

Focusing the gospel

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us the familiar and powerful parable from Matthew's Gospel about the servants who are each given sums of money to invest. We are all called upon to use the gifts we have received as gifts, and to return them, fully developed, having made the best use of them.

We remember the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, and the Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs.

In the US, Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, with its own set of readings.

In this next to the last week of the Liturgical Year, we read from the First Book of Maccabees. These books are about the revolt against Jewish persecution a little over a century before Christ. The Maccabees are presented as a family that is faithful to the law in the midst of this persecution. Their witness is inspiring today.

We have wonderful stories from Luke's Gospel this week as Jesus moves toward and enters Jerusalem for the end of his ministry. Jesus heals the blind beggar near Jericho. The man immediately "followed him, giving glory to God." Then Jesus meets Zacchaeus who is up in a tree - because he was short, but probably also because he's a tax collector and was nervous about being caught in a zealous crowd. Jesus transforms him by inviting himself to Zacchaeus' house for dinner. Near Jerusalem, Jesus tells a parable of a rejected king and servants who use the gifts given them faithfully. In Jerusalem, Jesus weeps over the city, foreseeing the destruction that is coming, "because you did not recognize the time of your visitation." Entering the temple, Jesus drives out the old way of doing business and begins his ministry. He silences the Sadducees, over their doubt about resurrection from the dead.

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"



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
 Doug Stuhlsatz
 Don Williams
 Tim Chadd
 Nancy Bradley

Vernie Bloch
 Dave Rohlman
 Sandy Gleeson
 Jim Flanigan
 Sarah Bigley
 Jeff Dyer
 Tim Holden
 JoAnn Heimerman
 Patricia Ardisson
 Mary Moman
 Tim Benham
 John Uphaus
 +Marilyn Jordan
 +Rolly Chadd

"...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 - 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Thursday - 8 a.m. & 9 a.m.

Friday - 11 a.m., Noon & 6 p.m.

Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. & 6 p.m.

For more details, call Jana at 945-5379.



United in Prayer

**St. Joseph Family
 Rosary Crusade
 13,510 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.	11/20: 1Mc 1:10-63, Ps 119:53-158, Lk 18:35-43
Tues.	11/21: 2Mc 6:18-31, Ps 3:2-7, Lk 19:1-10
Wed.	11/22: 2Mc 7:1-31, Ps 17:1-15, Lk 19:11-28
Thur.	11/23: 1Mc 2:15-29, Ps 50:1-15, Lk 19:41-44
Fri.	11/24: 1Mc 4:36-59, 1Chr 29:10-12, Lk 19:45-48
Sat.	11/25: 1Mc 6:1-13, Ps 9:2-19, Lk 20:27-40
Sun.	11/26: Ez 34:11-17, Ps 23:1-6, 1Cor 15:20-28, Mt 25:31-46

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

Weekly Collection 11/12/2017	\$12168.91
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,483.09
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$16,149.72)
CMI Fund	\$9,677.00
2017-2018 Fiscal Year	
Roof & Climate Control Repairs	(\$15,242.27)
(cost so far this fiscal year)	
CMI Balance	(\$5,565.27)
<i>(Campus Maintenance & Improvement Fund)</i>	

Today we celebrate Commitment Sunday -- a day to wholly recommit ourselves our baptismal call to the stewardship way of life. How appropriate that we should be treated to the parable of the talents on this day! This gospel challenges us to use ALL God has given us -- however much that might be -- for the sake of His kingdom. One servant is given five talents, which is an unheard of amount of money. He wisely invested it and used it to double what he was given. Imagine if all those who were given so much chose to use it for the sole purpose of building God's kingdom! But what of the servant who received only one talent? He was afraid to lose it and decided to bury it instead. Some of us may feel that we haven't received much in the way of gifts from God. We may be sitting on those gifts, holding them close, afraid to lose what little we've been given. Don't be!! The lesson of this gospel is quite clear. Give of yourself with a faithful heart and you will receive more to give! Live and give in such a way that at the end of your life, you, too, will hear our Heavenly Father say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Prayers for Our Military

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

<i>Jay Schoen</i>	<i>Tony Jeffress</i>	<i>Jonathan Burke</i>
<i>Sam Francis</i>	<i>Matt Mork</i>	<i>Timothy Collier</i>
<i>Justin Light</i>	<i>Jeff Cranor</i>	<i>Nicholas Gerhold</i>
	<i>Trevor Samples</i>	

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, November 20

6:45 a.m. House of Formation Mass - Public welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass + Roger Haag

