

Focusing the gospel

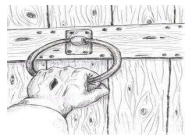
As we near the end of the Liturgical Year, we have more “end time” readings. On the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear about being ready for the end of time. “In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.” It is the good news that we can stay alert and will be ready when it is our time to recognize the Lord’s coming in our own life’s challenges today.

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious. Saturday is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In this next-to-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.



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 21 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.

Monday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Tuesday - 2 a.m., 5 a.m., & 8 a.m.

Wednesday -

Thursday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Friday - 2 a.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. & 9 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
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 Nedeau
Charles T. Morton
Gail Alcaez
Robie Campbell
Evelyn Monty

Sarah Skidd
Clair Vanzelfden
Eldon Freund
Duane Wilson
Nancy Bradley
Vernie Bloch
Joan Kandt
Jim Flanigan
Peggy Bowan
Marci Limon
Robert Range
Doug Howell
+Luke Limon

KoC Breakfast

The St Jude Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast on November 15th at the St Jude Hall (3130 N Amidon). Proceeds go to the support of our Seminarian and our mission family in Costa Rica. The menu includes French toast, eggs, hash browns, & ham. The cost is a freewill donation. The breakfast runs 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Readings

- Mon. 11/16: 1Mc 1:10-63, Ps 119:53-158, Lk 18:35-43
- Tues. 11/17: 2Mc 6:18-31, Ps 3:2-7, Lk 19:1-10
- Wed. 11/18: 2Mc 7:1-31, Ps 17:1-15, Lk 19:11-28
- Thur. 11/19: 1Mc 2:15-29, Ps 50:1-15, Lk 19:41-44
- Fri. 11/20: 1Mc 4:36-59, 1Chr 29:10-12, Lk 19:45-48
- Sat. 11/21: 1Mc 6:1-13, Ps 9:2-19, Lk 20:27-40
- Sun. 11/22: Dn 7:13-14, Ps 93:1-5, Rv 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, November 16
Saints Margaret and Gertrude
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Joseph Bong Nguyen
- Tuesday, November 17
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
6:30 p.m. Mass +Bea Gerstenkorn
- Wednesday, November 18
Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass All Poor Souls
- Thursday, November 19
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Diana Burns
- Friday, November 20
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Method Farnik
- Saturday, November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 a.m. Mass +Frances Evelyn Fagan
4:00 p.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph
- Sunday, November 22
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:15 a.m. Mass Living & Deceased Members
of the Fred LeFevre Family
10:00 a.m. Mass +Kathy Dugas

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

Weekly Collection 11/08/2015	\$14,838.07
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$2,886.60)

My words will not pass away! Every journey has a beginning and an end. The Church established by Christ began a journey in this world that ultimately ends in the Kingdom of Heaven. She continually gathers God's family together to guide and accompany them to their destination. Today's readings give us a glimpse of the final homecoming. Jesus' sacrifice opened for us the gates of Heaven and his life gave us a model to follow in order for us to have a sure path to the Kingdom. May we experience the infinite mercy of God and always long to see his face.

Let's Retire Our Debt

Goal:	\$300,000.00
Total received:	\$272,009.50
Still needed:	\$27,990.50

An anonymous donor has pledged to match up to \$5,000.00 of funds raised for the Let's Retire Our Debt Campaign between now and December 31, 2015. We've already received \$3,978.00 towards this match! Please prayerfully consider a donation towards the debt payoff.

Ministry Schedule Update

Eucharistic Minister schedules are available for pick up at the entrance of the church and in the sacristy.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us in prayer at 3 p.m. on Fridays in the Church.

Ministry Schedule Nov 21st & 22nd

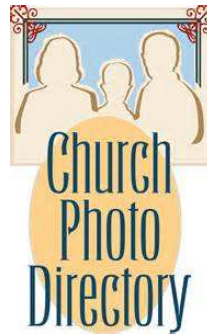
- 4:00 PM**
(S) Mike McDanel (Rosary) Ann Jaeger
(L1) JoAnn Morton (M. Server) Jeremiah Epps
(L2) Angie Bolster Epps (Candle 1) Jackie McCreery
(H) Shawn Vredenburg (Candle 2) Patrick Cooke
(C1) Heather Vredenburg (GB) Christina & Paige Hallacy
(C2) Martha Raybourn
- 8:15 AM**
(S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Alice Mertens
(L1) Larry Setzkorn (M. Server) Caleb Cummings
(L2) Bonnie Setzkorn (Candle 1) Minnie Schreffler
(H) Jeff Cummings (Candle 2) Nick Wagner
(C1) Cassidee Cummings (GB) LeFevre Family
(C2) Carissa Cummings
- 10:00 AM**
(S) Mike McDanel (Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Julie Sanders (M. Server) Trenton Samples
(L2) Judy Johnston (Candle 1) David Sanders
(H) Shellie Hamersky (Candle 2) Patrick Sanders
(C1) Anthony Hamersky (GB) Jacque Mclain
(C2) Andrew Purcell

