

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017

Knock, Knock

Knock, knock... it makes you want to say, "Who's there." Doesn't it? Like: "Knock, knock... Who's there?... Orange... Orange who?... Orange ya' glad it's Jesus?" But I'm not interested in talking about jokes. I am interested inviting you to knock on doors.

In my time as Pastor I have come to understand that there are many things that belong to the "DNA" of St. Francis parish: commitment to adoration, frequent use of confession, high attendance at daily Mass just to name a few. But there is another part of the "DNA" of our parish: the deep memory of home visits from years ago.

I myself remember my parents being visited by fellow parishioners in our house. I have a vivid memory of them sitting around our dinner table talking about a new diocesan effort called "the stewardship way of life." And here I am, nearly 30 years later, still able to recall a simple, brief visit from another parishioner. Home visits are memorable and impacting experiences that communicate an essential message: "You are important to us."

Jesus himself knew the power of home visits. Luke 10:1 recounts that "the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit." And he instructed to them, "To whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household'" (10:5). Did you ever consider that Jesus himself instituted home visits? And just like Jesus sent 72 disciples to homes ahead of him, I am asking you to consider going to homes on behalf of St. Francis parish. In fact, the code of Canon law clearly states, "A pastor is to visit families" (528.2). But how could I possibly visit 2,700 households on my own? I need your help.

Would you please consider joining other parishioners in visiting homes this June?

The visit itself will simply include delivering a packet of information, a small gift and a kind hello. Its primary purpose is to personally contact every household in the parish in a hospitable and welcoming way. There will be training for all those participating to make sure you are comfortable conducting these visits. If you feel uncomfortable going alone, we will make sure and pair you up.

Next Sunday I will be personally asking parishioners to consider joining us. There will be an opportunity to sign up. Members of the home visitation team will be at each Mass to answer questions.

I can't express to you how important this home visitation is! Jesus himself organized his disciples into groups to visit homes and to wish peace upon the home. Many parishioners will recall the home visits from years ago... they are memorable and impacting. They are a part of the "DNA" of our parish. Please help us with this important event! So, in a certain way, you could say this Father's Focus is me saying, "Knock, knock... Who's there... Fr. Jarrod... Fr. Jarrod who?... I'm a pastor who is asking for your help."

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Francis of Assisi will celebrate a special service today *Mery Sunday*. 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.



## ADORATION CHAPEL

*"If we truly believe that Jesus is Lord, then we have to change. We have to break free, literally rise from the tombs of sin we've been hiding in. Do you want real freedom? Then let go, open your hands and let go—and with that empty hand, reach out to hold on to the Pierced Hand."*

**Trust.**

**Listen.**

*He is speaking a message of freedom to you—the freedom you've always desired. He is asking you to walk with Him... Say yes!"*

~Sr. Alicia Torres, FE

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

## VIETNAMESE PARISHIONERS OF ST. FRANCIS

Giáo dân Việt Nam thuộc giáo xứ St. Francis of Assisi sẽ có buổi lần hạt và cầu nguyện vào lúc 5 giờ chiều, chủ nhật ngày 23-4-17 tại nhà thờ. Xin mời quý ông bà và anh chị em đến để đọc kinh cầu nguyện, tìm ý và sự hiện diện của Chúa, và kết thân với Chúa trong đời sống thiêng liêng.

The Vietnamese parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi will have their monthly scriptural rosary and adoration this *Sunday, April 23* at 5:00 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please call Ann at 258-7657 or Tam at 519-4248 if you have any questions.

SFA	YAG	Young Adult Gathering	A gathering for all young adults, single or married, ages 22 – 35
			to come together for an evening of faith and friendship. Our next gathering will be this <i>Thursday, April 27</i> at the Rectory. The evening consists of a presentation, discussion and social time. You are welcome to come for all or part of the evening. Non-parishioners are welcome. Spouses older than 35 are welcome. Feel free to bring nonalcoholic drinks or snacks as you wish. Daycare will be provided, please call or text Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 or email <a href="mailto:steinertcs@gmail.com">steinertcs@gmail.com</a> to sign up your children.

**Monday, April 24**—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 25**—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 "Jesus, we praise You and we thank You for your Divine Mercy, and the promises you make to us from your unfathomable mercy."

**Wednesday, April 26**—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Adult Bible Study in Stewardship Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Thursday, April 27**—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

St. Francis 10:00 Choir will rehearse at 7:00 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. Everyone, high school age and up, is invited to sing with us.

