

## Focusing the gospel

Sunday is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle on the 30th.

The first reading this last week of the liturgical year is from the Book of Daniel. These apocalyptic and mystical readings were written to give encouragement to the Jewish people in the face of persecution.

The stories in the Gospel of Luke this week offer a look at the meaning of generosity as the poor widow offers her two small coins. Jesus cautions against those who will come in his name promising salvation: "Do not follow them!" The cost of following his teaching is made clear, "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." In a dramatic look at the end time, echoing the Daniel readings, Jesus says, "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Jesus continues the "end time" message saying, "know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." He cautions, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap."

*Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's Online Ministries Website: <http://www.creighton.edu/collaborativeministry/prayer>. Used with permission.*



## Catholic Youth Ministry

Come check us out and be part of lots of fun, fellowship, and faith! ALL high school age youth are invited to join St. Joseph's Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM), held every MONDAY night from 7 - 8:30 pm in the basement of the OLD RECTORY.

## "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 - 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.*

## 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 Ardissone  
Mary Moman  
Tim Benham  
John Uphaus  
Janet Willhite



## United in Prayer

**St. Joseph Family  
Rosary Crusade  
13,580 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. 11/27: Dn 1:1-20, Dn 3:52-56, Lk 21:1-4  
 Tues. 11/28: Dn 2:31-45, Dn 3:57-61, Lk 21:5-11  
 Wed. 11/29: Dn 5:1-28, Dn 3:62-67, Lk 21:12-19  
 Thur. 11/30: Rom 10:9-18, Ps 19:8-11, Mt 4:18-22  
 Fri. 12/01: Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75-81, Lk 21:29-33  
 Sat. 12/02: Dn 7:15-27, Dn 3:82-87, Lk 21:34-36  
 Sun. 12/03: Is 63:16-64:7, Ps 80:2-19, 1Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

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

Weekly Collection 11/19/2017	\$10,030.08
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,483.09
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$19,602.73)
<b>CMI Fund</b>	<b>\$9,677.00</b>
<b>2017-2018 Fiscal Year</b>	
<b>Roof &amp; Climate Control Repairs</b>	<b>(\$15,242.27)</b>
<b>(cost so far this fiscal year)</b>	
<b>CMI Balance</b>	<b>(\$5,565.27)</b>
<i>(Campus Maintenance &amp; Improvement Fund)</i>	

Today's first reading situates the LORD God himself as the shepherd of the sheep in a time when His flock (the Israelites) is battered and scattered. He heals the sick, tends to the injured, and brings back the strayed. In the Gospel, we see Jesus continuing this work, and it culminates in these verses today from Matthew that indicate that we, too, are expected to cooperate with God's plan for shepherding His flock. For whatever we do (or don't do) for those in need, we have also done to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The giving and receiving of God's merciful compassion is a beautiful cycle that not only "tends" to our needs, but also draws us into tending to the needs of others. This is the great gift of stewardship -- an invitation to participate in God's work on earth.

**Birth**day card shower, for William & Melvadine Rosenhamer! They both will be turning 90 this year! Melvadine's special day is November 27th & William's is December 11th. If you would like to send them a card, please send to: 437 N Fern, Wichita, KS 67203

### Prayers for Our Military

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

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

### Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Father is at the Clergy Conference Tuesday - Thursday. He will celebrate the intentions while at the conference.*

#### Monday, November 27

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

#### Tuesday, November 28

6:45 a.m. House of Formation Mass - Public welcome  
**NO 6:00 p.m. Mass** +Thamb Nguyen

#### Wednesday, November 29

6:45 a.m. House of Formation Mass - Public welcome  
**NO 8:15 a.m. Mass** +Stanley Robison

#### Thursday, November 30

##### Saint Andrew

6:45 a.m. House of Formation Mass - Public welcome  
**NO 8:15 a.m. Mass** - S.I. Sandy Bugner

#### First Friday, December 1

6:45 a.m. House of Formation Mass - Public welcome  
 8:15 a.m. Mass +All Holy Souls  
 6:00 p.m. Mass of Healing +Winnie Love Simon

#### First Saturday, December 2

8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Respect Life  
 4:00 p.m. Mass - The People of St. Joseph

#### Sunday, December 3

##### First Sunday of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass +Chris Burke  
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Catherine Simon

### Ministry Schedule December 2nd & 3rd

4:00 PM  
 (S) Linda Bolster (Rosary) Christina Hallacy  
 (L1) David Darland (M. Server) Hunter Martin  
 (L2) Katie Gruver (Candle 1) Zach Stickney  
 (H) Jeff Dyer (Candle 2) Gage Lee  
 (C1) Corrinna Irvin (GB) Anne Harris Family  
 (C2) Mike Irvin

8:15 AM  
 (S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Ken Sueper  
 (L1) Barbara Wattman (M. Server) Thomas Kucera  
 (L2) Carl Dittimore (Candle 1) Emma Dowell  
 (H) Bill Bugner (Candle 2) Dan Wagner  
 (C1) Sr. Nancy Jane Kuntz (GB) Wray Kucera Family  
 (C2) Sandy Bugner

10:00 AM  
 (S) Jack Johnson (Rosary) Florence Marx  
 (L1) Julie Sanders (M. Server) Angela McKinney  
 (L2) Richard Johnson (Candle 1) Lexi Acosta  
 (H) Donna Riddel (Candle 2) Madison Trosclair  
 (C1) Shirley Ricke (GB) Beverly Rancuret &  
 (C2) John Cooke Anne Jaeger



## 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](mailto:engeldaniel@sbcglobal.net) with your child's school, name and grade.

## Middle School Service Project

Each year, classes at St. Joseph School participate in a service project in which they rake leaves, clean, and help out in houses and yards around the church neighborhood. Our middle school needs some additional parishioners who are in need of our services. This year's service day is Nov 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Contact Mr. Collins at 261-5801 or [kcollins@stjosephwichita.com](mailto:kcollins@stjosephwichita.com) if you are interested.



## 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.

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Psalms 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

**Dinner with the Doctors: St John of Damascus** Monday, Dec. 4; 6-8:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner, socializing, and a talk on this doctor of the Church. Presented by Erin Doom of the 8th Day Institute. \$15

**Good Books: The Canterbury Tales** Begins Tuesday, Dec. 5; 7-9 p.m. The Good Books program meets on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss books from the great Christian Tradition. This marks the first meeting for The Canterbury Tales. No charge. Book available in SLC Bookstore.

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