

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.



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:

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



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Weekly Readings

Mon.	3/07: Is 65:17-21, Ps 30:2-13, Jn 4:43-54
Tues.	3/08: Ez 47:1-12, Ps 46:2-9, Jn 5:1-16
Wed.	3/09: Is 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-18, Jn 5:17-30
Thur.	3/10 Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-23, Jn 5:31-47
Fri.	3/11: Wis 2:1-22, Ps 34:17-23, Jn 7:1-30
Sat.	3/12: Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-12, Jn 7:40-53
Sun.	3/13: Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-6, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

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

Weekly Collection 2/28/2016	\$10,841.19
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$911.32)

He was lost and has been found! The story of the prodigal son is one of many parables that Jesus uses to teach people about the Father's love and mercy. We easily can picture the father in the parable, overjoyed to see his son coming home, an answer to his prayers. In the same way, our heavenly Father opens his arms when we turn back to him. Jesus teaches us that, though we are sinners, we will be welcomed back into God's family when we ask for forgiveness. The peace we experience in our Father's house enables us to comfort others and invite them home. Like the prodigal son, may we come to our senses and remember the bounty of God's love and begin a journey to him.



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, March 7
Saints Perpetua and Felicity
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Amy Smith
- Tuesday, March 8
Saint John of God
6:00 p.m. Mass +Marvin Finger
- Wednesday, March 9
Saint Francis of Rome
8:15 a.m. Mass +Delores Eckerman
- Thursday, March 10
8:15 a.m. Mass +Agnes DiSante
- Friday, March 11
8:15 a.m. Mass +Kathy Dugas
10:00 a.m. Mass Special Intention
- Saturday, March 12
8:15 a.m. Mass +Katie Carney
4:00 p.m. Mass S.I. Parish Dinner Workers
- Sunday, March 13
Fifth Sunday of Lent - PARISH DINNER
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph
10:00 a.m. Mass +Mike Orth

Ministry Schedule March 12th & 13th

- 4:00 PM**
- (S) Mike McDaneld (Rosary) Corrinna Irvin
- (L1) Mike Irvin (M. Server) Kaleb Mans
- (L2) Corrinna Irvin (Candle 1) James Janzen
- (H) Martha Raybourn (Candle 2) Jacob Villa
- (C1) Shawn Vredenburg (GB) Stickney Family
- (C2) Heather Vredenburg
- 8:15 AM**
- (S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Alice Mertens
- (L1) Barbara Wattman (M. Server) Dylan Morch
- (L2) Gabby Shideler (Candle 1) Caleb Cummings
- (H) Charlie Deitchler (Candle 2) Thomas Kucera
- (C1) Tom Voboril (GB) Bev Rancuret
- (C2) Sr. Nancy Jane Kuntz & Ann Jaeger
- 10:00 AM**
- (S) Betty Ewing (Rosary) Florence Marx
- (L1) Jordan Schnoor (M. Server) Patrick Sanders
- (L2) Jacob Schnoor (Candle 1) David Sanders
- (H) Mike Irvin (Candle 2) Madison Trosclair
- (C1) John Riddel (GB) Bill & Pam Dusenbery
- (C2) Bert Purcell

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. Anthony's Grade School All Class Reunion

This unique event will be held April 16, 2016. Whether you attended all eight grades, or just one or two, you are invited to come share memories, food, and a tour of the old school. The school closed in the spring of 1968, which means that most of us alums are getting into our 'wise' age, and now would be the time to get together. Mass will be at 4:00 PM. We will follow with some social time, a tour, and some sort of eating experience in the school! Please help us get the word out to siblings and fellow classmates. If you have questions or if you have an individual class list you can share, please contact us at janinedebacker@msn.com or phone Rita DeBacker Price at 503.896.0832. You can also join us on Facebook at St. Anthony's Wichita All Class Reunion. Mark your calendars and keep watching—more information will be forthcoming. We hope to see you there!



Confirmation Photos Now Available

Hannah Voboril has made confirmation photos available for download from her website at <http://order.hannahvoboril.com/guestlogin/confirmation>. Use the password stjoe to access the gallery. You may download individual photos by using the pin 8820. Thank you to Hannah for the great photography and free access to them!

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 April 1st. 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!

Be still and know that I am God.
Psalm 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.

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!

Pope Francis, Zika, and Contraception: A Dialogue in Moral Theology Monday, Mar. 7; 7-8:30 p.m. Perhaps you've seen the news on Pope Francis' statements regarding the Zika virus and the use of contraception. What did the pope really say and what does the Church really teach? Join Dr. Joshua Papsdorf for this timely and interesting discussion! \$10. Walk-ins welcome!

Palm Sunday Retreat: By His Stripes, We Were Healed 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 end Monday, 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 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.

Parish Dinner is Next Sunday, 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.

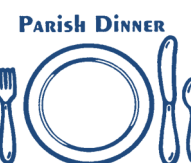
Questions? Call the Parish Office at 261-5812 or email saintjosephwichita@gmail.com



Get your raffle tickets turned in early!!!

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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.