

Throughout our Catholic tradition, the book of sacred Scripture has been the honored symbol of God's living word present among us. Processions, bowing, candles, and incense express our church's reverence for the inspired word as it is enthroned, opened, and proclaimed in Catholic worship. This prayer service brings the ancient practice of Bible enthronement to Catholic homes, so that it may be a continual reminder to seek and live God's word each day.

Reverently place the open Bible on a mantle, table, shelf, or bookstand. You may adorn the space with a candle, crucifix, icon, or flowers. It will serve as a spot for regular Bible reading and prayer.

READER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

READER: Peace to this house and all here. We gather together to enthrone the Holy Bible, the sacred book of our church. Since ancient times, the open book of Scripture has been enthroned at church councils and in cathedrals and parish churches. Since every Catholic home is a "domestic church," we continue this tradition in the place of our ordinary lives, asking that this enthroned Bible remind us that God teaches, encourages, and challenges us through its open pages.

Ever-living God, send your Holy Spirit so that this Bible may be for us a source of strength, comfort, inspiration, and guidance. Give us a deeper love for sacred Scripture, a desire to read and reflect upon it, and a longing to follow more faithfully the way of Jesus. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Jesus then said to those who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

READER: Let us each approach the Bible, one by one, place our hands on its open pages, and pray a silent prayer of personal commitment. Pray in your heart for each person as they approach the Bible.

READER: The psalmist prays to God: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). Show us how to travel through the dark places of life with the light of your word.

READER: The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8). Show us how to trust your word as our eternal source of life.

READER: In his parable of the sower, Jesus explains, "The sower sows the word" and "the ones that hear the word and accept it" are like rich soil that bears fruit (Mark 4: 14, 20). Show us how to let the seed of your word take root within us and bear a rich harvest.

READER: The Letter of James urges us: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Show us how to listen to your word and then put it into action.

Come Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the living word of Scripture. May it always be the center of our home and our lives. As you have inspired that word with power and truth, now give us confidence to read the Bible in ways that form us into disciples. Fill our hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love, so that you may renew the face of the earth.

READER: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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Mary Zogelman

Rosary: Tim & Monica Svoboda

"what lesson can I learn here?" as if Jesus was simply a wise guru in the past sent to teach me how to be nice. Approach Scripture approaching a Person, who is Fire, who will change me into fire simply by being in His presence. Go to your prayer-spot, at your prayer-time after leaving your phone in a different room. Set a timer for your prayer-duration (10-30 minutes), and light the candle. Pray "*Come Holy Spirit. Come through Mary.*" Then sit up and sit still with your hands in your lap, up or down. Eyes closed (or open towards an icon). Take slow, deep breaths. Pay attention to the physical sensation of your breathing. Lastly, combine the name "Jesus" with your breathing. Breathe in...then breathe out the name "Jesus". Or, breathe in the name "Jesus"...then slowly breathe out in silence. Or, breathe in the first syllable "Je-", and exhale slowly the second syllable "-sus". Simply sit still and pay attention to your breath and the name "Jesus". Whenever you find that your attention has been stolen by thoughts, gently bring your attention back to the breathing of the name "Jesus". After doing this for a while, read slowly out loud the daily Mass Gospel or psalm or anything that struck you in Liturgy of the Hours or anything else from Scripture. Read only a little. Give the Spirit a moment of silence to work—maybe return to breathing the name of Jesus. Read slowly out loud again the Scripture passage. When the Spirit highlights a word, phrase or image, begin to "chew" on that word, phrase, or image repeating it slowly to yourself (maybe in combination with your breath). You can alternate between this word, the name of Jesus, and the larger Scripture passage as you desire. When your timer goes off, finish with a slow *Glory Be*. Reverence the Sacred Word with a kiss. Blow out your candle. Carry the word that pierced you throughout the day, chewing on it like a piece of rich meat.

~ Saturday, February 22, 2025 ~
~ Pilsen Community Center ~

Silent Auction open for bidding upon arrival.

**All funds raised benefit Marion County Charities and
Individuals in need.**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

While we have accomplished great things – for which Bishop Kemme is truly thankful and humbled - we still have some work to do, and we need everyone’s help. Today is a great opportunity for those who have not yet made a gift to join those parishioners who are answering the call to come together as one family, fully alive as missionary disciples in the Diocese of Wichita. Our goal is 100 percent parish participation. Let us give thanks in prayer at Mass today, for the pride we will feel at Holy Family Parish for playing a role in the success of this campaign.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tessa Ann Svoboda, daughter of Cole & Montana Svoboda, for her baptism at Pilsen on Jan. 19th.

Sun., Jan. 26 - Capital Campaign Commitment Weekend
Reclaimed Sunday

Sun., Mar. 2 - Stewardship Renewal at Parish Festival with meal, Pilsen Community Center, noon

May the Lord open our ears and hearts so that we may listen to His Word and those of our brothers and sisters. Through our attentiveness and charity, we can make our world more fraternal and restore to it the hope of joy.

TAX STATEMENTS will be ready for pick up from the office on Wed., Jan. 29th. If not picked up by Fri., Jan. 31st, they will be put in the mail.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.