



Dear Parishioners,

"Through the desert, God leads us to freedom," Pope Francis titled his Lenten message this year. A theme I am using for our Lent and Easter messages.

He goes on to say, "The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey."

That is so true! Each year we journey through the spiritual desert of Lent, working on various vices, yet each year, we might not feel progress.

Pope Francis goes on to address this: We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination.

Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

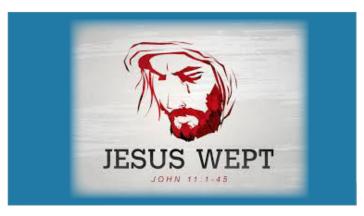
Together we journey. Together we profess our faith. Together we gather for Holy Week to remind ourselves of the promised destination.

Join us this Holy Week for the services: Holy Thursday, 7pm; Good Friday, 7pm; Easter Vigil 8:30pm; Sunday Masses, 9 and 11am.

Through the desert, God leads us to freedom!

Father Kenneth S. VanHaverbeke

PASTOR



Mass Intentions

Monday - March 18 - No Mass Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / John 8:1-11

Tuesday - March 19- 8:10 a.m.2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

⊕ Julie Avancene by Janet McAllister

Wednesday - March 20 - 5:30 p.m.

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / John 8:31-42

Diana Whitman by Doug and Julie Schreiber

Thursday - March 21 - noon Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59 ⊕Frank Wegerer by Kay Wegerer

Friday - March 22 - 8:10 a.m. Jeremiah 20:10-13/ John 10:31-42 Mike Gilmore by Dan Steigerwald

Saturday - March 23 Ezra 37:21-28 / John 11:45-56
9 a.m. - ⊕ Shirley Malone by Mary Hugo
see Sunday readings
5 p.m. ⊕ Louis Harvey Biel by The Aldermans

4th Sunday of Lent - March 24
Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Mark 14:1—15:47
9 a.m. ⊕Michael Randles by Jeannine Randles
11 a.m. People of the parish

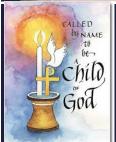




Adoration

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. in our Worship Space

Blessed Sacrament Chapel open 24/7



We are excited to welcome new members at St. Vincent de Paul parish through Baptism!

Please call Kathleen in our parish office at 316-733-1423.

Confessions in Daily Mass Chapel



Confessions are heard 1/2 hour prior to all daily Masses, also from 4-4:50 p.m. Saturday afternoons.





Stations and Soup Returns!

Join parishioners as we pray the Stations of the Cross at noon and

6 p.m. this Friday, March 22. Soup will be served after the 6 p.m. Stations in the Ville!

Spiritual Life Center Programs; Advance Registration requested. For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167 PASSION OF THE CHRIST & FR. KAPAUN -

Palm Sunday Retreat

March 22, 7:00pm - March 24, 4:00pm - Fr. John Hotze

This year, for Palm Sunday, enter into the Passion of the Christ according to the Gospel of John and as lived by Servant of God: Father Emil Joseph Kapaun. Join us for the opportunity to explore more fully the spiritual depths of devotion to Father Kapaun as you prepare to enter into Holy Week with our Lord. Father John Hotze will take you through the sacramental mysteries of Holy Thursday, the service and self-sacrifice of Good Friday, and the hope and gratitude of Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Retreat costs apply.

Budget Weekly Needs: \$34,500 Week ending 3/11

Regular Tithe	\$13,527.50
Annual Fund Drive	\$725.00
Hospirality Income	\$129.00
Online/Electronic giving	\$32,244.67
Go Board/Designated Gifts	\$685.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$520.00
St. Augustine Indian Mission	\$152.00
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The One Family, Fully Alive in Christ! Diocesan effort is coming, and the entire diocesan family will be invited to support the effort. The diocesan effort addresses five areas: our youth, our Catholic school teachers, our beautiful Cathedral where Father Kapaun's tomb resides, and the poor. The fifth area is our parish: 20% of the funds raised will be returned to our parish!

Each family will decide what is appropriate and meaningful for their specific situation. Soon, Bishop Kemme will ask each of us to consider a gift in the hopes that everyone will pledge to support the campaign's important goals in some way. He will ask us to ask ourselves: What can we sacrifice for the next three years in order to make a lasting impact on our Catholic community?



April 4th 6:00pm Mental Health 101

Spiritual Life Center 7100 E 45th St N, Bel Aire, KS 67226

Join the Respect Life and Social Justice Office on Thursday April 4th for a presentation and

conversation about Mental Health. Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

Hillary Zwetzig Director of Education and Outreach at Mental Health America will be speaking on what mental health is and is not, how to take care of your mental health, how to recognize when others might be struggling and local resources available.

No reservation needed and there is no cost to attend the session. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

Questions contact the Respect Life office at 316 269-3935 or sherfields@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.

PARISH MISSION 2024 April 14th-16th St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Parish Mission

We are excited to invite all parishioners to our parish mission April 14th-16th! Fr. Jim Sichko's 60 Minutes 4 Jesus talk will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space, followed by some refreshments in the social space. By reservation, we will have childcare for our littlest parishioners, ages 18 months-3 years.

Do you need a ride to our parish mission because you don't drive at night? Let us know, and we will help you find a ride with a fellow parishioner in your area. Do you have a friend or family member you want us to invite to our parish mission? Send us their name and address, and we will contact them.

To reserve childcare, request a ride, or like us to send an invite to our parish mission, email: susan@svdpks.org

Good Friday "Way of the Cross" at Planned Parenthood

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame.

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service:

Event: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

When: Friday, March 29, 10 a.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood, 2226 E. Central, in Wichita

More Info: Call Debra Kurtz at 316-300-7773 or

dolearykurtz@gmail.com

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

Smoked Hams

March 30th

Easter Saturday



Knights of Columbus Smoked Ham Fundraiser to benefit
"Andover Food Bank" and "Religious Vocation Students"

These are available on a first come first served basis
and will be provided in an oven roasting bag

for reheating at home.

We accept Card payments, checks or Cash.

Please call 316-990-0654 (Bryan Sanger)

Have a Blessed Easter Celebration

Jesus Christ is Alive and with Us!



SARAH'S HOPE ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

April 6 at 6 p.m. | St. Jude Hall, 3030 N. Amidon, Wichita

Guest Speaker: Tim Huelskamp Dinner by Texas Roadhouse

Sarah's Hope helps to fashion and buy advertising slots on TV (and now on YOUTUBE) to inform women in crisis who are pregnant a message of hope and abortion-alternative options. The annual auction raises much of the funding for this venture.

\$30 per person RSVP by April 1: 316-209-5029

> Sarah's Hope Foundation 2707 W. Douglas Ave, Ste. F Wichita, KS 67213-2606

Your support is valued & needed.

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