

Focusing the gospel

John's Gospel offers us comfort and peace in a very direct way for the 6th Sunday of Easter. Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Tuesday is Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles. Thursday most of the world will celebrate Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, while the rest will celebrate it the following Sunday.

Our Easter season readings from Acts of the Apostles continue this week. We read of Paul converting a wealthy cloth trader, Lydia; of the dramatic conversion and baptism of the jailer and his family; Paul's bold speech to the crowd at the Areopagus and his fearless preaching in Corinth, despite the growing threat from the Jews. We also see how followers of Paul catch the fire of his faith and now begin to convert others.

In John's Gospel, we realize we are approaching Pentecost in a few weeks as Jesus begins to speak of his leaving the earth and of the coming of the "Advocate" - the Spirit of Truth. The image of the Trinity is clear: "when the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father..." To his disciples, the idea of his leaving fills their hearts with grief but Jesus reassures them, "it is better for you that I go" so that the Spirit can come to them. The Spirit "will guide you to all truth." Jesus promises, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy." "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." "Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

Whether the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated this Thursday or on Sunday, May 8, it is a stirring story from Acts of the Apostles of Jesus leaving his disciples and promising them the support of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of Luke tells of Jesus as he led his disciples out "as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

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 8 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 - 8 p.m.

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

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

Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen
Juanita Mans
Jim Ridder
Sue Warren
Regina Gaytan
Nancee Scheffer
Kadie McDonough
Deannie Little
Andy Little
Ray Rancuret
Beverly Rancuret
Jim Monroe
Leroy Nedeau
Charles T. Morton
Gail Alcares
Robbie Campbell



Sarah Skidd
Clair Vanzelfden
Eldon Freund
Ruth Freund
Duane Wilson
Vernie Bloch
Joan Kandt
Jim Flanigan
Peggy Bowan
Marci Limon
Doug Howell

Betty Sherlock
Dorothy Dotterer
Chuck Heimerman
Dennis Gleeson
Nancy Smith
Nicole Henderson
Nancy Bradley
Meg Sanders
+Kent Mans
+LeRoy Orth
+Jeanne Sullivan
+John Jansen
+Esther Oliverson
+Evelyn Monty



Weekly Readings

Mon. 5/02: Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149:1-9, Jn 15:26-16:4
Tues. 5/03: 1Cor 15:1-8, Ps 19:2-5, Jn 14:6-14
Wed. 5/04: Acts 17:22-18:1, Ps 148:1-14, Jn 16:12-15
Thur. 5/05 Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-9, Eph 1:17-23
Fri. 5/06: Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-7, Jn 16:20-23
Sat. 5/07: Acts 18:23-28, Ps 47:2-10, Jn 16:23-28
Sun. 5/08: Acts 7:55-60, Ps 97:1-9, Rev 22:12-20, Jn 17:20-26

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

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| Weekly Collection 4/24/2016 | \$15,585.76 |
| Weekly tithe amount needed | \$12,960.77 |
| Surplus or (Deficit) YTD | (\$1,304.07) |

Whoever loves me will keep my word! Today we recall the words of Jesus as he taught his disciples. He wanted them to understand what it would take to follow his footsteps. Jesus spoke directly and in parables about how our relationships should be with our brothers and sisters in God's family. And today's message emphasizes that this model of behavior, loving one another, is not optional. If we profess to love God we must exhibit love in our encounters with our neighbors. The glory of the Kingdom awaits those who seek the Lord and listen for his voice. May we open our eyes and our hearts to recognize the opportunities around us to love as our Savior loved.



Annual Parish Garage Sale

This year the Women's Circle will hold the parish-wide garage sale on **JUNE 9th, 10th and 11th**. 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, May 2
Saint Athanasius
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Neoma McGlynn

Tuesday, May 3
Saints Philip and James
6:00 p.m. Mass +Katie Carney

Wednesday, May 4
8:15 a.m. Mass +Wilma McDonough

Thursday, May 5
8:15 a.m. Mass +Frank & Helen Marx

Friday, May 6
8:15 a.m. Mass +Tom Darland
6:00 p.m. Mass +Dorothy Schulte

Saturday, May 7
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Respect Life
4:00 p.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph

Sunday, May 8
The Ascension of the Lord
8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Mothers of St. Joseph
10:00 a.m. Mass S.I. Mothers of St. Joseph

Ministry Schedule May 8th & 9th

4:00 PM
(S) Mike McDanel (Rosary) Corrina Irvin
(L1) Linda Bolster (M. Server) James Jantzen
(L2) Jeff Dyer (Candle 1) Matthew Probst
(H) Shawn Vredenburg (Candle 2) Zach Stickney
(C1) Heather Vredenburg (GB) Angie Bolster-Epps Family
(C2) Martha Raybourn

8:15 AM
(S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Alice Mertens
(L1) Cassidee Cummings (M. Server) Connor Ahlstedt
(L2) Marie O'Neal (Candle 1) Thomas Kucera
(H) Cassidee Cummings (Candle 2) Caleb Cummings
(C1) Carissa Cummings (GB) Ernie Hallacy
(C2) Jeff Cummings

10:00 AM
(S) Betty Ewing (Rosary) Florence Marx
(L1) Richard Johnson (M. Server) Jeremiah Epps
(L2) Jack Johnson (Candle 1) Adam Orth
(H) Andrew Purcell (Candle 2) Mercedes Sanders
(C1) Shellie Hamersky (GB) Donna & Robin Riddel
(C2) Anthony Hamersky

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

Job Opening

Part Time Database Assistant:

The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual to serve as PT Database Assistant for the Office of Development and Planned Giving. This individual updates and maintains the diocesan database and provides general support to the development office as needed. This is a 20-hour a week opening with flexible scheduling during the workday. Deadline for accepting resumes is May 11th, 2016. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at

<http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>, Ministries & Offices, Human Resources.

