



St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

861 North Socora Wichita, KS 67212

April 9, 2017

PALM
SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The Triduum

I have to admit that I did not grow up being a sports fan and, even though I have my favorite teams, I am no statistician. But my interests kick into full gear when we near the climatic parts of the seasons like the World Series, the Super Bowl, or March Madness. But even if your thing is the annual lawn and garden show or an annual festival, most of us know what it is like to have an annual event peak our interest. Personally, I love watching March Madness, especially the first round where the tournament quickly moves from 64 teams to 32 teams. I make sure to put it in my calendar each year. For these teams it's all on the line, make-it-or-break-it. It's athletic excellence at its best!

But long before I had the first round of March Madness in my calendar I had this year's Holy Triduum in my calendar: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These are the three holiest days of the year. Here's my point: Do for the Triduum what you would do for your most important annual celebration.

First, clear your calendar. Do whatever you can to minimize your distractions on those days so that you can keep focused on the events of the day.

Second, put the Holy Triduum events in your calendar, especially the "Big Three":

- ◆ Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 pm
- ◆ Good Friday Services – 7:00 pm
- ◆ Easter Vigil is at 8:30 pm

Put these times in your calendar and try to make these events – they only happen once a year! If you can't make one of these celebrations then don't be afraid to ask how they went. Try to say some prayers during those times to increase the graces of the celebration. And encourage others to go even if you can't make it.

Third, make plans for other events even if you can't make the "Big Three":

- ◆ Confession: Wednesday from 4:30 - 5:30 pm and 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- ◆ Stations of the Cross: Noon on Good Friday
- ◆ Easter Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 and 1:00

You see, when it comes to religion maybe you are like me with sports, you didn't grow up being a sports fan and you only get engaged when the major events are happening. Perhaps you can say, "You know, I didn't grow up being the most spiritual person. But every time Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday come around, I'm ready to plug in because... that's liturgical excellence at its best!"

ADORATION CHAPEL

"So could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"

~Matthew 26:40

He is living there. He wants us to speak to Him!

Call Sandy Rongish at 990-6647 or Jenny Morgan at 721-8871 if you would like to sign up.

STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Stations will be held on *Good Friday, April 14* at 12:00 pm.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 13. The office will also be closed on Good Friday, April 14 and Easter Monday, April 17.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will close at 6:00 pm on Holy Thursday and will reopen Easter Sunday at 2:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 13: No 8:00 am or 5:30 pm Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 14: No 8:00 am or 5:30 pm Mass
Good Friday Stations—12:00 pm

Good Friday Services—7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15: No 8:00 am Mass
Easter Vigil—8:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 16: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 1:00 pm Masses.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 13: 7:00 pm—Jenny & Clare Morgan/
Sherry & Ed Berger/Elizabeth & Stuart Meether/
Deloris Wendling/Stephanie Farley/Jerry Pates

Good Friday, April 14: 7:00 pm—Jenny & Clare Morgan/
Rod Dix

Holy Saturday, April 15: 8:30 pm—Listed on page 6

MUSICIANS

Holy Thursday, April 13: 7:00 pm—Sacred Ensemble

Good Friday, April 14: 7:00 pm—Traditional Choir

Holy Saturday, April 15: 8:30 pm—Traditional Choir

ATTENTION: SERVER TRAINING FOR THE TRIDUUM SERVICES

We will have training for all of the servers scheduled for the Triduum Services as follows:

Holy Thursday from 12:00-1:00 pm

Good Friday from 12:30-1:30 pm

Holy Saturday from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

If you are scheduled to serve please come to the training on that particular day. If you are unable to serve please get a sub and remind them of the training. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Monday, April 10—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass.

Marian Mantle Rosary Group meets following the 8:00 am Mass to pray for loved ones who no longer practice the faith.

St. Francis Girls' Ensemble, 8th grade through high school, will rehearse from 7:00-8:00 pm in St. Clare Hall Music Room. All young ladies are welcome to join us.

Tuesday, April 11—The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in St. Bonaventure Center from 9:15-11:15 am.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group prays the rosary each Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome. This week's petition is "Lord Jesus, we pray for those who have left the Church to return to You. May they find peace in reconciliation and the joy of the Eucharist."

St. Francis 10:00 Choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm in the Church in preparation for the Triduum.

Wednesday, April 12—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Thursday, April 13—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Friday, April 14—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Bonaventure Center at 8:30 am. We will be reading and discussing the Gospel of John.

