

Focusing the gospel

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, although the US celebrates it this Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the Baptism of the Lord, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but in the U.S. it is moved to Monday.

Whether we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday or Monday, we hear the Lord say in the first reading from Isaiah, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." That is echoed in Luke's Gospel, after Jesus' baptism: "And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This feast marks the end of the Christmas season. Monday or Tuesday begins Ordinary Time on the Church calendar which will continue until Ash Wednesday.

During the weekdays, we begin a three-week cycle of captivating readings from the First Book of Samuel. We read of Samuel's mother, Hannah, who promises the Lord, "if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives." Samuel hears a call from the Lord and responds, "Speak, for your servant is listening." An epic battle against the Philistines ends in devastating losses for Israel and the capture of the Ark of the Covenant. In his old age, Samuel rules Israel and the elders ask Samuel to appoint a King to rule them. Samuel meets Saul. "When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him, "This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people."

From now until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from Mark's Gospel. Mark offers us a look at the beginning of Jesus public ministry. Jesus calls his first disciples, fisherman at work: Simon and Andrew, then James and John. "Then they left their nets and followed him." He drives out evil spirits and heals the sick. He hears the cry of the leper: "If you wish, you can make me clean," and Jesus, "moved with pity" heals him. Friends lower a paralytic from a roof down into the crowd in front of Jesus, who heals him and says, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Jesus extends an invitation to the despised tax collector, Levi: "Follow me."

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. & Noon

Monday - 7 p.m., 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.

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

Friday - 9 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
 Nancy Bradley
 Vernie Bloch

Dave Rohlman
 Sandy Gleeson
 Jim Flanigan
 Sarah Bigley
 Tim Holden
 JoAnn Heimerman
 Patricia Ardissonne
 Mary Moman
 John Uphaus
 Jack Northern
 Bill Rosenhamer
 Dean Rosenhamer
 +Tim Benham



United in Prayer

**St. Joseph Family
 Rosary Crusade**

14,315 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.

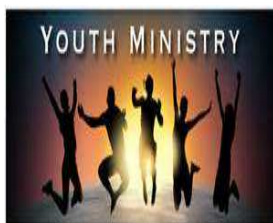
Weekly Readings

- Mon. 01/08: Is 42:1-7, Ps 29:1-10, Mk 1:7-11
- Tues. 01/09: 1Sm 1:9-20, 1Sm 2:1-8, Mk 1:21-28
- Wed. 01/10: 1Sm 3:1-20, Ps 40:2-10, Mk 1:29-39
- Thur. 01/11: 1Sm 4:1-11, Ps 44:10-25, Mk 1:40-45
- Fri. 01/12: 1Sm 8:4-22, Ps 89:16-19, Mk 2:1-12
- Sat. 01/13: 1Sm 9:1-10:1, Ps 21:2-7, Mk 2:13-17
- Sun. 01/14: 1Sm 3:3-19, Ps 40:2-10, 1Cor 6:13-20, Jn 1:35-42

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

Weekly Collection 12/31/2017	\$12,320.10
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,483.09
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$3,892.96)
CMI Fund	\$10,112.00
2017-2018 Fiscal Year	
Roof & Climate Control Repairs	(\$15,242.27)
(cost so far this fiscal year)	
CMI Balance	(\$5,130.27)
<i>(Campus Maintenance & Improvement Fund)</i>	

The magi followed the guiding light of a star to the newborn king, and upon their arrival they placed their gifts at His feet. These wise men may not have fully understood who Jesus was, but they certainly gave us a good illustration of stewardship in action. Herod, on the other hand, is a false steward. He seeks information about Jesus, but only for his selfish gain. On this Epiphany Sunday, it would be wise to reflect on your own practices. Do you seek signs, like the star, that will lead you to the newborn king? Do you lovingly place your gifts at his feet? Let us be authentic in our stewardship in 2018!



Catholic Youth Ministry

Check us out & be part of fun, fellowship, & faith! ALL high school age youth are invited to join St. Joseph's Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM), from 7 - 8:30 pm in the basement of the OLD RECTORY. The next meeting will be January 8th.