St. Francis Men's Ensemble will rehearse at 8:30 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. All men of the parish are welcome.

**Friday, April 28**—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass. We will be reading and discussing the Gospel of John.

**Saturday, April 29**—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

**Sunday, April 30**—Adult Bible Study in Stewardship Hall from 9:45-11:15 am.

**Monday, May 1**—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

**Thursday, May 4**—Attention men of St. Francis interested in meeting new parishioners. Come join us this month in St. Clare Hall at 7:00 pm. If you have questions please contact Danny Burt, II at [danburtii@yahoo.com](mailto:danburtii@yahoo.com).

**Saturday, May 6**—St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet after the 8:00 am Mass in St. Bonaventure Center. The St. Pio Prayer group meets the first Saturday of the month following Mass, Rosary and First Saturday devotions. Please join us. For more information please call Laura Bevis 214-2766.

### SUPPORT GROUP

If you are caring for someone with dementia we can help. All are encouraged to attend our meeting *Thursday, April 27* from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House. Transportation or respite care can be arranged by calling Frances at 722-3773. The family is always welcome to come with you.

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

If you want to know what Stewardship looks like, take another look at today's reading from the book of Acts. The early Christians devoted themselves to studying the teaching of the apostles. They sold all of their belongings and shared the proceeds with one another as was needed. They prayed together and ate together and praised God with sincerity of heart. They received the gifts of God and joyfully gave them back, and they were abundantly blessed for it! We have much to gain by studying this passage and taking it to heart. May we all practice our Stewardship with similar enthusiasm.

### RCIA SUMMER DONATIONS

RCIA is 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!!

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

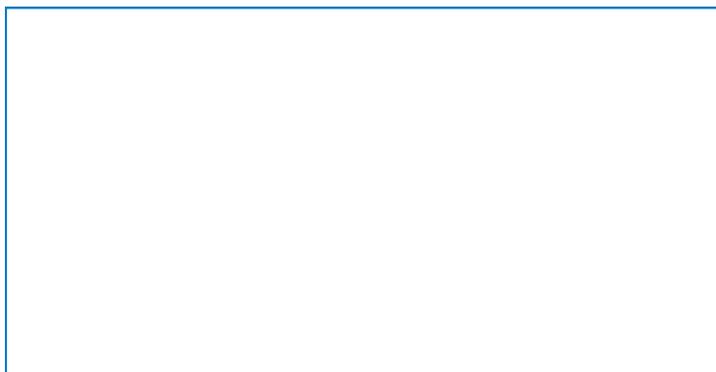
**The Venerable Beads: A Bible Study on the Most Holy Rosary**—Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn reveal how both the Old and New Testaments can be incorporated into the meditation of the Rosary. Their talk will include: Why the Rosary is not “un-biblical”; How God has been preparing the mysteries of the Rosary from all eternity; How to explain and defend Marian doctrines. Join us for this brief three-week study which includes reciting the Rosary and listening to the audio CD presentation by the Hahns. We will meet in Stewardship Hall on *Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm or Sundays, at 9:45 am*. Because there are no course materials or cost for this study, pre-registration is not required. For more information, contact Julie Schoenberger at 644-7285 or via email: [djschoen1@cox.net](mailto:djschoen1@cox.net).

### DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM 1ST QUARTER NUMBERS ARE IN!!

\$4,650 was contributed to St. Francis of Assisi. At this time we 485 households using their Dillons Plus Shopper's Card purchases to support our SFA Parish community. For more information on how to get set up with this program please call the church office.

### SFA STUDENTS TO PERFORM BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

All are invited to the performances on Thursday, April 27 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm and on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 pm.



*Pope Paul VI once said,*

*“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”*

## 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](mailto:esavage@stfranciswichita.com) or call Emily at 722-4404 as soon as possible as space is limited.

## HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. . .

- \*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
- \*Wednesday, May 3—May Crowning
- \*Sunday, May 7—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- \*Wednesday, May 10—Adoration, Benediction, Confession
- \*Sunday, May 14—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- \*Wednesday, May 17—Parking Lot Dance
- \*Wednesday, May 24—Study Night + Cookies and Milk
- \*Wednesday, May 31—Gaga Ball, outdoor games

## SUMMER KICK-OFF COOK-OUT-JUNE 7

At the Rectory. All High School and current 8th graders encouraged to attend.

## CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Young adults who have completed one year of college or are at least 19 years old are invited to attend the college week of Prayer and Action at Sacred Heart Parish in Arkansas City, KS, June 4-9. Cost for the entire week is only \$75. Registrations are due by May 15. For more information or to register please call the Office of Faith Formation at 316-269-3940.

## TOTUS TUUS DATES

- Totus Tuus Twilight at SFA**—July 9-July 13
- Totus Tuus Day Program at SFA**—July 10-July 14
- Camp Totus Tuus**

June 5-7: 5/6 Grade Girls, June 7-9: 5/6 Grade Boys  
 June 12-16: 7/8 Grade Girls, June 19-23: 7/8 Grade Boys  
 June 26-30: 9/10 Grade Girls, July 10-14: 7/8 Grade Boys  
 July 17-21: 7/8 Grade Girls  
 July 24-28: 9/10/11/12 Grade Boys  
 July 31-August 4: 11/12 Grade Girls  
 For more information on Camp Totus Tuus visit <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/camp-totus-tuus>.

## BAPTISMS

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

## 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 28 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month (TBA). For more information or to register you and your children please call/text Rachel Lies (785) 236-1309.

## ATTENTION ROYALS FANS!!

The Men's Club here at St. Francis is sponsoring a day trip to see the KC Royals vs. the Cleveland Indians on *Saturday, June 3*. A bus from Village Charter will be leaving St. Francis at 8:00 am and should return to St. Francis at 8:30 pm. If you have any more questions call Village Charter at 721-4455.

## 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.

**ATTN: JUNIOR CLASS PARENTS/STUDENTS**

We are looking for Junior class parents and students to volunteer to help with the reception that is put on for the graduating seniors from our parish on *Sunday, May 21* after the 10:00 am Mass. Call the church office at 722-4404 if you are interested.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

We will meet next *Tuesday, May 2* from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Agnes Ministry House. The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Nurse Ministry has formed this group for those that struggle with mental health issues and also for those close to them. All are welcome to join us the first Tuesday of every month, no registration is required and you can come to one or all of our gatherings. This is a safe place to come learn and share.

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA**

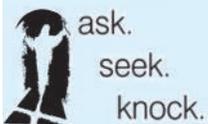
St. Francis will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima on *Saturday, May 13* from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. The celebration will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, followed by Recitation of the Rosary, Procession and Crowning of Mary, viewing of “The Day the Sun Danced” movie. Everyone is invited to participate in the procession and crowning. All recent First Communicants are encouraged to wear their attire from that special occasion.

**DISCERNING FAITHFUL RESPONSES TO INFERTILITY**

Fr. Jarrod recently videotaped a talk on Catholic responses to infertility. In this presentation he answers questions such as: What options can Catholics take in responding to infertility? What options can they not take? What are the reasons why some options are acceptable and others are not? What is the most effective option? You can find this talk by going to [www.stfranciswichita.com](http://www.stfranciswichita.com). Click on “Pastor’s Corner” and then click on “Father’s Blog.” You can find the video under “2017.3.13 - Discerning Faithful Responses to Infertility.”

**STEWARDSHIP BEYOND**

God has shared his gifts with you during life. Share those gifts in his work at your death by remembering your parish in your will.



Join us for dinner, lessons, and small group conversation to find a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Discover Christ in your own life! We will gather on Thursdays, June 8 through July 20 at 6:30 pm in St. Clare Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, April 24**  
8:00 am Joy Aukofer  
5:30 pm Alice Helser
- Tuesday, April 25**  
8:00 am Manuel Soria  
5:30 pm Chris Helser
- Wednesday, April 26**  
8:00 am Spec. Int. (Paul Wesko)  
5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Jerry & Lou Ann Morgenstern)
- Thursday, April 27**  
8:00 am Spec. Int. (AO)  
5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Ladies Auxiliary)
- Friday, April 28**  
8:00 am John Holloway  
5:30 pm Jim Weber
- Saturday, April 29**  
8:00 am Gary Preder  
5:00 pm Roy Morgison  
7:00 pm Susan Jacobson
- Sunday, April 30**  
7:00 am Marie Burke  
8:30 am Mary Lubbers  
10:00 am For the People  
11:30 am Iris Pohlman  
1:00 pm All Souls

