

PARISH MISSION

WITH FR. LARRY RICHARDS



Monday-Thursday, February 20th - 23rd

7:00-9:00 pm

You will never be bored and your life **WILL** be changed forever.

St. Francis of Assisi

861 North Socora, Wichita, KS

February 12, 2017—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father 's Focus

Sacramental

This is "Part 8" of a fifteen part series called "The Vision of an Ideal Parish" based on an article by Dr. Peter Williamson. The first 7 parts spoke of the parish as: Trinitarian, Christological, Communal, Missionary, Kerygmatic, Pneumatological and Charismatic.

I have been told that an earth quake in Minnesota caused some hot springs in Arkansas to stop being hot springs. Imagine that! That there is such a labyrinth of underground streams that an earth quake hundreds of miles to the north can stop water flowing hundreds of miles to the south! But what happens in nature we take for granted in our homes. After all, doesn't the water from the faucets in our homes have its origin in Cheney lake? Or in smaller communities, doesn't a water tower supply the water for the homes in a local community? In other words, a reservoir at a distance is the source for water through our faucets.

And so it is with the sacraments. Like water through faucets, grace comes through the seven sacraments. And just like water comes from reservoirs, so to the grace of the sacraments come from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We call this the Paschal Mystery. And we are saved because the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has touched our souls and given us new life. But we need to ask a question: How can an event 2000 years ago "touch" my soul today? Isn't it the past? And the answer is this: The Sacraments.

Like water flows from a reservoir through our faucets, the grace of the Paschal Mystery flows through the sacraments into our soul. And in much the same way that the hot springs of Arkansas once had its origin thousands of miles away through invisible underground rivers, so too, the Sacraments are the visible connection to invisible rivers of grace that connect us to the Paschal Mystery.

You see, the book of Hebrews tells us that Christ's sacrifice happened in heaven, not on earth (cf. Heb 9:23-27). Since his sacrifice happened in heaven that means the grace of his life, death and resurrection is present to all people in all times. Like the water in our homes comes from a reservoir miles away, the grace of the Paschal Mystery is gathered in heaven like a mighty reservoir and comes to our souls through the seven sacraments.

How precious the sacraments are to our soul! They are like faucets of grace that pour the life of Christ into our soul! What an honor it is to be able to be washed in Baptism, to be anointed in Confirmation, and to receive the body of Christ in the Eucharist! How great it is to be forgiven in Confession, strengthened by Anointing, united by Matrimony or ordained through Holy Orders!

Thus, an ideal parish is a sacramental parish because it is through the sacraments that the life of Christ is poured into our soul. Let us rejoice in the sacraments that are celebrated in our parish!

News & Notes

ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Magi adored him. They knew that he was the Messiah, God made Man....Jesus present in the tabernacle is the same Jesus the wise men found in Mary's arms. Perhaps we should examine ourselves to see how we adore him when he is exposed in the monstrance or hidden in the tabernacle."

J. Escriva

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 AND MASS CHANGE DURING LENT

We will no longer have 7:00 pm Stations or 7:30 pm Mass on Fridays during Lent. Beginning Friday, March 3 we will have 5:30 pm mass as usual and then Stations will follow at 6:00 pm.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Cub Scout Pack 762 will have their famous All-You-Can-Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this *Sunday, February 12* from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. Proceeds help fund Pack 762's Scouting Adventure. Thank you for your support!

29TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL CLASSIC

Between The Padres (Priests of the Diocese) and Knights of Columbus Council #4118 is scheduled this *Sunday, February 12* at the Bishop Carroll High School Gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tip-off at 7:00 pm. Suggested donation; Adults \$5, kids \$2.50, Family Pass \$15. Proceeds support religious vocations!

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, February 13* at 7:00 pm. Questions please call or text Becky at 210-1098.

HARVEST HOUSE

Will meet this *Thursday, February 16* in St. Clare Hall at 12:00 pm. Theresa Hatfield from Oxford Villa will be speaking on elderly scams. If you are 55 or older and would like to get out of the house for a couple of hours please come and join us for chili and dessert. For more information call John at 722-7611.

BAPTISMS

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



Monday, February 13—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, February 14—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 "Mary our Mother, help us be open to the will of the Father in our lives, and particularly help us show humility and love to our neighbor."