Service Opportunity for Single Catholic Women

The Dominican Sisters of Peace are sponsoring a week long service opportunity for single Catholic women between the ages of 18 to 45 who are discerning a possible call to religious life or lay ministry in the church. The mission experience is scheduled for May 9th-14th, 2016 in Columbus, OH and includes prayer, ministry, community, and fun! Participants will live together in one of our small community houses and go out each day on mission to: an ecology farm. Visit our website at <http://www.oppeace.org/get-involved/discernment> -opportunities to register or for more information contact Sr. Pat Dual, OP by phone or text at 614.216.7688 or email atpdual@oppeace.org

Annual Life Run

Join us for the 3rd Annual Life Run, May 7th 2016 at Sedgwick County Park. For more information or to register please go to: www.liferunwichita.org if you have questions please contact the Respect Life Social Justice Office at 316 269-3935.



Heavenly Helpers

Please join us for 8:15 a.m. Holy Mass on Saturday mornings and stay afterwards to clean Our Lord's House. There is always a need for more volunteers. Many hands make the work light! This is an excellent way to fulfill stewardship hours. Supplies are furnished.

Men's Group Call to Parish Youth

The St. Joseph Men's Group will be setting up shelving in the Parish Center and taking care of a few other small jobs, and we are looking for help from our middle and high school students. Join us on Saturday morning May 14th at 9:00 am and help out not only the Men's Group but your parish as well. We will provide pizza for lunch around noon. Thank you in advance!

Thanks for Your Support!!!

*The St. Joseph Men's Group is shouting out thanks for everyone's support for the April 23rd Bingo. A great night of fun was had by all. Look for more information about the next bingo this summer which will have a tropical theme. The next menu will include Jamaican Chicken, Hawaiian Sliders, Southern Big-foot Fried Baloney Sandwiches, Coney Dogs and Cheese-Queso. Thanks again to all the workers (sun-burned and not sun-burned!)
~ from the St. Joseph Men's Group*

RCIA News



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic please call the parish office for information on beginning the process of RCIA. Current Catholics are also welcome to come learn more about their faith. Individual lessons are available.



Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit

"Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among men!"

The Vatican's International Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit will be at SEAS until May 11th.

It's very powerful to go through the exhibit! While listening to sacred music filling the room, you can "virtually visit" countless miracles that have taken place throughout the world! The exhibit displays 153 astounding signs and wonders of God's Presence that He has wrought to encourage our faith. Invite your neighbors and even non-Catholic friends, as conversions are often reported simply from seeing this exhibit. See seaswichita.com for the schedule for each day.

Spiritual Direction & Personal Directed Retreats

For more information regarding spiritual direction or personal directed retreats, you can call Sister Kathy Goetz (Dominican Sisters of Peace) at 267.4551, email kgoetz@oppeace.org, or write 201 S. Millwood, Wichita, KS 67213. Brochures are also available in the Vestibule of the church.

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

Mother Angelica & The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy Thursday, May 5; 7-9 p.m. Before joining the Diocese of Wichita, Fr. Edmond Kline spent 6 years as a Franciscan Missionary of the Eternal Word, a men's religious order founded by Mother Angelica. He will present his understanding and his personal witness of how Mother Angelica lived out the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy. No charge. Donations accepted.

Mothers' Day Retreat Programs Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7; Our annual women's getaway includes an evening out for all ladies on Friday with socializing, a conference, and appetizers. Saturday's program is designed as a special day-retreat just for moms. Participants may attend one or both programs. This year's theme will be a reflection on Teresa of Avila, Thérèse of Lisieux, & Teresa of Calcutta and what these saintly women can teach us about motherhood. Rates: \$20 (Friday only); \$40 (Saturday only); \$50 cmtr (full program)

Dinner with the Doctors: St. John of Avila Tuesday, May. 10; 6-8 p.m. Join us for an evening dinner and presentation on the Feast of St. John of Avila. Surrounded by our beautiful icons of the all the doctors of the Church, you will enjoy a presentation focusing on this great doctor. \$15 early registration; \$20 week of

Docentium: J.R.R. Tolkien—Catholic Father, Philologist, and Faerie Friend Thursday, May 19; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us on the third Thursday of every month for an evening of food, friendship, and learning. Dr. Malcolm Harris presents this month. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., food is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a lecture given on a topic related to religion and culture. \$15

How to Pray a Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 24 or Tuesday, May 31.; 7-9 p.m. Fr. Ken VanHaverbeke will discuss the history of Eucharistic Adoration and offer practical tips on praying a Holy Hour. Same class offered twice! \$10

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