

### Focusing the gospel

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*We have only three days of the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.*

The first few days of this week are the last of the Ordinary Time readings until May 16, the day after Pentecost Sunday, which ends the Easter Season. On the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Jesus preaches from Peter's boat and invites Peter out into "deeper water," showing him his power to catch fish. When Peter recoils in fear, Jesus calls him to gather people with Jesus' same power. "Do not be afraid," Jesus tells him, and says that from now on he will be catching people instead of fish.

On Monday and Tuesday, Mark's Gospel continues with stories of Jesus' healing and of his challenging and being challenged by the religious authorities. "People immediately recognized him. They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats." The Pharisees and scribes question Jesus asking, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" A frustrated Jesus responds, "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

#### Beginning of Lent

The Season of Lent begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet Joel helps us begin our journey: "return to me with your whole heart." "Rend your hearts, not your garments," reminds us that this is an interior journey. The Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51, has the antiphon: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians says, "be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In Matthew's Gospel Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

On Thursday we read in Deuteronomy how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. "Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him."

Friday and Saturday: It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on Isaiah, Chapter 58, as we begin. "This is the fasting that I wish" gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

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

### He Is Waiting. Will You Come?

"Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28)" There are 17 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. & 5 a.m.*

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

*Tuesday - 2 a.m. & 5 a.m.*

*Wednesday -*

*Thursday - 1 a.m. & 2 a.m.*

*Friday - 2 a.m., 8 a.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. & 9 p.m..*

*Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. & 6 p.m.*

### Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen		Ruth Freund
Matilda Puetz		Duane Wilson
Juanita Mans		Vernie Bloch
Jim Ridder		Joan Kandt
Sue Warren		Jim Flanigan
Regina Gaytan		Peggy Bowan
Jeanne Sullivan	Leroy Nedeau	Marci Limon
Nancee Scheffer	Charles T. Morton	Robert Range
Kadie McDonough	Gail Alcaez	Doug Howell
Deannie Little	Robie Campbell	Betty Sherlock
Andy Little	Evelyn Monty	Beverly Rancuret
Ray Rancuret	Sarah Skidd	Dorothy Dotterer
Cheryl Burke Julian	Clair Vanzelfden	Jane Bell
Jim Monroe	Eldon Freund	+Katy Carney



### Weekly Readings

Mon.	2/08: 1Kgs 8:1-13, Ps 132:6-10, Mk 6:53-56
Tues.	2/09: 1Kgs 8:22-30, Ps 84:3-11, Mk 7:1-13
Wed.	2/10: Jl 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-17, 2Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-18
Thur.	2/11 Dt 30:15-20, Ps 1:1-6, Lk 9:22-25
Fri.	2/12: Is 58:1-9, Ps 51:3-19, Mt 9:14-15
Sat.	2/13: Is 58:9-14, Ps 86:1-6, Lk 5:27-32
Sun.	2/14: Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-15, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

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

Weekly Collection 1/31/2016	\$12,596.02
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$371.23)

They left everything and followed him! Today's readings are colored with the call to discipleship. Isaiah has a vision of the Lord God in the temple, posing the question, "Who will go for us?" Isaiah, after acknowledging his sinfulness and receiving forgiveness, volunteers to accept God's call. St. Paul explains how he was unworthy due to his persecution of Jesus' followers, yet Jesus came to him and prepared him to share the Gospel with the Gentiles. In the Gospel, we hear Peter declaring his sinful nature, yet being chosen by Christ to follow him. These three became disciples of the Lord and shared the message of salvation to bring people to the Kingdom of God. May our answer to the Lord's call to discipleship be "Send me!"

### Parish Dinner News

**Save the date! March 13th is the 56th Annual Parish Dinner! Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Please email Susan at [saintjosephwichita@gmail.com](mailto:saintjosephwichita@gmail.com) if you already know where you want to volunteer this year.**



### Heavenly Helpers

Please join us for 8:15 a.m. Holy Mass on Saturday mornings and stay afterwards to clean Our

Lord's House. There is always a need for more volunteers. Many hands make the work light! This is an excellent way to fulfill stewardship hours. Supplies are furnished.

### Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, February 8

*Saint Jerome & Saint Josephine*  
8:15 a.m. Mass +All Poor Souls

Tuesday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Mass +Kathy Dugas

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Mass +Deloris Eckerman  
6:30 p.m. Mass +Dorothy Schulte

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15 a.m. Mass Living & Deceased Members  
of the Bertha Family

Friday, February 12

8:15 a.m. Mass +Frank Darland

10:00 a.m. Masonic Home Mass S.I. Terri Bajorek

Saturday, February 13

8:15 a.m. Mass +Katie Carney

4:00 p.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph

Sunday, February 14

First Sunday of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass For the Confirmandi  
10:00 a.m. Mass +Mike Orth

### Ministry Schedule Feb 13th & 14th

#### 4:00 PM

(S) Mike McDanel  
(L1) Corrina Irvin  
(L2) Mike Irvin  
(H) Shawn Vredenburg  
(C1) Heather Vredenburg  
(C2) Martha Raybourn

(Rosary) Ann Blick  
(M. Server) Matthew Redick  
(Candle 1) Zach Stickney  
(Candle 2) Jimmy Janzen  
(GB) Brad & Andrea Seiler

#### 8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler  
(L1) Gabby Shideler  
(L2) Tomas Voboril  
(H) Carissa Cummings  
(C1) Jeff Cummings  
(C2) Cassidee Cummings