Monday, April 17—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

K of C Council 4118 monthly membership meeting at 7:00 pm at the Council Hall. All members or men wishing to transfer are invited. For more information call 461-6481.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Charities Committee grocery sack Lenten Food Drive Sacks need to be returned by this *Sunday, April 9* to the table in the front walkway.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

"In the Power of the Holy Spirit" will be presented by Fr. Jarrod on *Sunday, April 30* from 5:00-7:30 pm. This mini retreat is for ages Kindergarten on up; married and single. We will begin with a light meal followed by a talk in the church, ending with a prayer service. Registrations are a must and will take place this weekend April 8 and 9 after all Masses. Come experience this unique gathering of our church family! We will see you there!

MISCARRIAGE & STILLBIRTH SUPPORT GROUP

Child of My Heart is a grief sharing group offering spiritual and emotional support for parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. Our gatherings will be the 2nd Monday of every month in St. Bonaventure Center. We will meet this *Monday, April 10* at 7:30 pm. Questions please call or text Becky at 210-1098.

“STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE”

Stewardship is an act of faithful obedience. We are taught to do and give with joyful hearts, but certainly there are times when that is incredibly difficult. Today's scripture readings give us Jesus as the definitive example of stewardship. We see him willfully offer his life in obedience to the Father's will. The reading from Isaiah proclaims, "Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear, and I have not rebelled..." As Christian Stewards, we must do the same. Do we listen for God's call? Do we hear his call with an open heart? Or do we succumb to our doubts and fears, rebelling against God's wishes? As we meditate on the Passion of our Lord, let us learn from his obedience. Let us be reminded of his sacrifice and of his merciful compassion. And finally, let us respond to God's call with similar love and obedience.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed daily at 3:00 pm here at St. Francis of Assisi beginning *Good Friday, April 14 through Saturday, April 22*. The Novena will be prayed in the church and prayers will be provided. All are invited.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Francis of Assisi will celebrate a special service on *Mercy Sunday, April 23*. The rosary will begin at 2:30 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm and Mass will follow. Fr. Jarrod will be our celebrant. All in the parish and throughout

the diocese are invited. **Please note:** Confessions will not be heard at this service. You are encouraged to go to Confession within the octave (8 days before or after April 23) to gain the graces from this devotion. The Divine Mercy Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. FRANCIS

The next Virtus training here at St. Francis will be *Saturday, April 22* in Stewardship Hall from 9:00 am-noon pre-registering by going to www.virtus.org is highly suggested.



"Do not be afraid to say 'yes' to Jesus to find your joy in doing His will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness.

~Pope Benedict, XVI

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of those who participated and helped with the JCYM (Junior Catholic Youth Ministry) this school year. These events were successful and faith filled and could not have been without your participation. See you for our next event *Wednesday, October 4.*

PRAYER & ACTION

Prayer and Action sign up is underway! This is a weeklong mission trip in the Wichita Diocese. The mission trip/retreat begins Sunday evening and concludes Friday afternoon. A team of seminarians and other dynamic young adults facilitate each Prayer & Action week. This team and the parish adult leaders will be with the students at the worksites, working side-by-side with them to paint, clean, do yard work, and other tasks for those in need. In the evenings, the team will lead Collatio, the retreat portion of Prayer & Action. Collatio is perhaps the most important part of the day as the students pray, worship, and grow together in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in attending Prayer & Action this summer please email esavage@stfranciswichita.com or call Emily at 722-4404 as soon as possible as space is limited.

THE MISSION OF YOUTH MINISTRY

The **mission** of SFA youth ministry is to *assist* parents in forming their children to become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. . .

- *Sunday, April 9—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- *Wednesday, April 12—Father, Teach us to Pray
- *Friday, April 14—CYM Good Friday Stations at Noon
- *Wednesday, April 19—Easter Swing Dance Party
- *Wednesday, April 26—Guest Speaker; Tara Elpers
- *Sunday, April 30—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses

5TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Children of all ages are welcome to enjoy the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on *Easter Sunday, April 16* at 11:15 am. There will be three different age divisions. Kids, bring your baskets to the field south of St. Clare Hall. There will be three different age divisions. Parents, bring your cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny! Hosted by the SFA Girl Scout Troops.

BAPTISMS

If you are a registered member here at St. Francis and need to schedule a baptism please call the Church office, 722-4404.

STEWARDSHIP BEYOND

Consider giving a gift to your parish through your will as a way of expressing your gratitude to God for numerous blessings.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has an opening for a full time Director of Maintenance. This position will supervise the maintenance and janitorial operations of our church and school and will be responsible for the upkeep and physical operations of our facilities. This person will supervise and/or perform tasks relating to HVAC, plumbing, alarm systems, janitorial services, mechanical and carpentry operations and general facility cleaning and repair. An ideal candidate will have a cooperative attitude, strong communication skills, attention to detail and project coordination skills. They will collaborate with Pastor, Principal, parish and school staff, parishioners and supervise the maintenance staff. Please submit your resume and cover letter by April 21 to: St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Attn: Maintenance Position, 861 N. Socora Wichita, KS 67212 or drop off the information at our church office at the above address.

