2) Sam Boman
(C1) Judy Shideler	(GB) Judy Shideler Family
(C2) Carissa Cummings	
- 10:00 AM

(S) Betty Ewing	(Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Richard Johnson	(M. Server) Patrick Sanders
(L2) Jack Johnson	(Candle 1) Vickie McKinney
(H) Jack Johnson	(Candle 2) Izzy McKinney
(C1) Mindy Johnson	(GB) Ron & Lise Fisher
(C2) Judy Johnston	

Prayers for Our Military

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

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

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Fundraising Breakfast

The Saint Joseph Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society helped one of our parish families with over \$500 toward their utilities and other bills. We also helped three of our neighbors with over \$600 in bills including utilities and rent. The SVdP Society is a Catholic lay ministry that focuses on helping our parishioners and neighbors who are struggling financially.

We will be holding a fundraising breakfast on Sunday, October 1st after the 10 a.m. Mass. Menu will be a breakfast casserole, fruit, coffee, juice, and sweet rolls. Please mark your calendars and join us in supporting this important ministry.

Our next meeting is Monday, August 21st at 6:30 pm in the Mother Teresa room, where we will be having a guest speaker from the Center of Hope tell us about the programs they offer for the less fortunate in our community. Please consider supporting our SVdP conference by joining us at this meeting, or supporting us financially through donations to the parish office.

Vocation Retreat

Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a free “Come and See” Discernment Retreat designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. The retreat begins at 5:30pm Friday, Sept 8 and concludes at 1pm, Sunday, Sept 10 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Rosary Manor, 1 Rosary Drive, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email jfitzgerald@oppeace.org. Participants may register online at community.oppeace.org/comeandseeretreat. (We can offer some travel assistance on a need basis.)



Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

Apologia: Defending the Faith in the 21st Century Tuesday, Aug. 22; 7-8:30 p.m. Join Stephanie Mann for this edition of apologetic dialogue. Each session will address a different topic, pertinent to 21st century Catholics, which we have the need and obligation to be able to defend and explain: firstly for ourselves, secondly to our families and religious brethren, and thirdly to the greater public who may inquire of us. In August, Stephanie will discuss the Merit of Tradition in Catholicism. \$10

Dinner with the Doctors: St. Augustine Monday, Aug. 28; 6-8:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner and socializing followed by a talk by Fr. Tom Hoisington on the life of St. Augustine. Advance registration requested. \$15

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide (12 week series) Begins, August 30; 7-8:30 p.m. The Office of Marriage and Family Life brings participants this 12 Wednesday program guiding you and others who are separated or divorced through a DVD series and discussion in a private, confidential group support environment. The program is built both for those struggling through Divorce and those wishing to minister to others who are struggling. \$35 includes program and all materials

Series: Discerning God's Will in Your Life Aug. 30 and 31 from 7-9 p.m.; Fr. Ken VanHaverbeke uses Ignatian spirituality to help teach attendees about decision making in our lives and how to learn God's will for us. \$30

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



The St. Joseph Catholic Women's Circle would like to thank each of you for your participation in our Garage Sale this year – from those that donated, those that made purchases, those that brought the workers food and drinks, all the prayer warriors for the sale and to ALL THE HELPERS THAT MADE THIS A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2017 GARAGE SALE!!

Due to the hard work and team effort, we were able to raise \$12,000.00. All of this will go to the renovation of the Parish Hall. We also had 2 anonymous donors that made monetary donations to this renovation effort in the amount of \$10,000.00 each. God Bless each of you for opening your hearts to our parish.

The Parish Hall renovation will come in phases. In the first phase, the floor in the hall will be stripped of the aging vinyl and be resurfaced, and then an epoxy stain will be applied. This will be started on September 11th, 2017. The funds mentioned above will take care of the flooring renovation.

We also have an individual who has offered to replace the stained ceiling tiles in the hall at their expense. Thank you for your generosity. This phase will be started as soon as the necessary repairs are made to the Parish Hall roof.

We still hope to renovate the kitchen. The flooring needs work, plus we would like to update the kitchen, including an island with shelving and some new appliances. This phase will be started as soon as the funds can be raised. If you would like to assist in this next stage, please make your donations to St. Joseph Catholic Women's Circle Hall Renovation Fund. We will need approximately \$25,000.00 to complete the kitchen renovation.

This is not only our School Lunchroom but also our Parish Hall. This can be used by all of us and also by others. We would like to see it refreshed and inviting for all.

We have a great team here at St. Joseph, and each and every one of you are such a huge asset and part of this Family. Once again, we thank each of you for all you have done in trying to update our beautiful Parish Buildings.

God Bless You!!

St. Joseph Catholic Women's Circle