

Focusing the gospel

On the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection a second time. It is clear to him that they didn't understand the first time. He knew that, along the way, they had been arguing about who was the greatest. He gathers the Apostles and says to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

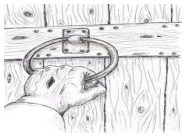
Monday is the Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist, with its own special readings. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest.

The first reading this week comes from the Book of Ezra, one of the first chroniclers of the post-exile period of Judaism. He is responsible for helping hold the restored people together. We finish the week with brief selections from the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, who were prophets during this period. "Consider your ways!" "My spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!"

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus urges us to use our gifts: "No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket." When his family comes looking for him, Jesus uses the occasion to tell us that we are family to him, if we hear his Word and act on it. He encourages his Apostles to freedom, sending them out to teach and heal, taking nothing with them. Herod is wondering who Jesus really is. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." Jesus doesn't want them to announce he's the type of Messiah they were looking for. Instead, he tells them of his upcoming passion and death.

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

He is Standing at the Door. He Knocks.



"Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28)" There are 20 open hours in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please consider spending one hour with our Lord in His gentle oasis. For more information, call Jana Schoen at 945-5379.

Sunday - 2 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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Tuesday - 2 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Wednesday - 5 p.m.

Thursday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Friday - 2 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. & 8 p.m..

Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 7 a.m. 1 p.m., 9 p.m. & 10 p.m.

Help Robie win a new roof!

The No Roof Left Behind program gives a local contractor the framework to provide a new roof at no cost to a deserving homeowner in need. St. Joseph parishioner Robie Campbell has been nominated for this wonderful program, and he is one of the four finalists! Please take a minute to read Robie's story at <http://norooftleftbehind.com/program/ks/1191/nomination/5990>, and then cast your vote! Voting takes place through September 23rd. Visit the St. Joseph Catholic Parish Facebook page and help us spread the word. Big thanks to All Seasons Construction for sponsoring this program in Wichita.

Parish Office Hours

Regular hours for the parish office resumed on August 31st. The office is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am-1pm & 1:30pm-5:00pm, and it is closed on Tuesdays.

Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen
Matilda Puetz
Katy Carney
Juanita Mans
Jim Ridder
Leah Stepanek
Sue Warren
Regina Gaytan
Jeanne Sullivan
Joyce Armstrong
Nancee Scheffer



Kadie McDonough
Deannie Little
Andy Little
Ray Rancuret
Cheryl Burke Julian
Jim Monroe
Leroy Nedean

Charles T. Morton
Gail Alcaez
Wilma McDonough
Robie Campbell
Evelyn Monty
Sarah Skidd
Clair Vanzelfden
Eldon Freund
Duane Wilson
Nancy Bradley
Vernie Bloch
+Frances Fagan

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
Jeff Cranor*

Weekly Readings

- Mon. 9/21: Eph 4:1-13, Ps 19:2-5, Mt 9:9-13
- Tues. 9/22: Ezr 6:7-20, Ps 122:1-5, Lk 8:19-21
- Wed. 9/23: Ezr 9:5-9, Tob 13:2-8, Lk 9:1-6
- Thur. 9/24: Hg 1:1-8, Ps 149:1-9, Lk 9:7-9
- Fri. 9/25: Hg 2:1-9, Ps 43:1-4, Lk 9:18-22
- Sat. 9/26: Zec 2:5-15, Jer 31:10-13, Lk 9:43-45
- Sun. 9/27: Nm 11:25-29, Ps 19:8-14, Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:38-48

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, September 21
Saint Matthew
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Betty Showalter
- Tuesday, September 22
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
6:30 p.m. Mass +Mirian Madrigal
- Wednesday, September 23
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Frank Darland
- Thursday, September 24
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Arnold Thomas
- Friday, September 25
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Jim Blasi
9:45 a.m. Masonic Home Mass +J.T. Hipp
- Saturday, September 26
Saints Cosmas & Damian
8:15 a.m. Mass +Kathy Dugas
4:00 p.m. Mass +Pat Knolla
- Sunday, September 27
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph
10:00 a.m. Mass +Isaac Stump

Thank you for your gift of treasure! July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

Weekly Collection 09/13/2015	\$11,068.50
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$2,642.20)

The Lord upholds my life! By our baptism we join the Church established by Christ to bring the Gospel to all peoples. This calling invites each of us to live for the kingdom prepared by the Father. Each year we renew our commitment to live a life befitting our acceptance of the Lord's invitation. Over the next year our focus will be on the necessity of an active response exemplified by love of God and neighbor. Our reading from the Book of Wisdom today points out that a life lived according to the Gospel may subject us to rejection and ridicule. St. James tells us that a life of following God's will is a life of peace. Jesus' message is that the result of answering a call of discipleship is that we become servants of all. As our way of life takes us closer to the Kingdom of God, may we find joy in service to the Lord.

Let's Retire Our Debt

Goal: \$300,000.00
Total received: \$267,496.50
Only \$32,503.50 to go!
 Thank you Dear Lord,
 Beloved Friends
 & St. Joseph Family!!