Wednesday, February 15—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Thursday, February 16—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, February 17—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, February 18—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

Monday, February 20—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.

SERVERS WANTED

Server Training for PSR and Home School students

Any young person 6th to 12th grade in PSR or home schooled is invited to become a server for daily and weekend Masses. We will have training on *Saturday February 18* from 9:30 am-12:00 pm ending with a pizza lunch. If you have not already signed up please contact Nikki in the church office.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are caring for someone with dementia we can help. All are encouraged to attend our meeting *Thursday, February 23* 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.

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

If you have ever visited the Sistine Chapel in Rome, you have seen the famous ceiling panel depicting God reaching out to touch the outstretched finger of Adam. But did you notice that just below the ceiling, there is a series of perhaps lesser known paintings? Along one side of the chapel is a sequence of paintings illustrating pivotal scenes from the Old Testament. Along the opposite wall of the chapel are paintings that portray Jesus fulfilling each of those moments from the Old Testament. In today's gospel, Jesus assures the disciples that he did not come to abolish (end/dismiss) the Law they had studied all of their lives. Rather he came to *fulfill* the Law – he came to put it into effect and make it real! Time and time again, the life and teaching of Jesus brings the ancient Jewish Law into the present. And that continues to be true today! How often are we guilty of interpreting the commandments to meet our situation? Jesus clarifies the very definite meaning of those laws handed to Moses ages and ages ago, and he goes on to give practical application of those laws in modern life, not only for his disciples, but also for us today.

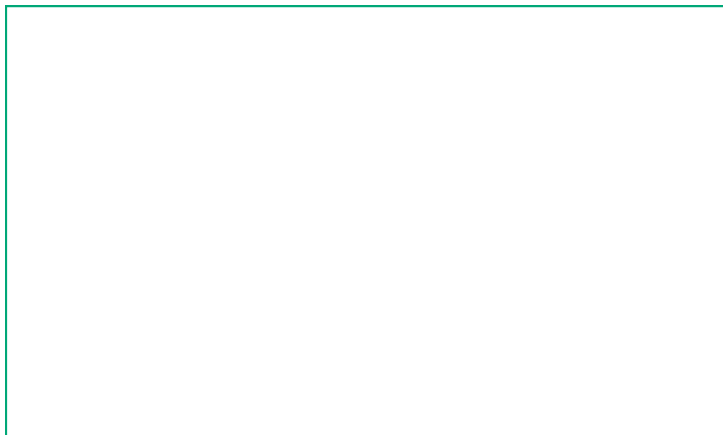
VIETNAMESE PARISHIONERS OF ST. FRANCIS

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 19-2-17 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.

Vietnamese parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi will have a scriptural rosary and adoration this *Sunday, February 19* from 5:00-6:00 pm in the church. Please contact An at 258-7657 or Tâm at 519-4248 if you have any questions.

IGNITE

A Unique retreat in the Holy Spirit!!! Do you want to have a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit? Then come to “Ignite” to enhance the living work of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ignite begins on *Friday, February 24* from 6:30 pm-9:30 pm and continues through *Saturday, February 25* from 9:00 am through 5:00 pm Mass. Please call the church office as soon as possible - there are a limited number of openings - when these are filled you will be put on the list for our June “Ignite”. May the power of the Holy Spirit move your hearts to attend.



“God is Love” 1 John 4:16

WHAT CYM IS ALL ABOUT

St. Francis youth ministry seeks to meet these four pastoral needs:

- ⇒ Need to be understood
- ⇒ Need to belong
- ⇒ Need to be engaged in critical thinking
- ⇒ Need for guidance

All teens in high school are **INVITED** to attend Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) **THIS** Wednesday night in Assisi Hall. The welcoming table will be open at 7:50 pm in the front walkway, we will end by 9:30 pm. Feel free to bring a friend. We hope to see you there.

HERE IS WHAT’S HAPPENING. . .

