

Focusing the gospel

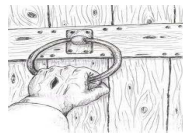
On the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus tells his disciples not to worry about someone driving out evil in his name. He warns about giving scandal, especially to children and calls for a radical avoidance of evil. We are to separate ourselves from it and choose to turn away from sin and its sources as radically as if to cut off our hand or pluck out our eye. It's about life itself.

The week is filled with special days, including Tuesday's, Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels; Wednesday's Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and Thursdays remembrance of the Little Flower, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Friday is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels.

The first readings continue with the prophet Zechariah of the period of recovery after the exile. "They shall be my people, and I will be their God, with faithfulness and justice." The Book of Nehemiah, like Ezra, chronicles this history. The prophet Baruch gives us a prayer of the people in captivity and God's reply, "Fear not, my children; call out to God!"

We continue reading Luke's Gospel, as the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus points out a young child and asks them to strive to be the "least" not the greatest. Jesus stops his disciples from preventing people, not of their group, from healing, because they are with Jesus, too. When Nathanael believes because Jesus could say where he had been, Jesus tells him that as a follower, "You will see greater things than this." People come up, offering to follow Jesus, but have excuses for why they can't do it now. Jesus calls them to not "look back" once they have said, "yes." He sends his disciples to other towns: "The harvest is rich but the workers are few." Jesus tells us to humble ourselves like a defenseless child. He prays, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

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 18 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., 6 p.m. & 8 p.m..

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


He is waiting just for you!

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>Jeff Cranor</i>	

Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen		Charles T. Morton
Matilda Puetz		Gail Alcaez
Katy Carney		Wilma McDonough
Juanita Mans		Robie Campbell
Jim Ridder		Evelyn Monty
Leah Stepanek	Kadie McDonough	Sarah Skidd
Sue Warren	Deannie Little	Clair Vanzelfden
Regina Gaytan	Andy Little	Eldon Freund
Jeanne Sullivan	Ray Rancuret	Duane Wilson
Joyce Armstrong	Cheryl Burke Julian	Nancy Bradley
Nancee Scheffer	Jim Monroe	Vernie Bloch
	Leroy Nedeau	+Frances Fagan

Weekly Readings

Mon. 9/28: Zec 8:1-8, Ps 102:16-23, Lk 9:46-50
 Tues. 9/29: Dn 7:9-14, Ps 138:1-5, Jn 1:47-51
 Wed. 9/30: Neh 2:1-8, Ps 137:1-6, Lk 9:57-62
 Thur. 10/01: Neh 8:1-12, Ps 19:8-11, Lk 10:1-12
 Fri. 10/02: Bar 1:15-22, Ps 79:1-9, Mt 18:1-10
 Sat. 10/03: Bar 4:5-29, Ps 69:33-37, Lk 10:17-24
 Sun. 10/04: Gn 2:18-24, Ps 128:1-6, Heb 2:9-11, Mk 10:2-16

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

Weekly Collection 09/20/2015	\$12,013.66
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$3,589.31)

Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Today's readings remind us that God's call to service reaches beyond our human understanding. Moses told Joshua that it was the message of God that was important, not the messenger. Jesus had to explain the same thing to his disciples – do not restrict those who are proclaiming the Gospel and spreading the Love of God. In support of heeding the Word of God, St. James warns the people that earthly pleasures and treasures will fade away and that we should be working for life in heaven. May our understanding of Jesus' Gospel lead us to live as good stewards of God's gifts.

Let's Retire Our Debt

Goal: \$300,000.00

Total received: \$267,576.50

Only \$32,423.50 to go!

Thank you Dear Lord,

Beloved Friends



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Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, September 28
Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Comp.
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Louis Sittler

Tuesday, September 29
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
6:30 p.m. Mass +Ed Kandt

Wednesday, September 30
Saint Jerome
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Augusta & Charles Fitzpatrick

Thursday, October 1
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Andrew Gerstenkorn

Friday, October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Joni Cooke
6:00 p.m. Mass All Poor Souls

Saturday, October 3
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Respect Life
4:00 p.m. Mass +Anna Kieu

Sunday, October 4
8:15 a.m. Mass +Steven Lee Endres
10:00 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph

Ministry Schedule October 3rd & 4th

4:00 PM
(S) Mike McDaneld (Rosary) Ann Jaegar
(L1) Jeff Dyer (M. Server) Hannah English
(L2) JoAnn Morton (Candle 1) Kaleb Mans
(H) Linda Bolster (Candle 2) Patrick Cooke
(C1) John Bolster (GB) Deb Lowery
(C2) Johnnie Bell

