

A stained glass window depicting the Annunciation. The Virgin Mary is on the left, seated and looking towards the right. The Angel Gabriel is on the right, standing and holding a scroll. In the center, the Holy Spirit is shown as a dove with wings spread, surrounded by flames. The background is filled with colorful geometric patterns and figures.

Heavenly Father,
you sent forth the Holy Spirit
to renew the face of the earth.
That same Spirit overshadowed
the Blessed Virgin Mary
and the Word became Flesh.
As we face Our Challenge
to be a parish where the
faithful encounter Christ anew
and emerge as disciples
to continue His mission
of redemption,
send that same Holy Spirit
to overshadow
and renew our parish.
And may we, as Mary,
respond, *Fiat*,
let it be done.

As part of our parish “Challenge” take these questions and prayerfully discern your answers individually and as families:

1. What more can I/we do in order to reach the deeper, more personal, level of discipleship called forth by the New Evangelization?
2. Why is this important to me and my relationship with God?
3. In what ways am I/are we willing to commit to the sacrificial stewardship of this “next level” discipleship?

Consider using these tools for your discernment & for reaching “next-level” discipleship:

-Join us in a novena to the Holy Spirit after the 6:30am Mass starting Sunday, October 27th and ending on November 4th, the 30th Anniversary Celebration for our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. You can make this novena in community or on your own.

Copies of the Novena will be available the weekend of Oct. 26/27th and online on our website: www.blessedsacramentwichita.com

-Use the scripture to discern your commitment to Our Challenge:

- ◆ *Either individually or as a family, read the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 24: 14-30.*
- ◆ *Take a few minutes in silence to consider what is happening in this passage. If you are reading the passage as a family, take a few minutes to allow everyone to share their observations on the text.*
- ◆ *Read the passage again — out loud if in a group.*
- ◆ *Take a few minutes in silence to consider what this passage means for you. How is the Lord challenging you relative to Our Challenge? Take a few minutes to share how the Lord is challenging you.*
- ◆ *End with a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for the courage needed to follow through on what the Lord is asking of you.*

-Offer an hour of adoration.

-Join the parish on Friday, November 8th for a day of fasting & abstinence, or fast another day on your own.

-Say a rosary individually or as a family.