

### Focusing the gospel

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord we make our way into Holy Week. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole Passion, this year from Luke's Gospel.

The next three days - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - are the final days of Lent. The first readings are from the Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah. Though originally sung about Israel, God's servant, and perhaps a specific servant, they clearly spoke to the early Christian community about Jesus and his mission.

Monday and Tuesday's gospels are from John's Gospel. The anointing at Bethany - at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus - has taken place at a wonderful celebration of Lazarus' return to life and a fine thanksgiving to Jesus. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with the precious oil that reminds us of his burial. Then, at the Last Supper (skipping over the reading we will use on Holy Thursday about the washing of feet) Jesus identifies his betrayer. Finally, Jesus talks with Peter who professes his loyalty to Jesus who predicts Peter would deny him three times later that night.

Wednesday's Gospel is the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, from Matthew's perspective. We can feel the tension and pressure Jesus is under. There is a sadness at hearing the arrangement Judas makes - 30 pieces of silver - to deliver Jesus into the hands of his enemies.

On Holy Thursday we hear a reading from the Book of Exodus which describes the Passover celebration. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, gives us the earliest account we have of the Last Supper - probably written relatively soon after the event. Then, we have the unique view of the Last Supper from John's Gospel. Instead of the traditional narrative, we see Jesus washing his disciples' feet. On this Thursday night, in the only liturgy allowed in a church on this day - so that as many people as possible might participate - we act out the foot washing that Jesus gave us as an example, in fact, as a mandate. Click here for a complete description of the Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Out of profound respect for this day on which our salvation was won, there is no Holy Mass on Good Friday. The liturgy begins with a Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 52-53 contains the last of the Suffering Servant songs. With the eyes of faith, it describes what Jesus became. The Letter to the Hebrews proclaims the good news of this day. The gospel is the Passion from John's Gospel. You might want to see this link for a description of the whole Good Friday liturgy, as well as a reflection on the Passion.

There is no liturgy at all on Holy Saturday. We spend this day in "the in-between place" - between the remembering the death of our Lord and celebrating his Resurrection. The Easter Vigil Liturgy, which is celebrated after sunset, is a full celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The Liturgy of the Word has a series of eleven readings to choose from. The idea is that we remain in vigil this night, reviewing the story of our salvation - from the story of Creation, to the great story of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt, through a number of the prophets, culminating in Paul's Letter to the Romans - "Are you not aware that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death?" The readings begin in the dark, and are then read by the light of the Easter Candle. Then the lights come on, bells are rung as we sing the Gloria. The gospel story of the Resurrection is then proclaimed in the full light, with Easter joy. Go to this link for a detailed look at the Easter Vigil.

During the day on Easter Sunday, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The gospel is from John's Gospel and give us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.

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

### Weekly Readings

- Mon. 3/21: Is 42:1-7, Ps 27:1-14, Jn 12:1-11
- Tues. 3/22: Is 49:1-6, Ps 71:1-17, Jn 13:21-38
- Wed. 3/23: Is 50:4-9, Ps 69:8-34, Mt 26:14-25
- Thur. 3/24 Is 61:1-9, Ps 89:21-27, RV 1:5-8, Lk 4:16-21
- Fri. 3/25: Is 52:13-53:12, Ps 31:2-25, Heb 4:14-5:9, Jn 18:1-19:42
- Sat. 3/26: Gn 1:1-2:2, Ps 104:1-35, Gn 22:1-18, Lk 24:1-12
- Sun. 3/27: Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-23, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

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

Weekly Collection 3/13/2016	\$7,949.40
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$2,745.86)

What further need have we for testimony? These words of the Sanhedrin echoed their triumph in seeking to condemn Jesus. But after the Lord's resurrection, the Apostles could easily apply them to their faith in Christ. They saw him die; they were with him after the resurrection. Their testimony gives us a chance to know and understand the kingdom of God and illuminates the path of salvation opened by our Lord. When we ponder Christ's incarnation as a servant among men, we realize the breadth and depth of the Father's love. May the Love of God overflow from our hearts and enable us to spread healing and peace in the world.



### 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.

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

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

### Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, March 21  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Betty Showalter
- Tuesday, March 22  
6:00 p.m. Mass +Rev. John Farnik
- Wednesday, March 23  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Bea Gerstenkorn
- Thursday, March 24  
Holy Thursday  
7:00 p.m. Mass +Vica Babich
- Friday, March 25  
Good Friday  
8:15 a.m. NO MASS
- Saturday, March 26  
Holy Saturday  
8:15 a.m. NO MASS  
8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Held for  
Those Entering the Church
- Sunday, March 27  
The Resurrection of the Lord  
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph  
10:00 a.m. Mass +Leroy Orth