**SERVERS/MC'S**

**WEEKDAY LECTORS**

- Monday, April 24**  
8:00 am A. Avant/E. Hernandez  
5:30 pm J. Exley/J. Exley Bridget Harvey
- Tuesday, April 25**  
8:00 am J. Stuckey/K. Stuckey  
5:30 pm K. Hill/M. Schrandt Renee Hein
- Wednesday, April 26**  
8:00 am K. Mitchell/M. Zwenger  
5:30 pm A. Daigle/M. Bitting Ron Helten
- Thursday, April 27**  
8:00 am B. Overlie/L. Shelton  
5:30 pm J. Pearson/K. Reynaga Steve Hermann
- Friday, April 28**  
8:00 am B. Munk/L. Timmermeyer  
5:30 pm C. Strunk/H. Lubbers John Hermann
- Saturday, April 29**  
8:00 am A. Morgan/B. Strunk Bob Voboril  
5:00 pm G. Daigle/J. Loyd/S. Charlton/**E. Zink**  
7:00 pm H. Faber/L. Taylor/R. Kirk/**J. Vo**
- Sunday, April 30**  
7:00 am J. Tran/J. Tran/S. Graf  
8:30 am C. Scott/J. Sanburn/R. Haneberg/**J. Schonhoff**  
10:00 am A. Riedel/L. Zarchan/M. McMullen/**A. Seiler**  
11:30 am A. Harter/J. Lara/K. McClure/**T. Harter**  
1:00 pm A. Lyle/D. Lyle/S. Jordan/**K. Tran**

**ELIJAH CUP**

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

- April 29-30**—Eugene Bosken Family
- May 6-7**—Kennedi McClure Family



**MUSIC SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, April 29**—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Matthew Ho  
7:00 pm Maddy Shoup/Dorsey Burgess  
**Sunday, April 30**—8:30 am Ryan Dick/Melissa Seiler  
10:00 am Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir  
11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Robin Bradfield  
1:00 pm Matthew Ho/Clare Morgan

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION****Saturday, April 29**

5:00 pm Heather, Alli, Chris Gregg  
Denise & Randy Walker  
7:00 pm Jill & Roger Kerschen/Deloris Wendling  
Kimberly Yager/Ann Dorn

**Sunday, April 30**

7:00 am Deanna & Bill Abildgaard/Stacy Bennett  
Stephanie Seiler/Mike Martin  
8:30 am Jennifer & Mike Hybl/Maren Breit  
Rod Dix/Thomas Mayhill  
10:00 am Angie & Billy Lubbers/Linda Looney  
Catherine & James Bitting  
11:30 am Maggie & Robert Orris/Mary Kotrba  
Nathan Lies/Sean Hudspeth  
1:00 pm Carole Conley/Jean Rees/Jennifer McDaniel  
Logan Petersen/Ryan Biedron

**LECTOR / COMMENTATOR****Saturday, April 29**

5:00 pm Fey Barles/Dave Becker  
7:00 pm Mike Buchanan/Cynthia Powers

**Sunday, April 30**

7:00 am Patricia Bluml/Curtis Dorn  
8:30 am Don Werner/Dee Troyer  
10:00 am John Offerman/Evan Lies  
11:30 am Jeffrey Hauge/Carol McCormick  
1:00 pm Julie Westphal/Ann Daigle

**Saturday, May 6**

5:00 pm Liz Charles/Laurie Briggs  
7:00 pm Kelby Schawe/Jeff Cerre

**Sunday, May 7**

7:00 am Dan Dillon/Jill Ward  
8:30 am Steve Hermann/Sally Stump  
10:00 am Monica Hammer/Madelyn Hammer  
11:30 am Youth/Youth  
1:00 pm Danny Burt/Brenda Wasinger

**OFFERTORY GIFTS****Saturday, April 29**

5:00 pm Joe & Kathy White  
7:00 pm Cheryl Young

**Sunday, April 30**

8:30 am Robert & Christi Bailey  
10:00 am Brandon & Sara Adams  
11:30 am Dale & Sandi Baalman  
1:00 pm Adam & Meghan Zarchan

**Saturday, May 6**

5:00 pm Mark & Ann Baker  
7:00 pm David & Gail Becker

**Sunday, May 7**

8:30 am Anniversary Couple  
10:00 am Joe & Sandra Ast  
11:30 am Youth Group  
1:00 pm Robert & Jan Berry

**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-mail** .....sfapraychain@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.nfpwchita.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.