

**Focusing the gospel**

On the Second Sunday of Easter, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as “Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.” John's Gospel gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Monday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, with its own special readings. This special celebration was moved from its traditional March 25 date because of Holy Week. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest.

The Acts of the Apostles all this week offers us the challenges the apostles faced from the earliest communities and from the Jewish authorities.

For the remaining five weeks of the Easter season, our readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and from John's Gospel, with stories of Jesus' ministry not heard during the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year.

The weekday readings begin with the frightened Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming at night to speak to Jesus, asking how anyone can be “born again.” Jesus says we must be born of water and Spirit. John's gospel offers a poetic look at light and darkness, good and evil: “the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light...” But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. John writes, “For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God.” After Jesus' disciples tell him to send 5,000 people away, he shows them how to feed them all. He walks across the sea to meet his apostles in their boat, saying, “It is I. Do not be afraid.”

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**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 10 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.
- Tuesday - 6 a.m.
- Thursday - 6 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.

**Please Remember In Prayer:**

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



**Weekly Readings**

- Mon. 4/04: Is 7:10-8:10, Ps 40:7-11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38
- Tues. 4/05: Acts 4:32-37, Ps 93:1-5, Jn 3:7-15
- Wed. 4/06: Acts 5:17-26, Ps 34:2-9, Jn 3:16-21
- Thur. 4/07: Acts 5:27-33, Ps 34:2-20, Jn 3:31-36
- Fri. 4/08: Acts 5:34-42, Ps 27:1-14, Jn 6:1-15
- Sat. 4/09: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-19, Jn 6:16-21
- Sun. 4/10: Acts 5:27-41, Ps 30:2-13, Rev 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19

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

Weekly Collection 3/27/2016	\$11,163.93
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$12,960.77
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$4,542.70)

The doors were locked. How often do we avoid difficult things? How often do we retreat from active discipleship because of the cost? We lock our doors against Jesus. But he comes anyway! And, as in today's Gospel, he says "Peace be with you." Our Lord knows well our fears and concerns but wants us to realize the joy of the Kingdom. The first reading describes how the Apostles boldly spent their days in the temple and attracted a large number of followers due to their joy and courage and how all those with sickness were cured. Peace was with them. May we invite Peace into our hearts and declare Him to the world.



**Annual Parish Garage Sale**

This year the Women's Circle will hold the parish-wide garage sale on **JUNE 9th, 10th and 11th**. We will accept 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 also may be dropped off at the Parish Hall from June 4th-8th. Thank you all in advance for saving your old stuff for us! We appreciate it!

**Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions**

- Monday, April 4  
Annunciation of the Lord  
8:15 a.m. Mass +All Poor Souls
- Tuesday, April 5  
*Saint Vincent Ferrer*  
6:00 p.m. Mass +Dorothy Schulte
- Wednesday, April 6  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Teresa Mary Nguyen
- Thursday, April 7  
Saint John Baptist de la Salle  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Delores Eckerman
- Friday, April 8  
8:15 a.m. Mass +Tom Darland  
10:00 a.m. Mass Special Intention
- Saturday, April 9  
8:15 a.m. +Katie Carney  
4:00 p.m. +Ricky Ball
- Sunday, April 10  
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph  
10:00 a.m. Mass +Ralph Mans

**Ministry Schedule April 9th & 10th**

- 4:00 PM**  
(S) Mike McDaneld (Rosary) Mike Irvin  
(L1) Corrina Irvin (M. Server) Kaleb Mans  
(L2) Mike Irvin (Candle 1) Jeremiah Epps  
(H) Heather Vredenburg (Candle 2) Matthew Probst  
(C1) Martha Raybourn (GB) Vredenburg Family  
(C2) Shawn Vredenburg
- 8:15 AM**  
(S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Alice Mertens  
(L1) Marie O'Neal (M. Server) Connor Ahlstedt  
(L2) Barbara Wattman (Candle 1) Thomas Kucera  
(H) Judy Shideler (Candle 2) Caleb Cummings  
(C1) Gabby Shideler (GB) Regina Orth Family  
(C2) Bill Babich
- 10:00 AM**  
(S) Betty Ewing (Rosary) Florence Marx  
(L1) Jacob Schnoor (M. Server) Carter Martin  
(L2) Jordon Schnoor (Candle 1) Lauren Busch  
(H) Judy Johnston (Candle 2) Adam Orth  
(C1) Mindy Johnson (GB) Paul & Amber Riggie  
(C2) Dan Dugas

**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 All Class Reunion

This unique event will be held April 16th, 2016. Whether you attended all eight grades, or just one or two, you are invited to come share memories and food, and take 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. Now would be a great time to get together! Mass will be at 4:00 PM, followed by some social time, a tour of the old school, 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 a class list you can share, 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 — more information to follow. We hope to see you there!

## Thank you to these Parish Dinner Sponsors:



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

## Spiritual Life Center

**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.*



## 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.

## Roots of Life

A thank you to all who ordered an Easter Memorial Plant for this year's season!! All the blooms and color really added to the splendor of the altar and your donation for the Easter Season is much appreciated. What a great way to honor a loved one who has passed on. They will be remembered at the altar until Pentecost at which time those who have a plant may take it home and plant it in the yard. --- Ann Blick, Art & Environment Coordinator

## 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.

## Divine Mercy Sunday Special Service

St. Francis of Assisi will celebrate a special service on *Mercy Sunday, April 3*. The rosary will begin at 2:30 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm and Mass will follow. Fr. Ben Green will be our celebrant. All in the parish and throughout the diocese are invited. **Please note:** Confessions will not be heard at this service. You are encouraged to go to Confession within the octave (8 days before or after April 3) to gain the graces from this devotion. The Divine Mercy Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

## Vatican International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

The Vatican International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit is coming to St. Francis of Assisi. The exhibit consists of 126 Eucharistic Miracles illustrated on 150 panels, & will be on display April 10th - 20th in Clare Hall basement:  
April 10th 8am-6pm  
April 11th-15th evenings from 6-9pm  
April 16th 9am-9pm  
April 17th 8am-6pm  
April 18th-20th evenings from 6-9pm  
The exhibit is open by appointment during the week day for classrooms, large groups or individuals to tour, please call 722-4404. Don't miss out on the chance to experience this exhibit. "I've seen miracles happen at the exhibit, lives are changed!", said Earl Markley, guardian of the exhibit.