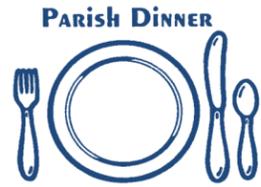
### Ministry Schedule March 26th & 27th

- 4:00 PM**
- (S) Mike McDaneld (Rosary) JoAnn Morton
- (L1) Mike McDaneld (M. Server) Jeremiah Epps
- (L2) Angie Bolster-Epps (Candle 1) James Jantzen
- (H) Jeff Dyer (Candle 2) Kaleb Mans
- (C1) Corrina Irvin (GB) Sinforosa Miller and
- (C2) Mike Irvin Bill & Pat Wright
- 8:15 AM**
- (S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Alice Mertens
- (L1) Bonnie Setzkorn (M. Server) Quincee Ahlstedt
- (L2) Larry Setzkorn (Candle 1) Connor Ahlstedt
- (H) Jeff Cummings (Candle 2) Caleb Cummings
- (C1) Cassidee Cummings (GB) Alice Mertens
- (C2) Carissa Cummings
- 10:00 AM**
- (S) Jack Johnson (Rosary) Florence Marx
- (L1) Julie Sanders (M. Server) Carter Martin
- (L2) Judy Johnston (Candle 1) Austin Dowell
- (H) Shellie Hamersky (Candle 2) Zachary Dowell
- (C1) Anthony Hamersky (GB) Ron & Lise Fisher
- (C2) Andrew Purcell

### 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



## Parish Dinner Results

We would like to extend a big “Thank You” to all the volunteers and sponsors that made this year’s Parish Dinner possible. With your help, 1992 dinners were served!

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

### Spiritual Life Center

**Good Friday Outdoor Stations of the Cross** Friday, Mar 25 at 3 p.m. Join us for this moving way to celebrate the Stations of the Cross by processing around the SLC's beautiful outdoor stations. All ages are welcome. No charge.

**Shadows & Reality: A Typological Approach to Scripture and History** Tuesdays, Apr. 5 and Apr. 12; 7-8:30 p.m. Dusty Gates leads this 2-week series bringing participants to a greater understanding of biblical typology, a practice used by the Church in which hidden meanings of the Old Testament are revealed by the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. \$20

**Date Night: A Night Out for Catholic Couples** Thursday, Apr. 7; 6:15-9 p.m. Our popular Date Night program returns in April! Bring your spouse or significant other to enjoy a banquet dinner, program, social, and prayer time. This month Jake and Ramie Samour will give a talk called "Table to Table" comparing the dining room table to the altar of the Lord. \$30 per couple.

**KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children** Thursday, Apr. 14; 11:15 a.m. This monthly celebration of our regular daily Mass especially welcomes the little ones among us. Fr. VanHaverbeke gives a kid-friendly homily for all attendees. Attendees are welcome to pack a lunch to enjoy in the courtyard afterward. No charge.

**Catholic Culture Conference: Reviving the Catholic Imagination** Apr. 22-23; The SLC welcomes Dr. Anthony Esolen as our keynote speaker for this year's conference. This program is an opportunity for faithful Christians to come together for formation and fellowship. The program intends to promote Catholic values in personal and family life, as well as in society at large. Early bird rates end April 11: Cmtr: \$55, Sngl:\$85, Dbl: \$75

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

### 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!

### Job Openings

#### Office of Faith Formation Program Coordinator with Emphasis on Catechist Formation:

The Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual who will oversee diocesan wide efforts in providing catechists with spiritual encouragement, catechetical formation and pedagogical training. In cooperation with the director they will train catechists, develop and maintain curriculum for catechist training, recruit trainers throughout the diocese, implement and update modern methods of formation including online and distance education opportunities, have knowledge of the latest technology, act as a resource for catechists and collaborate with the entire Office of Faith Formation staff.

#### Office of Faith Formation Program Coordinator with Emphasis on Totus Tuus:

The Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking a full-time program coordinator for the Office of Faith Formation with emphasis in Totus Tuus camp and parish programs. Responsibilities will include: recruiting and hiring Totus Tuus camp director and teachers, purchasing team supplies, reviewing and updating curriculum, registering and scheduling parishes, and meeting with new parish coordinators. This position will collaborate with the entire Office of Faith Formation team and will coordinate other programs as the need arises.

Deadline for accepting resumes is noon, **March 23, 2016**. For information regarding requirements, check job posting at [catholicdioceseofwichita.org](http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org), Ministries & Offices, Human Resources.

### Mass for People with Disabilities

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mass for People with Disabilities, Their Families and Caregivers will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church (124 North Roosevelt, Wichita). Bishop Kemme will be the main celebrant. There will be a dinner immediately following (free will offering). There will be activities organized for children – even a sensory room!! For reservations, please contact Rosemary Brooks at [dbrooks66@cox.net](mailto:dbrooks66@cox.net) or 316-686-4422.

### 3rd Annual Life Run

Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Life Run, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Sedgwick County Park. There is something for everyone, a 5K run and 1.5 mile family fun run and lots of activities and family friendly vendors. For more information or to register please go to: [www.liferunwichita.org](http://www.liferunwichita.org).

### Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church

St. Joseph Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Tuesday April 5 at 7:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.