

Focusing the gospel

For the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we read the powerful story of the Prodigal Son from Luke's Gospel. The younger son, who asks for his inheritance and spends it all, returns and asks to be a servant at his father's house. Instead he is welcomed home with open arms by his father who was filled with compassion, ran to his son and forgave him. The older son is jealous and will not share in the happiness but the father says to "celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." For Masses using Cycle A readings for the RCIA, John's Gospel will offer the story of the man born blind. (For more information, see "Praying the Gospels of Weeks 3, 4 and 5.")

Our gospels this week are all from John's Gospel. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the Sabbath. Because of this, and because he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus says his opponents do not want to come to him for life. He calls God his father and says, "I have testimony greater than John's." Unafraid of his opponents, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, "for his hour had not yet come." Thinking they know where Jesus is from (in both senses: where he lived now and his origin in heaven), his enemies insist that Jesus can't be a prophet: "Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

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

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 or call 261-5812 if you already know where you want to volunteer this year.



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.

Please Remember In Prayer:

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



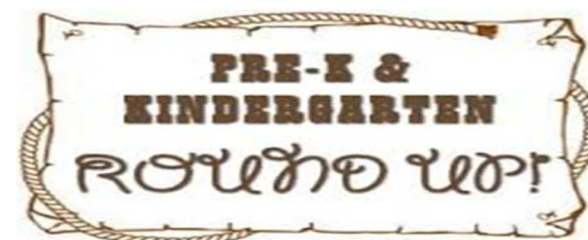
Weekly Readings

- Mon. 2/29: 2Kgs 5:1-15, Ps 42:2-43:4, Lk 4:24-30
- Tues. 3/01: Dn 3:25-43, Ps 25:4-9, Mt 18:21-35
- Wed. 3/02: Dt 4:1-9, Ps 147:12-20, Mt 5:17-19
- Thur. 3/03 Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-9, Lk 11:14-23
- Fri. 3/04: Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6-17, Mk 12:28-34
- Sat. 3/05: Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-21, Lk 18:9-14
- Sun. 3/06: Jos 5:9-12, Ps 34:2-7, 2Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-32

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

Weekly Collection 2/21/2016	\$9,885.10
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	\$1,208.26

The Lord is kind and merciful! As disciples of Christ we sit at his feet to learn about God our Father. Through the story of Moses we learn that God listens to his children and wants them to be free from slavery. St. Paul explains that through Moses our ancestors were baptized in the cloud and the sea. Some of the Israelites did not accept the kindness and mercy of the Lord and perished in the desert. During Lent we consider the love of the Father revealed by his son while Jesus reminds us that the absence of suffering in our lives is not an indication that we are sinless. May the mercy of the Father be poured upon us and may we gratefully share his mercy with one another.



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 29
8:15 a.m. Mass +Matilda Puetz
- Tuesday, March 1
6:00 p.m. Mass +Winnie Love Simon
- Wednesday, March 2
8:15 a.m. Mass +Ine Dnaxio Nguyen
- Thursday, March 3
8:15 a.m. Mass +Paul Shideler
- Friday, March 4
8:15 a.m. Mass +Tom Darland
6:00 p.m. Mass +Louis Sittler
- Saturday, March 5
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Respect Life
4:00 p.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph
- Sunday, March 6
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. LeRoy Orth
10:00 a.m. Mass +Dorothy Schulte

Ministry Schedule March 5th & 6th

- 4:00 PM**
 - (S) Mike McDanel
 - (L1) Linda Bolster
 - (L2) Jeff Dyer
 - (H) Jennifer Martin
 - (C1) Beth Patterson
 - (C2) Marvin Patterson
- 8:15 AM**
 - (S) Charlie Deitchler
 - (L1) Cassidee Cummings
 - (L2) Marie O'Neal
 - (H) Cassidee Cummings
 - (C1) Carissa Cummings
 - (C2) Jeff Cummings
- 10:00 AM**
 - (S) Donna Riddel
 - (L1) Greg Sanders
 - (L2) Janet Walsh
 - (H) Bridget Sublett
 - (C1) Jack Johnson
 - (C2) Mike McDanel

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.

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!

Spiritual Life Center

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!

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.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross Friday, Mar 18 at 7:30 p.m. to Sunday, Mar 20 at 1 p.m. This year we welcome Bishop Emeritus Ronald Gilmore of the Dodge Diocese and Jacqueline Loh of Grace that Reigns USA for a weekend focused on exploring redemption and leading us into a celebration of Holy Week during this Year of Mercy. Early bird rates through March 7th: Single: \$145, Double: \$120, Commuter: \$100

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

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 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 j Fitzgerald@oppeace.org. Participants may register online for the retreat or request a registration form at www.oppeace.org.

Cantor Workshop

The 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 mosern@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.

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

Here are a few items we are in need of...

Mystery Booth Prizes ~ Almost anything goes for prizes in this game which makes it quite exciting and popular.

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.

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 261-5812 or email 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!!!

PARISH DINNER



Meat Trimmers Needed

Meat trimmers are needed for Saturday, March 12th at 7:30 a.m.

Bring a friend and we will supply the knives & coffee!

Volunteers with thermometer reading skills are needed on Friday,

March 11th from 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday March 13th two beef servers are needed from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. If you are able to help please call Susan at 261-5812.