

**Saint Junipero Serra, Saint Thomas Apostle, Independence Day, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Saint Maria Goretti**



Please Pray for: Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord, Gloria Cervantes mother to Larissa and sister to Delores, JoAnn, Chuck, Patty, Kathy and Joe. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her, May She Rest in Peace.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, tells the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome. That is the essence of Christian hospitality. As it turns out, this man was none other than the prophet Elisha. He rewarded her kindness by interceding with God to obtain for her the miracle of a baby boy after long years of infertility.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how it is that this sacrament makes us disciples and therefore stewards. He says that through Baptism "into Christ Jesus" we were both buried with Christ and now are alive in Christ. We are literally new creations, marked for all eternity as one of His own. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord Himself proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever loves father or mother... son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." And, "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." How can all all-loving Lord say such things? Precisely because He is the source of all love — He is love incarnate. We can only love others, and even ourselves truly, if we allow ourselves to be emptied of self-love and filled with God's love.

This is why our Lord tells us we must "lose our lives." Putting ourselves or others — even those dearest to us — above God simply cannot give us the ultimate fulfillment and peace of soul that we all want. Only God can do that. Only loving God first and living for Christ — "losing our life" — can do that.

But how do we know if we love God more than "father or mother or son or daughter"? Jesus tells us in the next verses. And the fascinating genius of it all is that it is precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ, that we demonstrate our love for Christ! "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

So, we have come full circle to the importance of hospitality, and to putting God first in our lives because we have become disciples of Christ through our Baptism. We put God first by serving others as if we were serving Christ Himself, thus losing a self-centered life and finding our true fulfillment.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER:**

**INTRO TO CATHOLIC MEDITATION**

July 12, 19, & 26, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Learn how to meditate in an authentically Catholic way! These series will offer a practical, easily understandable, and simple method for meditating on Scripture. Guests will be led on a guided meditation each week and have the opportunity to delve deeper with group discussion and Q&A sessions with Fr. Martin. \$30. For more information and to register, please visit [www.slwcwchita.org](http://www.slwcwchita.org) or call (316) 744-0167

**Stewardship Reflection**

July 2, 2023

— Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living and demonstrate the genius of this way of life.

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The simple brilliance of stewardship living — only our infinitely creative and compassionate God could conceive it!

*Dear Families, Friends, and Parishioners,*  
*We are writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations to our giving board and the following projects: the fencing project, security cameras, HVAC mini-splits, classroom flooring, and bathroom remodel. Thanks to your support, we have raised a total of \$16,880, which will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals.*

*Your contributions have made a significant impact on our school, and we are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity. We are committed to using these funds wisely and efficiently to ensure that our projects are completed to the highest standards. Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school. We cannot do what we do without you!*

*With you in Christ,*

*Fr. Curtis Robertson and Mrs. Autumn Carson*

*Parish Hall.*

*Thanks to those who generously donated to restock our Parish Hall kitchen, we are now stocked and ready to go.*

*God Bless you all - Dana & Maggie*

**Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm**  
**Closed Holy Days and Holidays.**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**  
**6-25-2023                      7-1-22 TO 6-25-23**

<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$10,750.00</b>	<b>\$724,116.62</b>
<b>LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:</b>	<b>\$290.20</b>	<b>\$12,585.81</b>
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>\$42,511.15</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$11,040.20</b>	<b>\$779,213.58</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>\$910,000.00</b>
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:</b>	<b>(\$6,459.80)</b>	<b>(\$130,786.42)</b>

**NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sat: July 8th</b>	<b>5:00pm Mass</b>
Servers:	Noah McIntosh / Zach Collins
Lector:	Chris Allen
Greeters /Gifts	Paul & Dana Yanez
<b>Sun: July 9th</b>	<b>7:30am Mass</b>
Servers:	Antonio Aita
Lector	Jeff Perez
Greeters /Gifts	Tony & Connie Adams
<b>Sun: July 9th</b>	<b>9:00am Mass</b>
Servers:	David Ortiz / Adrian Ortiz
Lector:	Sarah Schibi
Greeters/Gifts	Vincent & Mary Schibi Family

