

Focusing the gospel

For the Second Sunday of Lent we read of how God made a covenant with Abraham. In Luke's gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

Monday is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle.

Each day the first reading is chosen to prepare for the gospel and the theme of both readings is complementary.

The second week begins with Jesus telling us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, "whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus tells them the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son.

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 13 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. & 5 p.m.

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

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

Saturday - 1 a.m. & 2 a.m.

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 if you already know where you want to volunteer this year.

Please Remember In Prayer:

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



Weekly Readings

- Mon. 2/22: 1Pt 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-6, Mt 16:13-19
- Tues. 2/23: Is 1:10-20, Ps 50:8-23, Mt 23:1-12
- Wed. 2/24: Jer 18:18-20, Ps 31:5-16, Mt 20:17-28
- Thur. 2/25 Jer 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-6, Lk 16:19-31
- Fri. 2/26: Gn 37:3-28, Ps 105:16-21, Mt 21:33-46
- Sat. 2/27: Mi 7:14-20, Ps 103:1-12, Lk 15:1-32
- Sun. 2/28: Ex 3:1-15, Ps 103:1-11, 1Cor 10:1-12, Lk 13:1-9

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

Weekly Collection 2/14/2016	\$12,709.44
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	\$4,032.60

Our citizenship is in Heaven! It is as hard for us to comprehend eternity as it was for Abraham to contemplate that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Yet God calls us to join him in Heaven for eternity. God made a covenant with Abraham through the appearance of a flaming torch and the animals he had sacrificed. Our covenant as children of God was made visible by Jesus' death on the cross. Christ revealed his relationship to the Father to Peter, James and John through the Transfiguration and by it we also put our faith in him. St. Paul accepted Jesus' call to discipleship and took the message of salvation to the Gentiles. May we respond to our baptismal call and build up the Kingdom of God.



St. Joseph School will have the Pre-K/ Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Parents and children are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about our preschool and kindergarten programs. Children must be five years old by August 31st to enroll in kindergarten and four years old by August 31st to begin Pre-k for the 2016-2017 school year. Please spread the word and encourage all eligible families to attend this meeting!

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, February 22
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8:15 a.m. Mass +Martha Phung Thap
- Tuesday, February 23
Saint Polycarp
6:00 p.m. Mass +Mike Orth
- Wednesday, February 24
8:15 a.m. Mass +Betty Showalter
- Thursday, February 25
8:15 a.m. Mass +Ken Haun
- Friday, February 26
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. St. Joseph School
Teachers & Staff
10:00 a.m. Masonic Home Mass
+Frances Evelyn Fagan
- Saturday, February 27
8:15 a.m. Mass +All Poor Souls
4:00 p.m. Mass S.I. Kevin Becker
- Sunday, February 28
Third Sunday of Lent
8:15 a.m. Mass +Gerald Joseph Endres
10:00 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph

Ministry Schedule Feb 27th & 28th

- 4:00 PM**
(S) Mike McDanel (Rosary) Linda Bolster
(L1) Angie Bolster-Epps (M. Server) James Jantzen
(L2) Mike McDanel (Candle 1) Matthew Probst
(H) Corrina Irvin (Candle 2) Kaleb Mans
(C1) Mike Irvin (GB) Anne Harris Family
(C2) Jeff Dyer
- 8:15 AM**
(S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Alice Mertens
(L1) Larry Setzkorn (M. Server) Connor Ahlstedt
(L2) Bonnie Setzkorn (Candle 1) Thomas Kucera
(H) Bill Babich (Candle 2) Caleb Cummings
(C1) Judy Shideler (GB) Rob & Shawn Gordan
(C2) Gabby Shideler
- 10:00 AM**
(S) Jack Johnson (Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Judy Johnston (M. Server) Hanival Olivio
(L2) Jacque McLain (Candle 1) David Olivio
(H) Mindy Johnson (Candle 2) Mercedes Sanders
(C1) Dan Dugas (GB) Mike Irvin Family
(C2) Judy Johnston

Prayers for Our Military

Please pray for all members of the military, especially our parishioners:

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| Jay Schoen | Tony Jeffress | Jonathan Burke |
| Sam Francis | Matt Mork | Timothy Collier |
| Justin Light | Jeff Cranor | |

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.