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, January 8**
The Baptism of the Lord
8:15 a.m. Mass +Chris Burke
- Tuesday, January 9**
6:00 p.m. Mass S.I. Joseph Dinh Duc Hieu
- Wednesday, January 10**
8:15 a.m. Mass +Richard Meyer
- Thursday, January 11**
8:15 a.m. Mass +Leo Hamersky
- Friday, January 12**
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Herb McGreevy
10:00 a.m. Masonic Home Mass - Special Intention
- Saturday, January 13**
Saint Hilary
8:15 a.m. Mass +Duane Dater
4:00 p.m. Mass - The Kevin Becker Family
- Sunday, January 14**
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass - The People of St. Joseph
10:00 a.m. Mass +Betty Bean

Ministry Schedule January 13th & 14th

- 4:00 PM

(S) Linda Bolster	(Rosary) Linda Bolster
(L1) Linda Bolster	(M. Server) Dan Wagner
(L2) Jeff Dyer	(Candle 1) Aiden Blick
(H) Heather Vredenburg	(Candle 2) Zach Stickney
(C1) Martha Raybourne	(GB) Brad & Andrea Seiler
(C2) Shawn Vredenburg	
- 8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler	(Rosary) Ken Sueper
(L1) Barbara Wattman	(M. Server) Grace Boman
(L2) Carl Dittmore	(Candle 1) Volunteer Needed
(H) Carissa Cummings	(Candle 2) Sam Boman
(C1) Cassidee Cummings	(GB) Judy Shideler Family
(C2) Judy Shideler	
- 10:00 AM

(S) Betty Ewing	(Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Greg Sanders	(M. Server) Matthew Probst
(L2) Janet Walsh	(Candle 1) Angela McKinny
(H) Judy Johnston	(Candle 2) Joshua Schnoor
(C1) Mindy Johnson	(GB) Bill & Sandra Bugner
(C2) Jack Johnson	

Prayers for Our Military

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

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| <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> |

Memorial Mass

If you have lost a loved one this past year, you and your family are invited to attend the Memorial Mass at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, Jan 13th, 2018. Breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall. Please R.S.V.P. to Kelly, Mike or Martha at 261-5812 by Wednesday Jan 10th.

Parish Family Agreements

The 2018-2019 Parish Family Agreements were mailed to the High School Families. All forms need to be signed and returned to the parish office by January 15th, 2018. Please be on the lookout for these to arrive by mail.

SVdP Society News

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay ministry dedicated to charitable works for those in need. Please consider supporting us by joining us at our next meeting on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 pm, or supporting us financially by donating through the parish office.

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

A Short Course on Church History Tuesday, Jan. 9; 7-8:30 p.m. Join Dr. Joshua Papsdorf for this intriguing evening course on the history of the Church. \$10

St John the Evangelist Grief Group This 11-week grief support group meets Thursday evenings. It is open to anyone grieving the loss of someone close. With video sessions, discussions, and a helpful workbook, the program offers comfort and support. Cost is a one-time fee of \$35 and you can attend as many sessions as needed for as long as they run at the SLC.

Eucharistic Silent Retreat Jan. 12-14. This retreat will center upon the Eucharist and Eucharistic adoration, providing the opportunity to get away from the hectic pace of everyday living and to experience the Lord in the Eucharist. Fr. Ken VanHaverbeke will facilitate this mostly-silent weekend. Retreat dismisses at 11 a.m. Sunday. Single: \$145; Double: \$120

Mental Health First Aid Workshop Saturday, Jan. 13; 8-4:30 p.m. Learn how to help a friend, family member, coworker, parishioner, or neighbor in need! Similar to 'First Aid' or CPR, "Mental Health First Aid" teaches individuals how to help those experiencing mental health challenges or crises. 8 hours of CEU's available to attendees! \$60 includes program, lunch, materials and more.

A Politically Incorrect Course on Catholic Social Teaching Three Thursdays beginning Jan. 18; 7-8:30 p.m. Dusty Gates will present a three part course highlighting the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching as they have been articulated by the Magisterium throughout Church History. This course will address Catholic Social Teaching bluntly and honestly, without the watering down that normally occurs for reasons that are sometimes sentimental, sometimes political, and sometimes caused by a confused understanding of ecumenism. \$30

The Catholic Faith Conference Jan. 19-20, 2018 Please join us for the 1st Annual Catholic Faith Conference this January, where we will celebrate all that is beautiful and inspiring about our Catholic Faith! This year's festival will feature national keynote speaker Jon Leonetti, an Info Fair, Breakout Sessions, Adoration, and a 'Stump the Padre' panel! More information on our web site.

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