8:15 AM
(S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) IHM Sisters
(L1) Marie O'Neal (M. Server) Nick Wagner
(L2) Bill Babich (Candle 1) Caleb Cummings
(H) Sr. Mary Clare (Candle 2) Dylan Morch
(C1) Mtr. Mary Magdalen (GB) Judy Shideler Family
(C2) Sr. Mary Bernadette

10:00 AM
(S) Alice Johnson (Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Jacque McLain (M. Server) Trenton Samples
(L2) Greg Sanders (Candle 1) Santos Limon
(H) Bridgett Sublett (Candle 2) Carter Martin
(C1) Dan Dugas (GB) Mike Flanigan Family
(C2) Judy Johnston

Fiat Discernment Retreat



Fiat Ministries is devoted to encouraging young women to answer "yes" to the vocation to which God is calling them. The Fiat Discernment Retreat is an opportunity for young women to ask questions, pray, listen and open their hearts to

the Lord's will. Throughout this weekend of discernment, participants will receive wisdom through prayer, presentations by religious sisters, recreation, and fellowship. The Fiat Discernment Retreat will be held December 27-29, 2015, at the Spiritual Life Center and is open to women age 17-25 who are wondering if God might be inviting them to serve Him and His Church as a religious sister. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Savage at esavage@stfranciswichita.com. Cost of the weekend is \$25. Registration is now open.

Spiritual Life Center

The Twelve Steps: A Spiritual Journey

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. 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.

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.

The Interior Castle: 2-Thursday Series

Thursdays, Oct 1 and 8; 7-8:30 p.m. In this series, Father will introduce participants to both St Teresa of Avila and the Interior Castle. "God Deliver me from sullen saints," Saint Teresa said! Coming to know the Lord through the writings of Teresa is both a pleasure and a depth. \$20

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.

Phone: (316) 744-0167 Email: kristi@slwichita.org Or visit www.slwichita.org

31 Day Seven Sorrows Novena

From Oct. 1st to Oct. 31st, you're invited to participate in a Novena to close the Southwind Abortion Center & Planned Parenthood of Wichita.

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY- Pray the Seven Sorrow of Mary on each of the 10 decades:

1. Simeon's Prophecy- A Sword Shall Pierce Your Heart
 2. Flight into Egypt
 3. Loss of Child Jesus for Three Days
 4. Mary Meets Jesus on the Way of the Cross
 5. Mary Stands at the Foot of the Cross
 6. Jesus Taken Down From the Cross and Placed In Mary's Arms
 7. Jesus is Placed in the Tomb.
- Finish by praying the Hail Holy Queen.

NOVENA PRAYER TO POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL THE SECOND:

O, Blessed Savior, you blessed the Church and the world with the holy life and papal ministry of St. John Paul II. May we, through his intercession receive every grace and blessing that you, in your Divine Mercy wish to give us, especially the closing of Southwind Abortion Center and Planned Parenthood of Wichita, and may there never again be abortions in Wichita. Amen.

PRAYER & PENANCE-

Daily Pray Seven Sorrows Rosary,
Daily Pray Novena Prayer to Pope St. John Paul II,
Daily Pray the St. Michael Prayer,
Daily Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm
Daily Mediate on Sacred Scripture,
Offer Daily Sacrifices.
Fast on Wed. and Fri. each week during the month,
Go to Confession at the Beginning of the Novena,
Attend Daily Mass as often as Possible
Offer Your Holy Communion for This Intention,
Offer Your Daily Duties as Penance,
Weekly Holy Hour, Praying before Jesus in the Adoration Chapel or in front of the Tabernacle,
Make the Stations of the Cross of Friday,
Avoid Watching Television.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Wichita Respect Life Office in Collaboration with Fr. Edmond Kline. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Toombs at 316-269-3935 or via email at toombsb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.



SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2015

ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

COME JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
GATHER WITH US FROM **11:00 am to 3:00 pm** AND ENJOY THE
FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC AND FRIENDSHIP.

GET A TASTE OF GERMAN HERITAGE WITH DELICIOUS FOOD
SUCH AS BRATZ, BIEROCKS, GERMAN POTATO SALAD, SAUER-
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CHOCOLATE CAKE.

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FOR ALL AGES**

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FATHER SMELTZER WILL
GIVE A BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS AT 12:30. SO
BRING YOUR PETS BUT
PLEASE REMEMBER TO
KEEP THEM ON A LEASH
OR IN A CAGE.

OCTOBER 4TH is the feast
day **of St. Francis of
Assisi. He is known** as
the patron saint of animals.