

Focusing the gospel

Our week begins as we look to the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We see a glimpse of the Prophet Jeremiah who understands the pain of following the Lord and decides not to speak the Lord's name again, "but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart." Paul's letter to the Romans encourages those ancient Romans - and us - not to conform to this age but to discern the will of God. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus corrects his disciples' resistance to his own passion and death, telling them that if they try to save their lives, they'll lose them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Memorial of St. Peter Claver.

Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians concludes on Tuesday. Wednesday, we begin a week of readings from the Letter to the Colossians, with its gracious salutation and encouragement. The readers are exhorted to see Christ as the "head of the body" noting that all is created "in and through him."

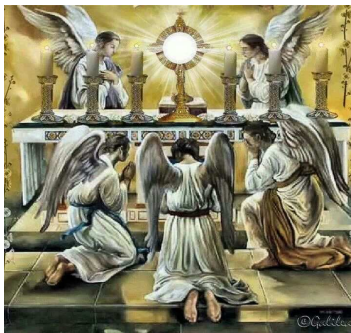
We now move from Matthew to Luke's Gospel, which we will read on weekdays from now until Advent begins. We will feel the special way the evangelist will highlight healing, mercy, the poor, women, prayer, the Spirit and a gospel for a new, all inclusive, Israel.

Jesus teaches in the synagogue and reads from Isaiah: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus heals a man with demons. He heals Simon's mother-in-law, and all the sick they brought him. "I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." He calls out to three discouraged fishermen to lower their nets, to show them his power. Peter is overwhelmed and protests he is unworthy. "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." At Jesus' persistence, Peter, James and John leave their nets to follow Jesus. The week ends with Jesus' tangling with the Pharisees who challenge the fasting of his disciples. "Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?" He deflects the criticism by telling them "no one pours new wine into old wineskins." When his critics note that his disciples were "unlawful" by picking heads of grains to eat, he tells them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

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

Wednesday - 2 p.m.

Friday - 11 a.m., Noon & 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
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Jeff Dyer
Tim Holden
JoAnn Heimerman
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+Leo Hamersky



United in Prayer

St. Joseph Family

Rosary Crusade

11,440 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. 09/04: 1Thes 4:13-18, Ps 96:1-13, Lk 4:16-30
- Tues. 09/05: 1Thes 5:1-11, Ps 27:1-14, Lk 4:31-37
- Wed. 09/06: Col 1:1-8, Ps 52:10-11, Lk 4:38-44
- Thur. 09/07: Col 1:9-14, Ps 98:2-6, Lk 5:1-11
- Fri. 09/08: Mi 5:1-4, Ps 13:6, Mt 1:1-23
- Sat. 09/09: Col 1:21-23, Ps 54:3-8, Lk 6:1-5
- Sun. 09/10: Ez 33:7-9, Ps 95:1-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20

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

Weekly Collection 8/27/2017	\$12,330.67
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,483.09
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$8,393.73)
CMI Fund	\$6,010.00
2017-2018 Fiscal Year	
Roof & Climate Control Repairs (cost so far this fiscal year)	(\$4,923.00)
CMI Balance	\$1,087.00
<i>(Campus Maintenance & Improvement Fund)</i>	

Today's Gospel reading points to the extreme challenge all stewards face: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is easy for us to say that we want to follow Christ, but doing so requires great fortitude. The prophet Jeremiah understands this well. In the first reading, Jeremiah laments at being "duped" by the LORD; he feels like he was tricked into the role of prophet, a job he never wanted. Yet at the end of his rant, even he has to admit that he literally cannot have it any other way. He knows in his heart that he must offer his life to the LORD. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit has given each of us similar fortitude, that we can confidently choose to deny ourselves and take up our crosses, following Jesus wherever he leads us!

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, September 4
8:15 a.m. Mass +Riney Hay
- Tuesday, September 5
6:00 p.m. Mass S.I. Martinez Family
- Wednesday, September 6
8:15 a.m. Mass +Nguyen V. Sans
- Thursday, September 7
8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Stanley & Theresa
- Friday, September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Chris Stuhlsatz
10:00 a.m. Masonic Home +Bob Bolster
- Saturday, September 9
Saint Peter Claver
8:15 a.m. Mass +Serafina Altunade Martin
4:00 p.m. Mass - The People of St. Joseph
- Sunday, September 10- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass +Alice Mertens
10:00 a.m. Mass -

Ministry Schedule September 9th & 10th

- 4:00 PM

(S) Linda Bolster	(Rosary) Ann Blick
(L1) Linda Bolster	(M. Server) Matthew Probst
(L2) Mike McDaneld	(Candle 1) Zach Stickney
(H) Jeff Dyer	(Candle 2) James Janzen
(C1) Corrinna Irvin	(GB) Vredenburg Family
(C2) Mike Irvin	
- 8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler	(Rosary) Ken Sueper
(L1) Larry Setzkorn	(M. Server) Grace Boman
(L2) Bonnie Setzkorn	(Candle 1) Sam Boman
(H) Bill Bugner	(Candle 2) Minnie Schreffler
(C1) Sr. Nancy Jane Kuntz	(GB) Ernie Hallacy
(C2) Sandy Bugner	
- 10:00 AM

(S) Jack Johnson	(Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Judy Johnston	(M. Server) Hanival Olivo
(L2) Jacque McLain	(Candle 1) Colton Klein
(H) Cheryl Gulick	(Candle 2) David Olivo
(C1) Doug Sublett	(GB) Bill & Sandra Bugner
(C2) Kristen Allen	

Thanks to this Parish Dinner sponsor:

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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 |
| Trevor Samples | | |

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.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Mother Teresa Room.



Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

Date Night: A Night Out for Catholic Couples Thursday, September 7; 6:15-9 p.m. All spouses and engaged couples are invited to join us for this evening of dinner, socializing, and enrichment. The Office of Marriage and Family Life brings Keith and Ann Carlin in to speak on "Intimacy in Prayer." Cost is only \$30 per couple. Advance registration appreciated.

Opus Seminar: Work, Prayer, Family Friday, September 8; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This day-long workshop and retreat is an opportunity to be refreshed and inspired so that participants might respond with more fruitful service in their roles as parents, providers, followers of Christ, and ministers of the Gospel. Half day pricing available! Don't miss it! \$30 for full day including lunch.

Catholic Assembly for Business Quarterly Breakfast Wednesday, Sept. 13; 7:20-9:30 a.m. Join Catholic business people from throughout the diocese, for breakfast, discussion, and networking. Suggested \$10 donation for non-members.

Series: Catechism Study—The Creed 12 Wednesdays; Starts Sept. 13; Meets every other week at noon. Use your lunch hours this fall to delve more deeply into the first part of the Catechism. The study will focus on the Profession of Faith. \$35 includes all materials. Pack a lunch to enjoy during the course!

Series: Becoming a Love and Logic Parent 6 Wednesdays; Starts Sept. 13; A commonsense approach that teaches educators and parents the skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children. Cost is \$35 (includes \$10 workbook fee - couples may share)

KidsPrayToo: Mass with Children Thursday, Sept. 14; 11:15 a.m. Children and their caregivers are invited to our regular daily Mass tailored on this morning especially to the littlest among us. Pack a lunch to enjoy in our courtyard afterwards. No charge.

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