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a seven-week experience

St. Francis of Assisi will be hosting
Discovering Christ June 8th - July 20th

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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

861 North Socora, Wichita, Kansas

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PARISH OFFICE/RECTORY

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Office Hours • Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-2:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend • Saturday 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm
Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am & 1:00 pm
Weekdays • Monday-Friday 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily 5:00-5:25 pm, Saturdays 3:00-4:00 pm

Father 's Focus

A Parish is Youth-Filled

This is "Part 11" of a fifteen part series called "The Vision of an Ideal Parish" based on an article by Dr. Peter Williamson. The first 10 parts spoke of the parish as: Trinitarian, Christological, Communal, Missionary, Kerygmatic, Pneumatological, Charismatic, Sacramental, Catechetical and Familial.

I remember hearing about Ponce de Leon searching for the fountain of youth: a magical water source capable of reversing the aging process. Alas, never did he find it, nor does it seem that such a fountain exists. Yet, now-a-days it seems that people search for their own fountain of youth through beauty products, weight loss programs or even medical procedures. For wheel or for woe, it seems that the search for youth is a part of the human desire.

But the problem isn't that we have a desire for youthfulness... the problem is that we have forgotten where true youthfulness is found. Youthfulness springs ever-afnew from young people!

For example, think of a grandfather with a newborn grandchild. Doesn't the grandfather become renewed in energy with his grandchild? Or think of a grandmother chasing her granddaughter in a game "Get you, Get you" as they run around a dining room table. Or think again of an older sibling, usually grumpy from growing pains, building a pillow-fort for his four year old sister. Or still yet, think of an uncle who makes silly faces and blows "zerberts" on the cheeks of his nieces and nephews.

The fact is, we DO have a fountain of youth... it is the youth in our presence. It is they who cause us to forget the burdens of old age and revert back to silliness ourselves. If only we could convince our culture that the fountain of youth is the blessing of children! As the bible says, "Children are...like arrows in the hand of a warrior...blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them!" (Ps 127:3-5). And again, "Jesus called a little child to him...and said... whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Matthew 18:2-6). You see, an ideal parish is a parish filled with young people! Just as a child is the true "fountain of youth" to a family; so too, children are the "fountain of youth" of our parish. And with Jesus I shout out-loud, "Let the children come!"

How wonderful it is to have a phenomenal youth ministry program! How proud I am of families that bring their children to faith formation! How amazing our catholic school and catholic high school are for us! Because of them our parish is young! Because of them we are all reminded of the innocence of youth, the need for joy, the struggle for learning, the drama of life and the excitement of discovering our childhood in God the Father! So, Ponce de Leon, keep your fountain! And, pharmacies, fie on your products! Our youth is in our young people. Let them come to us and renew us in our own youthfulness!

News & Notes

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.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities wishes to thank all of our wonderful parishioners for once again making our Lenten Food Drive a huge success. 6,235 food items were donated; 1,685 families were touch, that is 4,419 people St. Francis of Assisi helped.

Thank you for giving to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry!

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!!

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 this *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.

THANK YOU FOR GOD SQUAD

On behalf of all who attended, we would like to thank St. Francis of Assisi Parish for providing God Squad. We would like to thank God and the Holy Spirit for inspiring us all to attend, and we would like to thank Fr. Jarrod for teaching us new ways to draw closer to Jesus through deeper and more meaningful prayer, rosary, mass, and scripture understanding. It was a true blessing being able to put names to faces of our parishioners that we have seen but have never met. We would also like to thank Fr. Drew Heimann, Fr. Josh, and Fr. Dan. We look forward to next season and invite everyone to attend.

THANK YOU

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Thank you for the many hours your community gives to the Lord's Diner. Your help is very much appreciated.

The Lord's Diner Staff

Monday, May 1—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.

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

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, May 2—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 pray for our Priests in our diocese, particularly the Priests here at St. Francis. Thank you for the great Priests that you have sent us."

Wednesday, May 3—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, May 4—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.

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.

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

Friday, May 5—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, May 6—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

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.

Sunday, May 7—Adult Bible Study in Stewardship Hall from 9:45-11:15 am.

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.