RCIA SUMMER HOSPITALITY HELP

RCIA is looking for individuals to help with hospitality one Wednesday a month. This stewardship opportunity would involve purchasing (with donated gift cards), setting up, and cleaning up drinks/snacks during RCIA classes on Wednesday nights. The classes run from April 12 - October 4 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. You are not required to stay for the entire class (set up from 6:00-6:30 pm and clean up from 8:00-8:30 pm). Contact Melissa with questions or to sign up at jm.lezniak@gmail.com. **RCIA is also seeking Dillon's gift card donations** in \$10 increments to cover food, drink, and supply costs. Any donated gift card can be taken to the Church office. Thank you for your generosity!!

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ON AND OFF 'THE NET'

Detective Hans Asmussen, Certified Forensic Computer Examiner, Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, will be presenting here at St. Francis on internet safety and how to keep our children safe. All are welcome to attend on *Wednesday, April 19* from 6:30-8:00 pm in Cana Hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

In a time of war there are those who are called to serve. Please pray for the safety of our parishioners who are in harm's way:

SSgt Jonathon Blank, US Marines (***recovering from serious injury***)

Sgt Phillip Bush, US Army, Medic

SFC Matthew J. Connelly, US Army

Sgt Dan Cruz, US Army

PVT Joe Goodale, Army National Guard

SRA Michael Hermann, USAF-Firefighter

Richard Mayer, US Army

Stephanie Niemeyer, US Army

Bless them and keep them Lord, as only you can give peace to a troubled world. If your family member's name is not listed here and they are still deployed in either Afghanistan or Iraq, please contact Sally Knolla at 393-9255.

HARVEST HOUSE

Will meet on *Thursday, April 20* in St. Clare Hall at 12:00 pm. Our entertainment will be provided by the Heritage Barbershop Quartet. If you are 55 or older and would like to get out of the house for a couple of hours come joint us for fellowship. Sandwiches, chips and dessert will be provided. For more information call John at 722-7611.

MARY’S MOMS: BIBLE STUDY & PLAY GROUP

Expectant mothers and mothers with young children are invited to attend a NEW bible study group! It will begin *Wednesday, May 3* from 9:00 am-11:00 am in St. Clare Hall. We plan to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month to study the “Bible and the Virgin Mary” together - a 12 part series that beautifully illustrates truths about Mary and her role in salvation history. Free babysitting will be provided. Play group activities will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (TBA). For more information or to register you and your children please call/text Rachel Lies (785) 236-1309.

2016 COUNCIL 4118 KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Knights of Columbus Council 4118 selected PGK Ron Helten as our 2016 Knight of the Year. Throughout 2016 Ron showed us what it means to be a Knight by example. He has been our Tootsie Roll Chairman, our Lord’s Diner Coordinator, and on our Council Leadership Team. Ron was always there to help when we had an event. Ron established our Ride-Sharing program for our brother Knights who can no longer drive. He is a Lector and Usher at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. In all his dealings, Ron Helten is an example of what it means to be a Catholic Gentleman who wants to serve his Church and community.

2016 COUNCIL 4118 FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Council #4118 selected Past Grand Knight Thomas and Paula Mayhill as our 2016 Family of the Year. Thomas served our Council as Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and now as a Trustee. He served on the Third Degree Team for four years. Thomas also continues to serve as the Fish Fry Chairman and Council Coordinator to St. Francis Parish. Thomas continues his service to the Knights by doing maintenance, cleaning and painting duties around our Hall. The Mayhill’s live out a Stewardship way of life through involvement in the parish. Thomas greatly enjoys being a Parish Eucharistic Minister, both are Greeters, and they do little projects for the priests. Thomas has been deeply involved with the Faith Forward Project by serving on the Faith Formation Team. Paula had served as Coordinator of the RCIA program for eight years and they have sponsored several individuals and couples into the Faith. Paula had worked in the SFA Church Office and currently works in the School Office. Thomas and Paula are readily recognized as a couple who are true stewards of our faith, and our Order.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 10

8:00 am Jerry Crowell
5:30 pm Charles Watson

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 am Gene Farran
5:30 pm Shirley Mainzer

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 am Robert Kuhlmann
5:30 pm Dec. Mem. Carl & Evelyn Tiemeyer Family

