



# Weights & Measures

Annual Pastoral Address  
On Stewardship

By Fr. Jarrod

December 3rd, 2:00 P.M.

— or —

December 5th, 7:00 P.M.

In the Church

All are encouraged to attend.

Families with children in Catholic Schools  
are required to attend.

St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

861 North Socora, Wichita, Kansas 67212

*Sunday, December 3, 2017—First Sunday of Advent*

Waiting... again.

Space Mountain in Disney World has been the most memorable rollercoaster ride of my life. I had never been on anything like it in my life. I remember waiting forever in line for this ride, too. Waiting... waiting... waiting... All I knew is that a ride in Disney World was supposed to be amazing. But I had no idea how good it was going to be! Wow! What a ride.

The whole ride was inside in pitch blackness. You couldn't even see the track except for their silhouette against the video playing on the walls of the building. The video itself was about flying through space (hence the name Space Mountain). At one point during the ride it looked like the rollercoaster was going to go straight through the wall when, at the same time, an asteroid was flying directly at you. Just when it looked like you were going to hit the asteroid/wall the rollercoaster track took an immediate downturn! I was totally unprepared for this sudden drop. I did the only thing I knew to do: I screamed! What a rush that ride was! It was exhilarating and exciting. So, after the ride, I did what every good kid would do... I got back into line. Waiting was not a problem.

Well, Advent is a lot like waiting in line...again... for a ride we have already been on. You see, the first time we heard the truth about Jesus Christ, about how he became a man and was laid in a manger, about how he preached the truth and died for our sins, about how he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, was a lot like the first time we rode a rollercoaster. Hearing the story for the first time we were able to react to the story and to accept it as our own personal story.

But just like a little kid wants to ride any good ride a second time, Advent is that time of the year when we "ride" the story of salvation in Jesus Christ all over again. The first Sunday of Advent is the start of a new liturgical year. And every liturgical year is a retelling of the entire story of salvation: from Jesus' Birth in Christmas, to his preaching in Ordinary Time, to his death and resurrection in Lent and Easter, to his Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. And Advent, like waiting in line for a ride we've already been on, is a time of waiting as we prepare ourselves to relive the entire story of the Gospel one more time.

I could have ridden Space Mountain a hundred times and never have been bored. In the same way I have relived the story of salvation in Jesus Christ 44 years in a row... it is still as enlivening as the first time! So let us use this Advent to get excited for another ride along the story of salvation.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

*"O Come Let Us Adore Him . . ."*

**Urgent Need: Mondays from 7:00-8:00 a.m.**

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

**For Immaculate Conception the Chapel will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 7 and reopen at 8:00 p.m. on December 8.**

## VESPERS: SUNDAY ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

*Sunday, December 3* is the first Sunday of Advent. Enter into the spirit of Advent by joining us for evening prayer each Sunday of Advent. Evening prayer will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will last 30 minutes. This peaceful and prayerful tradition of the Church is an enriching way to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

## CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

In an effort to make confessions more available this Advent Season Fr. Jarrod, Fr. Andy, and Fr. Labenz will hear confessions in-between Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses the following weekends:

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Confession times on these weekends will be:

- Saturday at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday after the 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. Masses

**Our Parish Penance Service will be  
Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### MASS TIMES FOR THE HOLY DAY

Vigil Mass on *Thursday, December 7* at 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Day, *Friday, December 8* at 8:00 a.m., 12:00, 5:30, 7:00 p.m.

### EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/MUSICIANS

**Thursday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.;** Jean Heimann, Kay Suchan, Linda Looney, Sherry & Ed Berger;

**Musicians-**Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Clare Morgan

**Friday, December 8, 8:00 a.m.;** Kay & Leroy Goodknight, Janice McClure, Madelyn Hammer, Joe Hein;

**Musicians-**Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Marcia Bradfield  
**12:00 p.m.;** Barbie Walden, Becky Brummett, Mary Carter, Patty Quilty, James Bitting;

**Musicians-**Julie Riedlinger/Marilyn Moreland  
**5:30 p.m.;** Maggie & Robert Orris, Patricia & David Lies, Rod

Dix; **Musicians-**Scotney Reichenberger/Matthew How  
**7:00 p.m.;** Angie & Billy Lubbers, Barbara Fritz, Monica Hammer, Jerry Pates; **Musicians-**Ann Chase/Bogners

### CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

On *Friday, December 8.*

**Monday, December 4**—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

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

**Tuesday, December 5**—Marian Mantle Rosary Group meets following the 8:00 a.m. Mass to pray for loved ones who no longer practice the faith.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in St. Bonaventure Center from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group prays the rosary each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome. This week's petition is "Mary our Mother, during this Advent season help us prepare for the coming of your Son by deepening our prayer life, and renewing in us acts of fasting and penance."