Annual Ski Trip



Want to go skiing this winter? The annual St. Francis of Assisi parish ski trip to Monarch Mountain is President's Day weekend, leaving Friday evening, Feb. 12, skiing Saturday through Monday, and returning home early Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Lodging will be at Waunita's Hot Springs Ranch. Trip cost is \$552.50 (based on 15 persons), which includes the bus, lodging, five hot meals at Waunita's, and dinner at Salida on Monday. Lift tickets and ski equipment rentals are additional. \$100 deposit being collected Dec. 6th, at 7 pm in Assisi Hall. Balance will be collected Jan. 10th. For more information contact Marlene Coker at 943-6394 or at octoberrose1012@gmail.com. This invitation is not limited to SFA parish members.



Church Centennial Directory

The Church building turns 100 in July of 2016. To honor this special occasion, a new parish pictorial directory is being released. Several parishioners are needed to assist with planning and coordinating this important event. Lifetouch will be meeting with the pictorial committee on November 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Library. If you are interested in attending, or in being part of this team, please call the parish office at 261.5812.

Christmas Assistance

If you are or know of a parish family in need of help with providing Christmas for their family, please contact the parish office by November 20th. If you would like to help provide Christmas for a parish family, please call Susan at 261-5812.

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

KidsPrayToo: Mass with Children Thursday, Nov. 19; 11:15 a.m. Our daily Mass this day especially invites the little ones among us and their caregivers. Come for Mass and pack a lunch to enjoy in our dining room afterwards if you like. No charge.

Docentium: Sin Offerings & Rattling Bones Thursday, Nov. 19; 6:15-8:30 p.m.; Enjoy this monthly program led this month by Dr. Matthew Umbarger. Attendees enjoy dinner followed by a talk that weaves Catholicism and culture together. \$15

A Walk Through the Mass Wednesday, Dec. 2; 7-8:30 p.m. In this evening program Fr. Ken will discuss the signs and symbols we experience each time we attend Mass. Participants will learn what we're really doing and how to do it more effectively. \$10

A Catholic Look at the Hunger Games Trilogy Thursday, Dec. 3; 6:30-9 p.m. With the release of the final film in the series, Dusty Gates will lead this program discussing how this popular movie and book can be viewed with a lens of Catholicity. Suggested donation of \$10.

Advent Day of Renewal: The Beloved Disciple Saturday, Dec. 5; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Step away from the bustle of the season and truly enter into Advent. This year's annual Advent retreat will focus on St. John, the Beloved Disciple. \$20

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

Christmas Crusade Volunteers



The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help answer phones on Nov 23rd and Nov 24th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Spanish speakers are also needed. Help is needed to collect gifts from Nov 30th to Dec 12th and assemble bikes as needed. All volunteers call Christine Eberle 943-3040 or email ceberle12@gmail.com for more details.

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Neighbor Ministries, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, is in need of volunteers to fill the following positions:

Receptionist: Work a minimum four hour shift during the week. Greet visitors, answer phones, and perform some light clerical duties.

Food Pantry Assistant: Help is needed restocking shelves, and packaging and repackaging food and toiletry supplies for distribution. Volunteer mornings, weekly or biweekly for a minimum of two hours per shift.

For additional information, contact Kathy Gilmartin by phone at 316.684.5120, by email at kgilmartin@dearneighbor.org, or visit the website at www.dearneighbor.org.



Adoption is a Loving Option

November is Adoption Awareness Month. The gift of adoption will be celebrated on Thurs,

November 19 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, 7100 E. 45th Street North, Wichita. Come share your story, put your handprint on the quilt of life, enjoy refreshments and fellowship as we celebrate the gift of adoption.

Job Openings

StepStone seeks to fill a part time (up to 20 hrs/wk) child therapist position to work with children impacted by domestic violence. Hours are flexible but must be available some early evenings. LMSW or LMFT required, experience working with children, trauma and domestic violence preferred. Apply at the Congregation of St. Joseph, 3700 E. Lincoln, fax resumes to 316-689-4056, or e-mail resumes to mrowland@csjoseph.org. EOE

Confirmation Class for Special Needs Youth



A Confirmation Class is forming for young people ages 13 to 21 who have cognitive and/or other developmental disabilities. Classes will begin in January. A time and

location for the weekly class will be determined based on responses. If you are interested or have questions, contact the Ministry with Persons with Disabilities at 269.3900 x 143 or send an email to racunast@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.



CYM Babysitting Night

Saturday, December 19th, St Joseph's Catholic Youth Ministry is hosting a babysitting night. For \$20 per family, you can send your kids to an evening filled with fun - graham cracker "gingerbread" houses, games in the gym, a visit from St Nicholas, a movie, and so much more! All proceeds will be donated to foreign missionary families from our diocese! Save the date for a night out or wrapping up Christmas preparations. Whatever you do with your time, you will be helping a good cause at the same time!