Boy Scout Annual Supper

Boy Scout Troop 420 will host its 35th Annual Soup Supper from 4-7 pm Sat, Feb 27 at St. Jude School Activity Center, 3130 N Amidon. The dinner will feature all you can eat ham and bean or vegetable beef soup, corn bread, drink & dessert. Tickets are \$6 adults, \$3 children 3-9. Carryout is available.

Taste of Spring Breakfast

St. John's Clonmel is hosting their 21st Annual "Taste of Spring" Breakfast on Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 8:00 till noon. The menu consists of ham, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, homemade breads and rolls. Coffee and juice are served as well. The cost is \$8 for ages 11 and over, \$6 for ages 4-10, and free for ages 3 and under. A special family rate of \$40.00 is also being offered. There will be a raffle drawing at noon. (You need not be present to win.) The breakfast is sponsored by St. John's Altar Society, and held in Clonmel Kansas, K-42 and 71st Street South. We hope you can join us for breakfast!

Cantor Workshop

NPM Wichita (National Pastoral Musicians of Wichita) is hosting a Cantor Workshop on February 28, 2016, 2-4 pm at the Church of the Magdalen, Wichita. Information and registration at npmwichita.org or contact Sr. Nylas Moser at mosen@adorers.org, or at 316.942.2201 xt 1417.



Roots of Life

Easter Season Memorial Plants

This year Ann Blick and the Art and Environment Committee, offers you the opportunity to purchase Memorial Easter lilies and other assorted spring plants to decorate the Church for the Easter Season. Those who choose to purchase a memorial plant will receive a customized memorial card designed with a loved one's name that will be placed in the plant. The plants will decorate the altar area for the Easter Season and when Easter is over, the owner of the plant may take it home along with the memorial card. There will be a table set up in the back of the Church after each Mass on the third and fourth weekends in February and the first weekend in March with information on the plants, an example of the memorial card and options for placing a plant order. All plants will be \$25. Parishioners may also call Ann Blick before March 6th at 316.722.2884 to purchase a plant.

Annual Parish Garage Sale

This year the Women's Circle will be having the parish-wide garage sale on **JUNE 9, 10 and 11**. We will be accepting early donations starting March 12. If you have items to donate please contact Ann Blick at 772-2884 or Linda Bolster at 650-1878 to coordinate a drop off date and time at our storage unit. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Hall from June 4-8. Thanking you all in advance for saving your old stuff for us! We appreciate it!

Christ the King Quilt Bingo

Christ the King Parish's Annual Quilt Party is Sunday, March 6, 4501 W. Maple. Prizes include 22 handmade quilts, crocheted items, quilt rack, and more! Doors open & food served at 11:30 a.m., auction & bingo games begin at 1 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Vocation Retreat

Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a free "Come and See" Discernment Retreat on March 11-13, 2016, titled: "A Future Full of Hope". The retreat is designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. Experience Dominican prayer and community with the Sisters and explore the possibility that you may be called to religious life. The retreat begins at 6pm Friday, March 11 and concludes at noon, Sunday, March 13 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email jfitzgerald@oppeace.org. Participants may register online for the retreat or request a registration form at www.oppeace.org.

After the Gift Retreat

February 26th—28th
Spiritual Life Center

The "After the Gift" retreat affirms and supports the sacrificial love of birthmothers in their gift of life through adoption by offering hope and healing in Christ. This retreat and ministry is for any birthmother that has placed a child for adoption regardless if the birth of their child was very recent or many years in the past. The weekend retreat offers these birthmothers a chance to seek the support and healing they may need, and to meet and learn from other women who have experienced the pain and joy of placing a child for adoption. For additional information, or to register for the retreat, please go to catholicdioceseofwichita.org/rlsj, or call Bonnie Toombs, 316-269-3935.

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

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!

Lenten Series: Holy Week (3 Weeks) Tuesdays beginning Feb. 23; 7-8:30 p.m. Join us for a 3 part series on the events of Holy week, based in part on Pope Benedict XVI's book "Jesus of Nazareth." \$30

KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children Friday, Mar. 4; 11:15 a.m. This special celebration of our Daily Mass at the Center especially welcomes little children and their caregivers. Feel free to pack a lunch to enjoy in our dining room afterwards.

Advance registration requested. For more info and to register, visit www.slwichita.org or call 316.744.0167.