Let's Talk Trash

The annual Bishop Carroll Trash Bag Sale runs Sept 3rd-25th. Our durable, yellow lawn bags, white kitchen bags, and degradable lawn and kitchen bags are available again this year. Orders may be placed with any Bishop Carroll student or by calling the BCCHS Office at 722-2390. Thank you for your continued support of BCCHS!

Ministry Schedule September 26th & 27th

- 4:00 PM**
 - (S) Mike McDanel
 - (L1) Kate Gruver
 - (L2) Angie Bolster-Epps
 - (H) Martha Raybourn
 - (C1) Shawn Vredenburg
 - (C2) Heather Vredenburg
 - 8:15 AM**
 - (S) Charlie Deitchler
 - (L1) Tomas Voboril
 - (L2) Cassidee Cummings
 - (H) Carissa Cummings
 - (C1) Cassidee Cummings
 - (C2) Jeff Cummings
 - 10:00 AM**
 - (S) Betty Ewing
 - (L1) Linda Bolster
 - (L2) Janet Walsh
 - (H) Mindy Johnson
 - (C1) Betty Ewing
 - (C2) John Riddel
- (Rosary) Joann Morton
 - (M. Server) Patrick Cooke
 - (Candle 1) Jackie McCreery
 - (Candle 2) Grace Boman
 - (GB) Wilma McDonough
 - (Rosary) Alice Mertens
 - (M. Server) Gabby Shideler
 - (Candle 1) Caleb Cummings
 - (Candle 2) Dylan Morch
 - (GB) Alice Mertens
 - (Rosary) Florence Marx
 - (M. Server) Dave Sanders
 - (Candle 1) Santos Limon
 - (Candle 2) Trenton Samples
 - (GB) Charles & Nancee Scheffer



School Bingo Night

The annual Bingo Night Fundraiser and Silent Auction to benefit our school is fast approaching. This year's Bingo Night is set for Saturday October 10th, so make plans to be there. You can get an early look at the items that will be available in the Silent Auction during our special preview weekend on October 3rd and 4th. We are currently collecting donations of items that we can include in the Silent Auction. Gift Baskets, Toys, Tools Collectibles, Services, you name it, we can probably use it... Call or come by the school office if you have questions. Donations can be dropped off at the school office during normal hours!

Charity Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual Shamrock Open Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Willowbend October 5, 2015. The Tournament supports the Sisters of St. Joseph Dear Neighbor Ministries. This unique event delivers lunch, a round of golf with cart, a reception, silent auction and raffle, followed by a signature filet steak dinner with the Sisters at Mt. Saint Mary's Convent. The Dear Neighbor Ministries helps the poor in Hilltop Manor and provides a number of aids to help the poor throughout the city. The Tournament is an outgrowth of Project: Payback a movement started in 2003 by grads from St. Mary's Cathedral High School. Registration by September 18th, \$150. Single players and complete teams welcome. Contact Brenda Wasinger at 684-5120 for more information.

Job Openings

Secretary: The Catholic Diocese is seeking an exceptional individual to serve as Secretary for the Office of Respect Life & Social Justice and Administrative Services. This person will be responsible for providing secretarial support including event planning and correspondence, maintaining files, databases, websites and social media, answering inquiries and scheduling appointments. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>, Ministries & Offices, Human Resources.
Deadline: September 22, 2015

Spiritual Life Center

Docentium: A Catholic Voice for Freedom Thursday, Sept. 17; 6:15-8:30 p.m. Join us for a new program that ties Catholicism and Culture together. Fr. Eric Weldon presents this month on the only Catholic signatory of the Declaration of Independence. Program includes dinner and conference. \$15

The Twelve Steps: A Spiritual Journey Thursday evenings starting Sept. 24; 7-8:30 p.m. or Wednesday mornings starting Oct. 7; 10-11:30 a.m. This nationally-recognized program of healing and renewal is for adults who grew up in repressive or dysfunctional families, including physical or emotional abuse, alcoholism and drug abuse. Our Fall season begins soon and includes a total of 30 sessions offered over the next seven months. No charge, but a freewill offering is taken and a helpful workbook is available for \$20. Pre-register by contacting the Center at (316) 744-0167, or at www.slwichita.org. Sessions closed after the 3rd week.

Theology Institute—Fall Semester Begins! Three Saturdays: Sept 26, Oct 31, and Dec 12; 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Join this new adult religious studies program! The Institute will consist of 6 sessions per academic year (3 Fall/3 Spring). Each session will consist of four, one-hour classes, each from a different subject area (Scripture, Morality, Prayer, and Church History). \$75 for Fall Semester (includes lunch each Saturday).

Dinner with the Doctors: Saint Jerome Wednesday, Sep 30; 6-8 p.m. Enjoy dinner, socializing, and a talk on this doctor of the Church. \$15 early bird; \$20 the week of event.

Momnipotent: 8 Week Series Mondays starting Oct. 5; 9-11 a.m. or 7-9 p.m. An 8-week book study for moms to help them find balance, peace, and joy in their vocation. \$50.