**Mowing Schedule**

July 6th	Joey Alexander, Luke Schibi
July 13th	Ross Harper, Emilo Aita
July 20th	JR Allen, Paul Schibi

**July 2023 Prayer List: Please Pray for:**

Mandy Venegas, Raef Stanford, Bristel Bernd, April & Natalie Stanton, Janie Schibi, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Matthew Carrillo, Rafael Munoz, Joaquin Castellanos, Tim & Chris Hurley, Lashall Snider, Malissa Forbes, Terry Payne, Jim Simon, Donna George, JoAnn George LaForge, Dr. Gary Yarbrough & Diane Yarbrough, Loise Lubbers, Linda Crabtree, Angel Reyes, Frank Reyes, Valerie Carnahan, Brian Merchant, MaryJo Howard, Rita Schauf, Jason Langston, Charlie Smith, Carter Stephens, Montell White, Steven Minor, Kris Vitt, Nicon Nordquist, Jim Vitt, Jared Mullinax, Jerry & Sylvia McKinney, Glenn Linnebur, Jackie Hudson, Millie Braderstot, Audrey Mihich, Lois Johnsen, Bob Hennessey, Joy Cervantes, Craig Forbes, Lee Ziegler, Mary Ann Keller, Mary Brooks, Tommie Forbes, Betty Duling

*Thank - you to the Knights of Columbus for your generous donation to the St. Patrick School, security upgrades. Your continued support of our School is greatly appreciated.*

*With you in Christ*

*Autumn Carson, Principal SPCS*

Thank - you to the Knights of Columbus members for praying the Rosaries and for the visits with Jim Simon and family. We sure appreciate you all.

**MASS INTENTIONS: July 1st - July 9th**

**Sat 5:00pm** Sam Russo (Emilio Aita Family)  
**Sun 7:30am** For the People of St. Patrick Parish  
**9:00am** †Paschal Negrete (Negrete Family)  
**Tue 8:00am** †Joe Ponce (Jane Marquez)  
**5:30pm** **No 5:30pm Mass**

**Wed No Mass @ 8:00am**

**Thur 8:00am** †Gloria Kerr (Carl & Louise Yockey)  
**Fri 8:00am** †Avelina Hernandez (Vonda Carter)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS**

**Sat 5:00pm** Dick, Margaret & David George  
 (Richard & Margaret George)  
**Sun 7:30am** For the People of St. Patrick Parish  
**9:00am** †Julie Brown (Larry & Margie Brown)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:**

<b>Tue July 4th</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Wed July 5th</b>	<b>No Morning Mass - Funeral @ 10:00am</b>	
<b>Thur July 6th</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Fri July 7th</b>	Day of Penance: abstinence from Meat. Prayer and works of mercy Reading of Sacred Scripture for an Outpouring of God's mercy and The Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
	First Friday Mass	8:00am
<b>Sat July 8th</b>	Confessions	3:30pm
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm
<b>Sun July 9th</b>	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

**The Parish Office will be Closed Tuesday, July 4th**

**The Adoration Chapel**

**Will Close**  
**July 3rd & 4th**  
**&**  
**Re-Open at**  
**8am on July 5th.**

**HAPPY 4TH**  
**OF JULY**



**Ushers and Lectors:** We are in need of Ushers and Lectors for all Masses. We are blessed to be back in our Beautiful Church and it would be nice if we have a four - person crew to usher each Mass and Lectors to rotate.

**We will meet** in the Church on Saturday July 8th, at 8:00am for a gathering for those who are giving the time and talents to help clean the church. You can then pick a time and day that is convenient for you. We will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month same time same place hereon out. Please call the Parish Office or call Darlene @ 620-778-2906.