

## Focusing the gospel

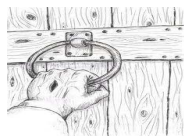
On the Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In the first reading from the Book of Daniel, we read of a vision he has of “one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven.” In John’s Gospel Jesus tells Pilate, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs. Thursday in the US, it is Thanksgiving Day, with its own set of readings.

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.*



### 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>Justin Light</i>	<i>Jeff Cranor</i>	

### Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen  
Matilda Puetz  
Katy Carney  
Juanita Mans  
Jim Ridder  
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  
Betty Sherlock  
+Luke Limon  
+Leah Stepanek

### RCIA News



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic please call the parish office for information on beginning the process of RCIA. Current Catholics are also welcome to come learn more about their faith. Individual lessons are available.

### Weekly Readings

- Mon. 11/23: Dn 1:1-20, Dan 3:52-56, Lk 21:1-4
- Tues. 11/24: Dn 2:31-45, Dan 3:57-61, Lk 21:5-11
- Wed. 11/25: Dn 5:1-28, Dan 3:62-67, Lk 21:12-19
- Thur. 11/26: Dn 6:12-28, Dan 3:68-74, Lk 21:20-28
- Fri. 11/27: Dn 7:2-14, Dan 3:75-81, Lk 21:29-33
- Sat. 11/28: Dn 7:15-27, Dan 3:82-87, Lk 21:34-36
- Sun. 11/29: Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:4-14, 1Thes 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-36

### Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, November 23  
*Saints Clement I and Columban*  
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Louis Sittler
- Tuesday, November 24  
*Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*  
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome  
6:30 p.m. Mass +Frank Darland
- Wednesday, November 25  
*Saint Catherine of Alexandria*  
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Betty Showalter
- Thursday, November 26  
Happy Thanksgiving!  
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Arnold Thomas
- Friday, November 27  
6:15 a.m. IHM Mass - Public Welcome  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Deloris Eckerman  
9:45 a.m. Masonic Home Mass +Fr. Ulick Walsh
- Saturday, November 28  
8:15 a.m. Mass +All Poor Souls  
4:00 p.m. Mass S.I. Kevin Becker
- Sunday, November 29  
The First Sunday of Advent  
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph  
10:00 a.m. Mass +Ed Kandt

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

Weekly Collection 11/15/2015	\$11,725.08
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$4,122.29)

I am the Alpha and the Omega! As the Church year ends we bring into focus the eternal kingship of Christ our Savior. As Christian disciples, we recognize that baptism is our entry into the family of God and makes us subjects in Christ's eternal kingdom. To remain loyal to Jesus is to be loyal to the truth and requires an effort to recognize the lies of Satan. The devil encourages us to think only of ourselves, while Jesus shows us how to live in the love of the Father. May we follow our King to the end of the earth.



### Let's Retire Our Debt



**Goal:** \$300,000.00  
**Total received:** \$272,369.50  
**Still needed:** \$27,630.50

*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 \$4,338.00 towards this match! Please prayerfully consider a donation towards the debt payoff.*

### Want to help decorate the church?

The parish needs 4-5 volunteers to work as a team alongside Ann Blick, the Arts and Environment Coordinator for our church. She is looking for a group of people to help decorate the church throughout the year. Please call the parish office at 261-5812 or email [saintjosephwichita@gmail.com](mailto:saintjosephwichita@gmail.com) to express your willingness to help. Thank you!

### Ministry Schedule Nov 28th & 29th

- 4:00 PM**  
 (S) Mike McDanel (Rosary) Joann Morton  
 (L1) Corrina Irvin (M. Server) Jacob Stickney  
 (L2) Mike Irvin (Candle 1) Matthew Redick  
 (H) Johnnie Bell (Candle 2) Jimmy Janzen  
 (C1) Linda Bolster (GB) Sinforosa Miller & Bill & Pat Wright  
 (C2) John Bolster
- 8:15 AM**  
 (S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) IHM Sisters  
 (L1) Barbara Wattman (M. Server) Jackie McCreery  
 (L2) Michael Morch (Candle 1) Quincee Ahlstedt  
 (H) Sr. Nancy Jane Kuntz (Candle 2) Connor Ahlstedt  
 (C1) Charlie Deitchler (GB) Alice Mertens  
 (C2) Tom Voboril
- 10:00 AM**  
 (S) Alice Johnson (Rosary) Florence Marx  
 (L1) Jacob Schnoor (M. Server) Santos Limon  
 (L2) Jordan Schnoor (Candle 1) Austin Dowell  
 (H) Shirley Ricke (Candle 2) Matthew Probst  
 (C1) John Cooke (GB) Ron & Lise Fisher  
 (C2) Donna Riddel

## 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, please contact Kathy Gilmartin by phone at 316.684.5120, or by email at [kgilmartin@dearneighbor.org](mailto:kgilmartin@dearneighbor.org). You can also find more information on our website at [www.dearneighbor.org](http://www.dearneighbor.org).

## Church Cleaning



Please join us for Holy Mass on Saturday mornings and then stay afterward to assist us in keeping our church sparkly clean. Many hands make the work light! Supplies are furnished. Thank you for all your help and hard work!

## Spiritual Direction & Personal Directed Retreats

For more information regarding spiritual direction or personal directed retreats, you can call Sister Kathy Goetz (Dominican Sisters of Peace) at 267.4551, email [kgoetz@oppeace.org](mailto:kgoetz@oppeace.org), or write 201 S. Millwood, Wichita, KS 67213. Brochures are also available in the Vestibule of the church.

*Be still and know that I am God.  
Psalm 46:10*

## Spiritual Life Center

**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

**Dinner with the Doctors: St. Ambrose** Monday, Dec. 7; 6-8 p.m. Join us for an evening dinner and presentation on the Feast of St. Ambrose. Surrounded by our beautiful icons of the all the doctors of the Church, you will enjoy a presentation focusing on this great doctor. \$15 in advance; \$20 week of

## 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](mailto:ceberle12@gmail.com) for more details.

## National Night of Prayer for Life



On Tuesday December 8, 2015, our diocese will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight.

The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics across the country, in an effort to bring the world back to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion. The hours are chosen to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego. Prayer, adoration, a Rosary and confessions will be available as part of the event. It will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 430 N Broadway, in Wichita, Ks.

## College Students

Advent is upon us. During this time of Advent our Catholic Christian expression speaks within us "*Maranatha*", Come Lord Jesus, Come.



*Advent*

The journey of faith is much easier to travel in the company of others. Consider meeting with your other traveling companions. The Diocese of Wichita is sponsoring an opportunity for college students attending Friends University for fraternity, prayer, and formation. We will gather at St. Joseph Parish. If you would like to learn more please contact Paul Beyer at 316-648-5194.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!