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

Who are these two troubled disciples on the road to Emmaus? They have seen all that happened to Jesus and had great expectations for what was to come. But they seem disappointed in the empty tomb. Their faith is incomplete, and they do not understand all that has truly happened. They do not recognize the stranger who literally breaks open the scripture and explains precisely how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament. These two men could easily be you and I. We can, at times, be blinded by our own expectations of how things should go. We can only hope that Jesus will be there to spell it all out for us! Stewardship means being open to God's plan; it means that we recognize that same burning in our hearts, and we respond in gratitude... even when things seem uncertain!

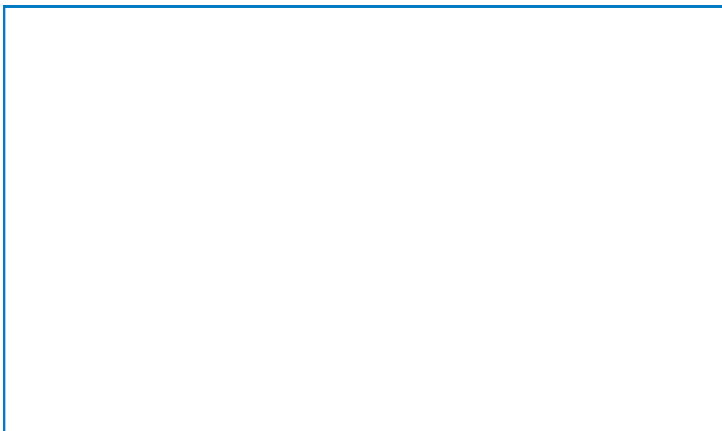
MARY'S MOMS: BIBLE STUDY & PLAY GROUP

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.



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.



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—ONE MORE WEEK TO SIGN UP

Our Mission Weeks: June 11-16 and June 25-30

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.

HERE IS WHAT’S HAPPENING. . .

***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.

BAPTISMS

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Parish nurses will be in the Bride’s Room in the back of church after all the Masses next weekend May 6 & 7.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Is next *Sunday, May 7*, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Our parish will join the universal church to ask for God’s blessings that we may be strengthened with priestly and religious vocations. During all Masses that weekend, parishioners will have the opportunity to fill out forms for a Spiritual Bouquet for Garrett Burns and Todd Shepherd, parishioners who are preparing for their diaconate ordination on May 20, as well as our parish priests to show our support for them and encourage them in their priestly vocations.

PARISH ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Everyone in the parish is invited to join the Immaculate Heart of Mary rosary group on *Tuesday, May 9, at 7:30 pm* to pray the rosary for the intentions of Garrett Burns and Todd Shepherd, parishioners who will be ordained deacons on May 20.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of May are invited to the Anniversary Mass next *Sunday, May 7* at 8:30 am. Please sit in the front section of the Church. Join us for coffee and donuts in St. Bonaventure Center after mass.

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 next *Monday, May 8* at 7:30 pm. Questions please call or text Becky at 210-1098.

STEWARDSHIP BEYOND

Think now about all the gifts God has given you and how those gifts have filled your cup. Your cup is full. Because it is full, you have something to give back. Please remember the parish in your will.

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.

100TH 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.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Our bi-monthly meeting will be *Saturday, May 13* at 9:00 am in Stewardship Hall. Please bring your calling cards. If you are unable to attend, please call either Monica Hammer at 651-6102 or Marilyn Bundy at 722-5424.

TOTUS TUUS DATES

Totus Tuus Twilight at SFA—July 9-July 13
Totus Tuus Day Program at SFA—July 10-July 14
 (registration forms for the day program are now available in the church office).

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>.

PERSONAL AD

Looking for a summer nanny? PT or FT position availability. Call Riley at (316) 259-0228. References available.