Tuesday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 a.m. House of Formation Mass - Public welcome
6:00 p.m. Mass + Leo Hamersky

Wednesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia

8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Stan & Theresa Smeltzer

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23

*Saint Clement, Saint Columban,
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*

8:15 a.m. Mass + Ed Kandt

Friday, November 24

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

6:45 a.m. House of Formation Mass - Public welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Tot Phan

Saturday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Herb McGreevy
4:00 p.m. Mass + Riney Hay

Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:15 a.m. Mass - The People of St. Joseph
10:00 a.m. Mass + Marita Flanigan

Ministry Schedule November 25th & 26th

4:00 PM

(S) Mike Irvin	(Rosary) Linda Bolster
(L1) Mike Irvin	(M. Server) Carter Martin
(L2) Corrinna Irvin	(Candle 1) Aiden Blick
(H) John Bolster	(Candle 2) Louie Wiechman
(C1) Linda Bolster	(GB) Rita Corby
(C2) Johnnie Bell	

8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler	(Rosary) Ken Sueper
(L1) Gabrielle Shideler	(M. Server) Grace Boman
(L2) Cassidee Cummings	(Candle 1) Dan Wagner
(H) Gabrielle Shideler	(Candle 2) Sam Boman
(C1) Barbara Wattman	(GB) Regina Orth Family
(C2) Judy Shideler	

10:00 AM

(S) Alice Johnson	(Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) John Cooke	(M. Server) Matthew Probst
(L2) Jacob Schoor	(Candle 1) Jason Depenbusch
(H) Andrew Purcell	(Candle 2) Josh Schnoor
(C1) Shellie Hamersky	(GB) Bill & Pam Dusenbery
(C2) Mike Irvin	



Lord's Diner Hat Drive

The Lord's Diner will once again be collecting winter hats, gloves and scarves along with new socks to distribute to our guests for Christmas. Drop off your new items at the Broadway location through December 15th. Thank You!!

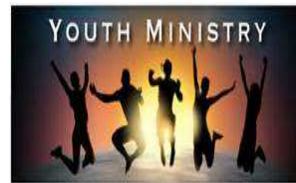
Free Novice Chess Tournament

St. Francis of Assisi is hosting a free novice chess tournament for kids kindergarten through 8th grade. It will be held December 2nd in the school cafeteria from 8:45 am to 12:00 pm. Please register by sending an email to engeldaniel@sbcglobal.net with your child's school, name and grade.



Oblates of St. Benedict

The Oblates of St. Benedict will meet in the Mother Teresa room of the Parish Center on Tuesday, Nov 28th at 7pm. For more info call Pat at 316.775.5663.



Catholic Youth Ministry Evening

Attitude for Gratitude evening for all CYM members on Monday, November 20th in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and will include dinner, a guest speaker, and dance. Entry fee is \$5. Girls are asked to bring a side dish and boys are asked to bring a dessert. The dress is semi-formal (slacks and a button down shirt for guys and dress or skirt for girls). The evening ends around 10 p.m. or 10:30 p.m.

Middle School Service Project

Every year classes at St. Joseph Catholic School participate in a service project in which they rake leaves, clean, and help out in houses and yards around the church neighborhood. The middle school is in need of parishioners who are in need of our services. This year our service day is scheduled for the afternoon of November 29th. Please contact Mr. Collins at 261-5801 or kcollins@stjosephwichita.com if you are interested.

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

Clarity and Confusion in Moral Theology Thursday, Nov. 30; 7-8:30 p.m. Sr. Mary Agnes, IHM presents this one-evening presentation on morality. This special session will look at the development of moral theology from the time of the Fathers of the Church and Thomas Aquinas, and it will consider the great clarity that was offered in how to approach Moral Theology. \$10

KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children Friday, Dec. 1; 11:15 a.m. This monthly celebration of our regular Daily Mass especially welcomes little children and their caregivers! No charge.

Retreat: Adventure into the Interior Life Dec 1-3. Brought to you by the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life. A retreat for all singles: young or old, divorced, widowed or never married. You'll explore the deepest mysteries of the heart, discover endless treasures, and learn practical ways to bring holiness (which brings true happiness) into your life and into every relationship. Cmtr: \$140, Sngl: \$215; Dbl: 190

Advent Day of Renewal Saturday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Christmas and Advent are often hectic, busy, and stressful. This retreat day is designed to help the faithful re-focus on the spiritual purpose of the season. \$20

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