*Wednesday, February 15—Open Gym

*Saturday, February 18-Monday, February 20—Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Retreat

*Wednesday, February 22—CYM will meet in the church for the Parish Mission

*Sunday, February 26—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

Is a 3-day retreat based on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. On a TEC retreat, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ through talks, group discussion, individual reflection and prayer, and sharing in the Sacraments. The weekend is led by a team of youth and adults, with a priest as spiritual director. The next TEC is February 18-20. Cost is \$100. To register please visit <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith-tec/tec>.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

(DCYC) Each spring the youth of the diocese come together to celebrate our Catholic faith as it has been shared throughout the year in diocesan and parish youth ministry. DCYC offers youth the opportunity to meet new friends, engage in exciting breakout sessions, listen to dynamic speakers, laugh, sing and worship with other likeminded young people. There is a dance following the banquet on Saturday evening. The conference ends on Sunday with Holy Mass. The Conference is held at The Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport *Saturday, March 11 and Sunday March 12*. If you are a high school student and are interested in attending please contact Emily Savage at esavage@stfranciswichita.com or call 722-4404.

WARMING SOULS SACK LUNCHES 2017

The Diocese of Wichita will be housing and providing meals for homeless men for the entire months of **February and March** at the Inter Faith Spiritual Center. The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Youth Ministry will make sack lunches for 100 men on **Wednesday, March 15**. We are asking for donations of men’s socks; travel size bar soap, hand sanitizer, tooth-paste; toothbrushes, washcloths. All donations maybe left on the ledge outside of the church office marked “CYM Warming Souls”. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISH MISSION

FEBRUARY 20-23, 7:00-9:00 PM

Fr. Larry Richards, a popular Conference Speaker and Pastor from Erie, PA, will conduct a four day mission, here at St. Francis. The purpose of the mission is to help people grow in their love for God and give them hope and direction in their daily lives. Fr. Larry Richards has conducted hundreds of parish missions, conference’s and retreats. He is known to make the love of God real in his presentations. Fr. Larry is the founder of “The Reason for Our Hope Foundation” and has many Media presentations on “The Truth;” “The Mass Explained;” and “Confession” with hundreds of thousands distributed worldwide. At all his parish missions Fr. Larry promises two things: One, you will never be bored and two, your life will be changed forever. Come and experience this truth for yourself. Each night of the Parish Mission has a different theme.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PARISH MISSION CHILD CARE

Child Care will be provided each night of the Mission. Fr. Larry asks that no children below 6th grade attend Wednesday night’s talk due to subject matter. On the remaining days, parents are free to either bring their children to the Mission or use the child care that is provided. Fr. Larry is an engaging speaker and will be able to hold the attention of many children. We expect large numbers of children in the Child Care program. If you believe your child will be able to sit through the talk, feel free to take them (except for Wednesday night). If, during the talk, you find yourself struggling to listen, you may bring them to the Child Care area. It is our desire that **NO PARENT SKIP THE MISSION DUE TO LACK OF CHILD CARE.**

Volunteers for child care are also being sought. Volunteers must be VIRTUS certified. Shifts can be one night or all nights or even just part of a night.

If you plan to use the child care, we encourage you to pre-register by emailing or calling/texting Sarah Steinert at steinertcs@gmail.com or 316-613-9507.

Watch next week’s bulletin for the location(s) of the child care.

RUN/WALK IN SISTERS SHOES 5K

Come join in the excitement of supporting our fellow Katharine Drexel schools in this 5K Fun Run on *February 25* from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Sedgwick County Park hosted by Bishop Carroll Student Council. Registration is \$23 as an individual and there are family packages as well! For more information and to register online, follow this link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/KS/Wichita/WalkinSistersShoes> Registration is open through February 14. Also if you feel called to assist in sponsoring or volunteering at this event please contact Abby Johnsen at johnsenabby@bcchs.org.

PLANTS

Please check with the church office prior to dropping off or taking plants from any of the walkways. Thank you.

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. We will meet in the Rectory on *Thursday, February 23* from 7:00-10:00 pm. 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 steinertcs@gmail.com to sign up your children.

CONFIRMATION MASS ATTIRE

Just a reminder (before shopping) of the diocesan regulations for attire at the Confirmation Mass:
Boys: Nice slacks, dress shoes, dress shirt and tie. No jeans or tennis shoes (jackets and suits optional).
Girls: Appropriate dresses and shoes. No flip-flops. No sleeveless or spaghetti straps unless worn with a jacket or sweater. Dresses must be at least knee-length.
Changes: Confirmation practice will be *Sunday, March 5* at 6:00 pm (students and sponsors). Confirmation Mass is *Sunday, March 12* at 5:00 pm (students and sponsors 4:30) This Mass will meet your Sunday obligation.