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA’S CENTENNIAL U.S. TOUR FOR PEACE

This historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on Sr. Lucia’s description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community. Diocesan dates are:

- Sunday, May 7** IHM Novitiate House in Colwich;
- Monday, May 8** Blessed Sacrament;
- Tuesday, May 9** Church of the Resurrection;
- Wednesday, May 10** the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Learn more about the tour and the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, May 1**
 8:00 am Ed Neville
 5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Jim & Ginny Sachs)
- Tuesday, May 2**
 8:00 am John Beat
 5:30 pm Mary Ann Becker
- Wednesday, May 3**
 8:00 am Roger Robben
 5:30 pm Do Family
- Thursday, May 4**
 8:00 am Ray Schauf
 5:30 pm Bill Uhler
- Friday, May 5**
 8:00 am For Vocations
 5:30 pm George & Marce Goetz
- Saturday, May 6**
 8:00 am For Priests
 5:00 pm Lawrence Wurtenburger
 7:00 pm For the People
- Sunday, May 7**
 7:00 am Don Rau
 8:30 am Paul Shinogle
 10:00 am Ottilia Collard
 11:30 am Jim & John Holloway
 1:00 pm Donald Tinker

SERVERS/MC’S

WEEKDAY LECTORS

- Monday, May 1**
 8:00 am B. Petty/C. Seiler
 5:30 pm G. Rogers/Z. Rogers Marcia McAnarney
- Tuesday, May 2**
 8:00 am K. Brown/N. Brown
 5:30 pm G. McElhiney/J. Stephenson Renee’ Means
- Wednesday, May 3**
 8:00 am G. Sladek/G. Schuster
 5:30 pm K. Forbes/L. Forbes Greg Peter
- Thursday, May 4**
 8:00 am A. Bye/A. Nguyen
 5:30 pm C. Hampel/P. Burns Jim Sachs
- Friday, May 5**
 8:00 am J. Miller/L. Munoz
 5:30 pm C. Tran/L. Becker Julia Schauf
- Saturday, May 6**
 8:00 am K. Johnson/N. Brummett Scott Carter
 5:00 pm A. Sauer/E. Gregg/G. Ternes/**B. Gregg**
 7:00 pm F. Barles/J. Hartman/M. Gallant/**W. Hawk**
- Sunday, May 7**
 7:00 am A. Newman/B. Newman/H. Nguyen
 8:30 am H. Lubbers/H. Lubbers/P. Burns/**M. Burns**
 10:00 am B. Prichard/E. Benefiel/I. Sanchez/**D. Mies**
 11:30 am N. Garcia/P. Garcia/R. Garcia/**B. Simon**
 1:00 pm A. Kerschen/M. Robinson/N. Smith/**G. Hauge**

ELIJAH CUP

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

- May 6-7**—Kennedi McClure Family
- May 13-14**—Don Brugman Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE**Saturday, May 6**—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Dorsey Burgess

7:00 pm Ann Chase/Bogner

Sunday, May 7—8:30 am Julie Riedlinger/Emma Sanburn

10:00 am Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir

11:30 am Patrick Harms/Girls' Ensemble

1:00 pm Matthew Ho/Marcia Bradfield

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, May 6**5:00 pm Jean & Bill Heimann/Kay Suchan
Jenny & Clare Morgan7:00 pm Amy & Don Brugman/Fey Barles
Lisa Hinson/Michael Skaggs**Sunday, May 7**7:00 am Dee & Bill Abildgaard/Mary Carter
Rita Landwehr/Jim Rundell8:30 am Sherry & Ed Berger/Charles Mersmann
Dwayne Dugan/Joseph Hein10:00 am Stephanie, Kian & Steven Farley
Sharon Sanders/Albert Maldonado11:30 am Marcia & Jim McAnarney/Kathleen Timmermeyer
JoAnn Forister/Jerry Pates1:00 pm Collette Schumacher/Sue Gunther/Susan Fry
Steve Gonzales/Tom Eckberg**LECTOR / COMMENTATOR****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

Saturday, May 13

5:00 pm Adam Hein/Maria Douglas

7:00 pm Juli McClure/Sean Hudspeth

Sunday, May 14

7:00 am Greg Peter/Bridget Harvey

8:30 am Helen Cole/Joan Hampton

10:00 am Herb Shaner/Lisa Chandler

11:30 am Marcia McAnarney/Jeff McAnarney

1:00 pm Randy Phelps/Troy Harter

OFFERTORY GIFTS**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

Saturday, May 13

5:00 pm Daniel & Barbara Benefiel

7:00 pm Daniel & Cara Betzen

Sunday, May 14

8:30 am Stuart & Tonya Bevis

10:00 am Ed & Sherry Berger

11:30 am James & Mallory Borland

1:00 pm James & Catherine Bitting

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.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.