

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH



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Focusing the gospel

Sunday is the wonderful Feast of the Holy Family, and there is a wonderful variety of readings from which to choose. Luke's Gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents searched for him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In addition, it is a celebration of World Day of Prayer for Peace. It marks the mid-point in the Christmas Season.

The week continues with a Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen. In the US, we remember Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop.

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, although the US celebrates it on Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the Baptism of the Lord, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but in the U.S. it is moved to Monday.

The first reading until the Epiphany continues from the First Letter of John, encouraging us to make our home in the one who makes his home in us. In Jesus, we have eternal life and we are called to love one another.

The Gospels for this week show Jesus manifesting himself in his life on earth, following John's Gospel, from the testimony of John to the manifestation or sign at the wedding feast of Cana.

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

"Oh Come Let Us Adore Him"

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"...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."- *St. Francis of Assisi*

Volunteers needed for the following hours:

Sunday - 2 a.m. & Noon

Monday - 7 p.m., 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.

Thursday - 8 a.m. & 9 a.m.

Friday - 9 a.m., Noon & 6 p.m.

Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. & 6 p.m.

For more details, call Jana at 945-5379.

Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen
Juanita Mans
Jim Ridder
Sue Warren
Regina Gaytan
Jim Monroe
Leroy Nedeau
Ruth Freund
Joan Kandt
Peggy Bowen
Doug Howell
Betty Sherlock
Dorothy Dotterer
Nancy Smith



Nell Ball
Doug Stuhlsatz
Don Williams
Tim Chadd
Nancy Bradley

Vernie Bloch
Dave Rohlman
Sandy Gleeson
Jim Flanigan
Sarah Bigley
Jeff Dyer
Tim Holden
JoAnn Heimerman
Patricia Ardisson
Mary Moman
John Uphaus
Janet Wilhite
Jack Northern
+Tim Benham



United in Prayer

**St. Joseph Family
Rosary Crusade**

14,245 decades prayed

Please join us in praying for our parish families and the poor souls. Decade cards are available in the vestibule of the church.

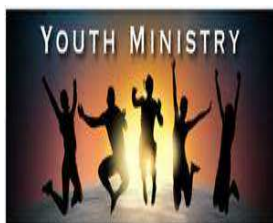
Weekly Readings

Mon. 01/01: Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-8, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
 Tues. 01/02: 1Jn 2:22-28, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 1:19-28
 Wed. 01/03: 1Jn 2:29-3:6, Ps 98:1-6, Jn 1:29-34
 Thur. 01/04: 1Jn 3:7-10, Ps 98:1-9, Jn 1:35-42
 Fri. 01/05: 1Jn 3:11-21, Ps 100:1-5, Jn 1:43-51
 Sat. 01/06: 1Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-20, Mk 1:7-11
 Sun. 01/07: Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Eph 3:2-6, Mt 2:1-12

Thank you for your gift of treasure! July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Weekly Collection 12/24/2017	\$21,823.53
Weekly tithe amount needed	\$13,483.09
Surplus or (Deficit) YTD	(\$2,729.97)
CMI Fund	\$9,712.00
2017-2018 Fiscal Year	
Roof & Climate Control Repairs	(\$15,242.27)
(cost so far this fiscal year)	
CMI Balance	(\$5,530.27)
<i>(Campus Maintenance & Improvement Fund)</i>	

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we should consider the role of stewardship within our own families. Do we receive one another with love and gratitude? Do we recognize each other's gifts? Do we care properly for one another? As followers of Jesus Christ, we should be doing these things within our immediate families, within our social families, and within our parish families. As we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, no one is exempt from being treated with love and dignity! In a world where the idea of family is rapidly breaking down, let us follow the example of the Christ child in showing love and respect to the members of our various families.



Catholic Youth Ministry

Check us out & be part of fun, fellowship, & faith! ALL high school age youth are invited to

join St. Joseph's Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM), from 7 - 8:30 pm in the basement of the OLD RECTORY. The next meeting will be January 8th.