Thursday, April 13—Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Gloria West
Mike McNeil
Norma Barron

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

No Mass

Saturday, April 15—Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Adrian Martin
Teresa Kuestersteffen
For the People

Sunday, April 16

7:00 am David Rice
8:30 am Mary Agnes Testa
10:00 am Eve Trainor
11:30 am Thanksgiving
1:00 pm Joe Lies

SERVERS/MC’S

WEEKDAY LECTORS

Monday, April 10

8:00 am G. McElhiney/P. Burns
5:30 pm C. Hampel/G. Sladek

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 am J. Exley/J. Exley
5:30 pm A. Nguyen/L. Carter

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 am E. Neville/G. Schuster
5:30 pm C. Tran/E. Niedens

Thursday, April 13—Holy Thursday

7:00 pm A. Seiler/B. Gregg/D. Mies/I. Iseman
M. Burns/W. Hawk/Seminarian

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

7:00 pm B. Daigle/B. Simon/E. Zink/I. Elpers
J. Vo/L. Tajchman/Seminarian

Saturday, April 15—Holy Saturday

8:30 pm D. Dugan/G. Hauge/J. Schonhoff/K. Farley/
S. Aruskevicius/T. Harter/2 Seminarians

Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

7:00 am E. Gregg/J. Miller/S. Graf/**B. Ely**
8:30 am B. Kraus/E. Iseman/K. Gulick/I. Iseman/Sem
10:00 am A. Newman/A. Vopat/B. Newman/G. McElhiney/Sem
11:30 am C. Meier/G. Ternes/K. Johnson/N. Brummett/Sem
1:00 pm A. Sauer/C. Rosales/G. Ast/K. Tran/Sem

ELIJAH CUP

Please check in with Priest before Mass. To sign up please call the Church Office at 722-4404

April 15-16—James Bitting Family
April 22-23—James Borland Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 15—8:30 pm Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir
Sunday, April 16—7:00 am Patrick Harms/Mary Lou Harding
 8:30 am Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir/Brass
 10:00 am Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir/Brass
 11:30 am Matthew Ho/Dominic Bacha
 1:00 pm Matthew Ho/Caitlin Marrero

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday**

8:30 pm Patty & David Lies/Jennifer & Mike Hybl
 Marcia & Jim McAnarney/Jill & Roger Kerschen
 Joan Hampton

Sunday, April 16

7:00 am Heather, Alli & Chris Gregg/Jodell Daniels/Maren Breit
 8:30 am Elizabeth & Stuart Meether/Ann Dorn
 Kimberly Yager/Sean Hudspeth
 10:00 am Rene & Lynn Feldkamp/Sandi Baalman
 Sharon Sanders/Vi Schuckman
 11:30 am Martha & Larry Dostert/Collette Schumacher
 Rachel Little/John Bahr
 1:00 pm Becky Brummett/Carole Conley/Jennifer McDaniel
 Logan Petersen/Tom Eckberg

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday**

8:30 pm Liz Charles/Laurie Briggs

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

7:00 am
 8:30 am
 10:00 am
 11:30 am
 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm
 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 23

7:00 am
 8:30 am
 10:00 am
 11:30 am
 1:00 pm

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday**

8:30 pm RCIA

Sunday, April Easter Sunday

8:30 am Margie Whalen
 10:00 am David & Amy Weaver
 11:30 am William & Bernadine Bachman
 1:00 pm Adam & Rachael Wiebe

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm Randy & Denise Walker
 7:00 pm Frank Woydziak

Sunday, April 23

8:30 am Omero & Carla Banuelos
 10:00 am Mel & Shirlee Zandler
 11:30 am Tammy Bacha
 1:00 pm William & Suzanne Young

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: After weekend Masses by appointment only. Parents registered here at St. Francis please call the church office at 722-4404.

Matrimony: Call the priest at the Rectory at least 9 months in advance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Donna: (8:00 am-6:00 pm).....

Kevin or Karen: (6:00-10:00 pm)

E-mailsfapayerchain@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4118 316.461.6481

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LIBRARY

Hours: Friday 8:30-9:30 am & Sunday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Call 706-7185 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

Phone 1.800.848.LOVE

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Those interested in attending NFP classes may contact the diocesan office at 316-685-6776. Website: www.nfpwichita.org.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or a friend is hurting from an abortion, please call 316-634-1300 today.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check Lost and Found in front walkway. Items will only be kept for two weeks before donating to Good Will.

CHANGES

Please keep the Church Office informed of changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. By letting us know you have moved, we can save money on postage returns and keep our membership roster up to date.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Must be submitted to church office no later than 9:00 am Tuesday.