**Wednesday, December 6**—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mary's Moms Bible Study and Play Group in St. Clare Hall from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

St. Francis 10:00 Choir will rehearse at 7:00 p.m. 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 p.m. in Clare Hall Music Room. All men of the parish are welcome.

**Thursday, December 7**—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome.

**Friday, December 8**—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will be studying James.

**Saturday, December 9**—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church. All are invited.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

(Each week we will highlight a different committee)

### Discovering Christ

Mission: To bring evangelization to St. Francis of Assisi, to help our parishioners and the community within our boundaries to learn to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to grow in their faith.

## UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note that in December the dead-lines for the bulletin will be as follows:

Monday, December 11—December 17 bulletin is due.

Friday, December 15—December 24 bulletin is due.

Thursday, December 21—December 31 bulletin is due.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Parish nurses will be in the Bride's Room in the back of church after all the Masses this weekend December 2 & 3.

## GIRL SCOUTS TO BABYSIT!!

Girl Scout Cadette Troop #40551 (7th graders) from SFA will be hosting two opportunities to take advantage of their babysitting skills. Mark your calendars for this *Sunday, December 3, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. and Friday, December 15, from 6:00-10:00 p.m.* This Sunday drop your children off at St. Clare Hall Basement for a time filled with games, crafts, and all around fun! The girls attended a babysitting camp where they learned all about caring for children and they are now ready to put it to action. Dinner/lunch and snack included, all ages welcome. Free will donations will help the troop complete their Silver Awards and other activities. For questions or to reserve spots email [aimcehampel@yahoo.com](mailto:aimcehampel@yahoo.com). We hope your children will be able to join us!

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Mandatory Confirmation retreat will be held this *Sunday, December 3* from 3:30-8:00 p.m. The retreat will begin in Cana Hall and will end in the church. The retreat is for students only and we will not have a Mass. Dinner will be served. For more information contact Vanessa Condrey at 640-8527.

## FRIENDS OF FRANCIS!

"**Friends of Francis**" is for those over 40. Our next gathering will be this *Monday, December 4*. The format of the group is simple: 6:30-7:00 p.m. social, 7:00-7:30 p.m. presentation, 7:30-8:00 p.m. discussion, 8:00-9:00 p.m. social. This gathering will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month. Babysitting is available. Simply call Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 to RSVP your children.

## BABYSITTING AVAILBLE FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES TALK

This *Tuesday, December 5* babysitting will be available during Fr. Jarrod's Annual Pastoral Address at 7:00 p.m. Children may be dropped off in Cana Hall. For more information or to RSVP for your children please contact Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507.

## BAPTISMS

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

## JUNIOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY!!

Mark your calendars for our next JCYM *Wednesday, December 6!* Come and join us for giant Tic-Tac-Toe and to celebrate Mary and her “Yes” to be the mother of God. Future JCYM dates for this school year are January 3, February 7, March 7 and April 4. We meet in the school gym from 6:45-8:00 p.m. JCYM is for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders of the parish. The night will include prayer, a guest speaker, music and games.

## WHAT CYM IS ALL ABOUT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Youth Ministry assists parents in forming the children into life long disciples of Jesus Christ. All high school students are invited and encouraged to attend Wednesday night activities from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Assisi Hall. You can find us in the walkway at our check in table each Wednesday.

*“Remember the past with gratitude.  
Live the present with enthusiasm.  
Look forward to the future with confidence.*  
~St. John Paul, II

## HERE IS WHAT’S HAPPENING. . .

### CYM meets on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30 p.m.

- \*Sunday, December 3—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses in the front walkway
- \*Wednesday, December 6—Fr. Jarrod will speak about being “Somebody’s Somebody Else”
- \*Sunday, December 10—Breakfast with Santa, Cana Hall from 9:30 a.m. to noon
- \*Wednesday, December 13—No CYM
- \*Wednesday, December 20—Holy Hour, Benediction, and Confessions
- \*Wednesday, December 27—No CYM—Merry Christmas
- \*Wednesday, January 3—Swing Dancing
- \*Sunday, January 7—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses in the front walkway
- \*Wednesday, January 10—Holy Hour, Benediction, and Confessions
- \*January 16, Tuesday-January 21, Sunday—March for Life
- \*Wednesday, January 17—Pro-Life Rosary
- \*Wednesday, January 24—Open Gym
- \*Wednesday, January 31—Living Virtue—Breakout Sessions

## THE FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Calling all women interested in a retreat over the Christmas holiday. If you are between the age of 18-27, there is a perfect opportunity to take a weekend away and spend it in prayer, fellowship and fun! Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat gives you the opportunity to meet and spend time with consecrated sisters from various communities. Even if you aren’t actively discerning religious life, it is a great chance to take a weekend for yourself and learn to trust the Lord while being led by Him! What could be better than that?! Find more details or register online at [www.fiatministries.org](http://www.fiatministries.org).

## ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES

Will be available for purchase after all masses this weekend December 2 & 3 in both St. Clare Hallway and the front walkway. You may also purchase them in the church office during the week.

## RESPECT LIFE JOY OF GIVING TREES

Please visit any of our three Respect Life Joy of Giving Trees located in the front walkway, St. Clare walkway and Adoration Chapel walkway. Take one or more “need” ornaments and return your donations to the front walkway Christmas tree on or before *Sunday, December 17*. Please attach the ornament to your donation. Your generosity to these agencies is greatly appreciated!

## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

To benefit “Our Daily Bread” Food Pantry is underway through December 21. The pantry is in need of non-perishable food items (canned chicken and tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, oatmeal, cereal, granola bars, rice, pasta, soup and canned pasta). Donations can be placed in the Holiday Food Drive boxes located in the front walkway and St. Clare hallway. Cash donations can be left in the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Will meet this *Tuesday, December 5* from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in St. Agnes Ministry House. The SFA 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.

## MARY’S MOMS: BIBLE STUDY AND PLAY GROUP

Expectant mothers and mothers with young children are invited to attend Mary’s Moms Bible Study and Play Group *Wednesday, December 6*. Meetings are from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Play group activities will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month (TBA). New members can call/text Rachel Lies (785) 236-1309 for more information.

## LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of the parish are invited to our Christmas party on *Thursday, December 7*, 6:30-8:45 p.m., in St. Clare Hall. Main dish and drinks will be provided. If your last name ends with A-L, bring a side dish to share; if it ends with M-Z, bring a dessert; or, in lieu of either, a bottle of wine. If you’d like to participate in our gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift with the theme of “something beautiful, inspirational or delicious.” RSVP is not required, but will help us with arrangements. RSVP by responding to the signup genius that was emailed or by email to [ann.walden@yahoo.com](mailto:ann.walden@yahoo.com).

## STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

It is not too late to turn in your stewardship forms for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve in 2018. Even if you have signed up for an activity in the past, a new form is needed each year. A new list of stewards is generated and given to each group leader every year. Thank you for sharing your generous gifts with the Lord and our parish family.

## ALL COUNCIL MINUTES ON-LINE

Parishioners can now see the All Council Minutes on our website. Go to [www.stfranciswichita.com](http://www.stfranciswichita.com) click on "Communications" then "Council Minutes".

## 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 *Monday, December 11* at 7:30 p.m. Questions please call or text Becky at 210-1098.

## CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all. Very soon, you will be receiving an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your gift is used to benefit the 46 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese and the 23 priests in retirement. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift this year to support our priests.

## RETRouvaille

This program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage. Go to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) for more information about the upcoming Wichita weekend beginning *Friday, December 8*. For more information text or call 314-249-5227.



## HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, NEW SOCKS

The Lord's Diner will once again be collecting winter hats, gloves, and scarves along with new socks to distribute to our guests for Christmas. Drop off your new items at the Broadway location now through *December 15*.

## WINTER COAT AND SHOE DRIVE

Please consider donating any new/gently used coats and gloves. These items will be used to serve children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Sizes ranging from 4t to 16/18.

There is a great need in our community and your gifts will be used for kids in Wichita. Donation boxes will be set up in the school and church walkways. If you would like your donations picked up contact Sara Adams 316-992-1979 or [sadams@thepandointiative.org](mailto:sadams@thepandointiative.org). Thank you so much for your time and generosity!!!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Kass and Kemp Family  
5:30 p.m. Joe Murillo

### Tuesday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Patricia Staab  
5:30 p.m. Harold Bluml

### Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Frank & Amelia Hertach  
5:30 p.m. Thomas Rosner

### Thursday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Spec. Int. (Matt Johnson)  
5:30 p.m. Matt Smith

### Friday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Jerome Kessler  
12:00 p.m. All Souls  
5:30 p.m. Eliseo & Clara Hernandez  
7:00 p.m. Spec. Int. (Michele Kostelecky)

### Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Katie Hilger  
5:00 p.m. Gregory & Gene Seely  
7:00 p.m. Mike McNeil

### Sunday, December 10

7:00 a.m. Marie Burke  
8:30 a.m. Kelly Ollek  
10:00 a.m. For the People  
11:30 a.m. Carrol & Helen Anderson  
1:00 p.m. Mai & Tieu Tran