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:15 a.m. Mass +Catherine Simon

Tuesday, January 2

Saint Basil, Saint Gregory Nazianzen

6:00 p.m. Mass +Marie & Method Farnik

Wednesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15 a.m. Mass +Hugh Adams

Thursday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:15 a.m. Mass +Tim Benham

First Friday, January 5

Saint John Neumann

8:15 a.m. Mass +Brett Moeder

6:00 p.m. Mass of Healing + Winnie Love Simon

First Saturday, January 6

Saint Andre Bessette

8:15 a.m. Mass - S.I. Respect Life

4:00 p.m. Mass +Marilyn Jordan

Sunday, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Mass - The People of St. Joseph

10:00 a.m. Mass +Marita Flanigan

Ministry Schedule January 6th & 7th

4:00 PM

(S) Mike Irvin
 (L1) Angie Bolster-Epps
 (L2) Mike McDaneld
 (H) Jennifer Martin
 (C1) Beth Patterson
 (C2) Marvin Patterson

(Rosary) Beverly Rancuret
 (M. Server) Carter Martin
 (Candle 1) Hunter Martin
 (Candle 2) Zach Stickney
 (GB) Vredenburg Family

8:15 AM

(S) Charlie Deitchler
 (L1) Gabby Shideler
 (L2) Cassidee Cummings
 (H) Carl Dittmore
 (C1) Charlie Deitchler
 (C2) Pat Dittmore

(Rosary) Ken Sueper
 (M. Server) Joe Wagner
 (Candle 1) Sam Boman
 (Candle 2) Tomas Kucera
 (GB) Wray Kucera Family

10:00 AM

(S) Donna Riddel
 (L1) Mike Irvin
 (L2) Corrinna Irvin
 (H) Shirley Ricke
 (C1) John Cooke
 (C2) Donna Riddel

(Rosary) Florence Marx
 (M. Server) Patrick Sanders
 (Candle 1) Mercedes Sanders
 (Candle 2) Madison Trosclair
 (GB) Douglas & Bridget Sublett Family

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	Nicholas Gerhold

Parish Family Agreements

The 2018-2019 Parish Family Agreements were mailed to the High School Families. All forms need to be signed and returned to the parish office by January 15th, 2018. Please be on the lookout for these to arrive by mail.

Memorial Mass

If you have lost a loved one this past year, you and your family are invited to attend the Memorial Mass at 8:15. a.m. on Saturday, Jan 13th, 2018. Breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall. Please R.S.V.P. to Kelly, Mike or Martha at 261-5812 by Wednesday Jan 10th.

Retrouvaille Weekend in KC

Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. The next program is Jan 26th-28th. Visit RetroKC.com or phone 800.470.2230 for more information.

SVdP Society News

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay ministry dedicated to charitable works for those in need. Please consider supporting us by joining us at our next meeting on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 pm, or supporting us financially by donating through the parish office.

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children Thursday, Jan. 4; 11:15 a.m. This monthly celebration of our regular Daily Mass especially welcomes little children and their caregivers! Pack a lunch to enjoy in our dining room afterwards. No charge.

St John the Evangelist Grief Group Winter session begins Thursday, Jan. 4; 7-9 p.m. This 11-week grief support group meets Thursday evenings. It is open to anyone grieving the loss of someone close. With video sessions, discussions, and a helpful workbook, the program offers comfort and support. Cost is a one-time fee of \$35 and you can attend as many sessions as needed for as long as they run at the SLC.

Mental Health First Aid Workshop Saturday, Jan. 13; 8-4:30 p.m. Learn how to help a friend, family member, coworker, parishioner, or neighbor in need! Similar to 'First Aid' or CPR, "Mental Health First Aid" teaches individuals how to help those experiencing mental health challenges or crises. 8 hours of CEU's available to attendees! \$60 includes program, lunch, materials and more.

A Politically Incorrect Course on Catholic Social Teaching Three Thursdays beginning Jan. 18; 7-8:30 p.m. Dusty Gates will present a three part course highlighting the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching as they have been articulated by the Magisterium throughout Church History. This course will address Catholic Social Teaching bluntly and honestly, without the watering down that normally occurs for reasons that are sometimes sentimental, sometimes political, and sometimes caused by a confused understanding of ecumenism. \$30

The Catholic Faith Conference Jan. 19-20, 2018 Please join us for the 1st Annual Catholic Faith Conference this January, where we will celebrate all that is beautiful and inspiring about our Catholic Faith! This year's festival will feature national keynote speaker Jon Leonetti, an Info Fair, Breakout Sessions, Adoration, and a 'Stump the Padre' panel! More information on our web site.

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