(Rosary) Alice Mertens  
(M. Server) Caleb Cummings  
(Candle 1) Quincee Ahlstedt  
(Candle 2) Nick Wagner  
(GB) Wray Kucera Family

#### 10:00 AM

(S) Betty Ewing  
(L1) Richard Johnson  
(L2) Jack Johnson  
(H) Anthony Hamersky  
(C1) Andrew Purcell  
(C2) Shellie Hamersky

(Rosary) Florence Marx  
(M. Server) Matthew Probst  
(Candle 1) Austin Dowell  
(Candle 2) Santos Limon  
(GB) Richard Johnson Family

### 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
Justin Light	Jeff Cranor	



## Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast

The St. Joseph Girl Scouts invite you to a fundraiser breakfast February 7th after the 8:15 & 10:00 a.m. Masses. Pancakes, biscuits & gravy, juice & coffee will be served. Donations will be gladly accepted. We hope to see you there!!

## St. Joe Ost German Supper

St. Joe Ost will hold their annual, all-you-can-eat German Dinner on Sunday, March 6th from 12:00 - 6:00. Drive through will be available from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Please join us for our famous fresh bierocks, rope sausage, galusky, and more! The dinner will be located in the St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost Gymnasium, 12917 E. Maple Grove Road, 2 miles North of 21st Street on 343rd Street West. Adult admission is \$10, Age 4-10 admission is \$5, Ages 3-0 free. There will also be a Basket Raffle at 6:00. For more information, email Kristen at [kjseiwert@gmail.com](mailto:kjseiwert@gmail.com).



## Financial Classes

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be held at St Patrick Church, 2007 N Arkansas, Wichita, KS. Classes will be Mondays 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., Feb 22nd - April 25th. There will be a break on March 14th to coincide with Spring Break. The course is \$93 per family (This is a lifetime membership to FPU!) and teenagers are encouraged to attend. Child care is included! Get enrolled at this link: [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class1010828](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class1010828). If you have questions, please contact Danielle Evancho at 316-706-7263.

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Psalm 46:10*

## Spiritual Life Center

**Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life** Wednesday, Feb. 10; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Begin your Lenten Journey in this Year of Mercy with a day long retreat on the spiritual life! The day of reflection will be based on Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen's book "Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life." There is time for prayer, group discussion, confessions, Mass and lunch. \$20

**Brown Baggin' It with Jesus** Fridays of Lent. 12:10-12:50 p.m. Enjoy your Lenten Friday lunch hours at the SLC learning more about the Catholic Faith. Pack a lunch or call ahead of time to reserve one when available. No charge unless you reserve a lunch.

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross** Fridays of Lent. 3:30 p.m. Meet in the foyer at 3:15 p.m. and process out to our lovely Outdoor Stations for this wonderful Lenten Devotion.

**A Retreat in Bethany** Each weekend of Lent. Space limited. Join Fr. Ken VanHaverbeke for a Lenten weekend retreat based on the lives of Martha, Mary and Lazarus and their relationship with Jesus. Regular Retreat Pricing applies. Those who attend one of these retreats receive a discount on our annual Palm Sunday Retreat!

**Docentium: The Quo Vadis Legend** Thursday, Feb. 18; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kale Kroupa presents this month's edition of Docentium - a program weaving Catholicism and culture together. Join us for an evening of food, friendship, and learning. Doors open at 6 p.m. and food is served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a conference.

*Advance registration requested. For more info and to register, visit [www.slwichita.org](http://www.slwichita.org) or call 316.744.0167.*

**Parish Dinner is March 13th, 2016 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Here are a few of the items we need...**

**2 Liter Bottles of Pop** 

**Mystery Booth Prizes** ~ Almost anything goes for prizes in this game which makes it quite exciting and popular. We need lots of donations to make it another success!!! Now is the time to start looking in your closets and basements for those items you bought and just never used or those gifts you received that you would love to pass on. Items can be dropped off at the parish office anytime during office hours.

**Candy** ~ We have a Candy Booth in the game room that is a big hit! We are asking for donations of the 4 oz. or larger chocolate bars (with or without added goodies) and boxed candies (like you would purchase at the movie theatre). These donations can be turned into the parish office too.



**Other Booths** ~ Toys, Sports Equipment, Board Games, NEW Electronic Appliances, New Electronic Games & Gadgets.



**Cakes for Cake Booth, Pies for Dinner** ~ Another way to help is to make extra cakes for the Cake Booth and/or pies for the Dinner. Every family is asked to provide two cakes for the cake booth and a pie for the dinner....but not everyone is a baker so if you would like to help in this way please call or email the Parish Office *OR* fill out a volunteer card and place it in the collection basket. The cakes and pies (*if they don't need to be refrigerated*) may be dropped off at the parish center beginning Friday, March 11 at 9:15 a.m. - 5 p.m., all day Saturday March 12th and early Sunday morning the 13th.



**Questions? Call the Parish Office at 261-5812 or email [saintjosephwichita@gmail.com](mailto:saintjosephwichita@gmail.com)**

**DAILY RAFFLE DRAWING BEGINS  
MARCH 1ST!!!!**



**It's that time of year again! Raffle tickets are available in the back of church, in the school office and in the parish office. There will be a daily drawing beginning March 1st. Be sure to mark your name in the seller's line to qualify for this drawing to win a cash prize.**

**Get your raffle tickets turned in early!!!**