## SERVERS/MC'S

### Monday, December 4

8:00 a.m. A. Avant/K. McClure  
5:30 p.m. J. Sanburn/L. Zarchan

### Tuesday, December 5

8:00 a.m. J. Miller/R. Haneberg  
5:30 p.m. K. Reynaga/N. Brown

### Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. J. Lara/L. Timmermeyer  
5:30 p.m. J. Weakland/J. Pearson

### Thursday, December 7

8:00 a.m. A. Harter/L. Becker  
5:30 p.m. B. Wadlowe/G. McElhiney/G. Schuster/S. Aruskevicius

### Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. C. Hampel/G. Sladek/E. Gregg/B. Gregg  
12:00 p.m. I. Sanchez/J. Stephenson/L. Taylor/B. Ely  
5:30 p.m. G. Ast/H. Faber/M. McMullen/K. Farley  
7:00 p.m. A. Bye/A. Mauler/S. Charlton/E. Zink

### Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. B. Prichard/S. Jordan Sally Stump  
5:00 p.m. G. Rogers/T. Stewart/Z. Rogers/L. Tajchman  
7:00 p.m. B. Booth/G. Ternes/H. Nguyen/B. Gregg

### Sunday, December 10

7:00 a.m. B. Munk/D. Lyle/M. Gallant  
8:30 a.m. B. Newman/K. Gulick/M. Fouquet/M. Burns  
10:00 a.m. C. Strunk/H. Lubbers/M. Bitting/I. Iseman  
11:30 a.m. N. Garcia/P. Garcia/R. Garcia/B. Ely  
1:00 p.m. A. Nguyen/E. Iseman/N. Brummett/E. Zink

## WEEKDAY LECTORS

Dan Schoenberger

Herb Shaner

Linda Shinogle

## ELIJAH CUP

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

December 9-10—Randall Gorges Family

December 16-17—Steven Graham Family



**MUSIC SCHEDULE****Saturday, December 9**—5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 10**—8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION****Saturday, December 9**5:00 p.m. Marybeth & Jim Lubbers/Jean Rees  
Kay Suchan/Rachel Little7:00 p.m. Sharon & Jeff Cerre/Deloris Wendling  
Michael Skaggs/Sean Hudspeth**Sunday, December 10**7:00 a.m. Leann & Steve Cless/Linda Shinogle  
Rita Landwehr/Jim Rundell8:30 a.m. Julie & Greg Morgan/Dwayne Dugan  
Mike Martin/Walter Zemanick10:00 a.m. Barbara & Daniel Mies/Sharon Sanders  
Jackie & Pat Burns11:30 a.m. Marcia & Jim McAnarney/Ryan Biedron  
Robert & Kathleen Timmermeyer1:00 p.m. Elizabeth & Stuart Meether/Susan Fry  
Martha & Larry Dostert**LECTOR / COMMENTATOR****Saturday, December 9**

5:00 p.m. Jim Sachs/Darlene Bird

7:00 p.m. Kathryn Torres/Kelby Schawe

**Sunday, December 10**

7:00 a.m. Greg Peter/Bridget Harvey

8:30 a.m. Helen Cole/Joan Hampton

10:00 a.m. Brian McMullen/Renee' Means

11:30 a.m. Tim Fox/Emily Riggs

1:00 p.m. Randy Phelps/Troy Harter

**Saturday, December 16**

5:00 p.m. John Sander/Renee Hein

7:00 p.m. Jeff Cerre/Sean Hudspeth

**Sunday, December 17**

7:00 a.m. Bob Voboril/John Hermann

8:30 a.m. Michael George/Sally Stump

10:00 a.m. Mike Fuhrman/Chris Stewart

11:30 a.m. Jeffrey Hauge/Carol McCormick

1:00 p.m. Brad Streeter/Linda Shinogle

**OFFERTORY GIFTS****Saturday, December 9**

5:00 p.m. Mary Spachek

7:00 p.m. Jolene Senter

**Sunday, December 10**

8:30 a.m. George &amp; Vi Schuckman

10:00 a.m. Keith &amp; Jennifer Setser

11:30 a.m. Mark &amp; Leann Simon

1:00 p.m. Mitchell &amp; Amanda Serrioz

**Saturday, December 16**

5:00 p.m. Manh Tran

7:00 p.m. Brian &amp; Lawanda Severt

**Sunday, December 17**

8:30 a.m. Tracie Shelton

10:00 a.m. Randell &amp; Linda Slusser

11:30 a.m. Chris &amp; Maria Stewart

1:00 p.m. Gerald &amp; Shannon Shoemaker

**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 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)..... 316.722.6204**Kevin or Karen:** (6:00-10:00 p.m.) ..... 316.721.1771**E-mail** .....sfapraychain@gmail.com**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4118** ..... 316.461.6481**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LIBRARY**

Hours: Friday 8:30-9:30 a.m. &amp; Sunday 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Call 706-7185 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**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 a.m. Tuesday.