SFA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPENINGS

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is now accepting Application for Admission for Preschool through the 5th Grade for the upcoming 2017-18 School Year. Our Preschool Program has expanded, with open enrollment now underway for three and four year olds. The Enrollment form for preschool and Application for Admission for grades K-5 can be found on the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church website (www.stfranciswichita.com). For more information on the enrollment process, please contact the school office at 722-5171 or pmayhill@stfranciswichita.com. Our mission calls us to form, inform and transform students into Christ’s Mystical Body. We fulfill this mission through our core values of stewardship, faithfulness, scholarship and unity. We invite you to learn more about our great school by exploring our website or contacting the school for a tour. We are looking forward to partnering with you and helping your child grow!

CHOICES MEDICAL CLINIC

St. Catherine of Siena Parish invites all to come hear about a unique ministry involved in the pro-life cause this *Monday, February 13* at 7:00 pm. Choices Medical Clinic assists women in knowing their options for unplanned pregnancies. They also help families care for their unborn child after a terminal diagnosis and prepare for the loss through their Perinatal Hospice program. Dr. Stringfield, Medical Director of Choices, will share about their mission and St. Catherine parishioner Krystle Pauly will share about her two losses and how Choices helped her family.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, February 13**
 8:00 am Charles Orth
 5:30 pm Clara & Erwin Werner
- Tuesday, February 14**
 8:00 am Dec. Freund & Simon Families
 5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Duane Wilson)
- Wednesday, February 15**
 8:00 am Josie Geier
 5:30 pm Mike Weber
- Thursday, February 16**
 8:00 am O.J. & Janet Baalman
 5:30 pm Anna Mae Hund
- Friday, February 17**
 8:00 am Agnes Landwehr
 5:30 pm Marcelline Henning
- Saturday, February 18**
 8:00 am Mary Ann Becker
 5:00 pm Spec. Int. (MO)
 7:00 pm Gloria West
- Sunday, February 19**
 7:00 am Janet Eckberg
 8:30 am Spec. Int. (RF)
 10:00 am For the People
 11:30 am Virginia Strunk
 1:00 pm Marie Ziendewicz

SERVERS

WEEKDAY LECTORS

New Servers have been trained, the 8:00 am Mass servers have been adjusted, sorry for any inconvenience.

- Monday, February 13**
 8:00 am S. Jordan/Z. Rogers/M. McMullen
 5:30 pm L. O’Connor/N. Smith Julia Schauf
- Tuesday, February 14**
 8:00 am M. Robinson/K. Mitchell/B. Munk
 5:30 pm A. Newman/D. Halbleib Dan Schoenberger
- Wednesday, February 15**
 8:00 am R. Kirk/N. Brown/E. Neville
 5:30 pm C. Scott/Need Volunteer Herb Shaner
- Thursday, February 16**
 8:00 am J. Tran/K. Reynaga/L. Forbes
 5:30 pm G. McElhiney/G. McElhiney Linda Shinogle
- Friday, February 17**
 8:00 am H. Lubbers/H. Lubbers/J. Weakland
 5:30 pm J. Exley/J. Exley Bob Voboril
- Saturday, February 18**
 8:00 am A. Bye/J. Stephenson Randy Walker
 5:00 pm B. Gregg/B. Ely/G. Sladek
 7:00 pm D. Lehmann/G. Schuster/K. Schuckman
- Sunday, February 19**
 7:00 am A. Stump/A. Vopat/B. Tran
 8:30 am B. Kraus/L. Tajchman/T. Harter
 10:00 am C. Meier/E. Benefiel/J. Lynch
 11:30 am B. Simon/F. Barles/G. Hauge
 1:00 pm L. Petersen/L. Petersen/T. Stewart

ELIJAH CUP

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

- February 18-19**—Joshua Zink Family
- February 25-26**—Bill Abildgaard Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Sacred Ensemble
 7:00 pm Calvin Morgan/Clare Morgan
Sunday, February 19—8:30 am Ryan Dick/Emma Sanburn
 10:00 am Patrick Harms/Men's Choir
 11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Dominic Bacha
 1:00 pm Julie Riedlinger/Caitlin Marrero

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, February 18**

5:00 pm Clare & Jenny Morgan/Ann Dorn
 Rene & Lynn Feldkamp
 7:00 pm Leann & Steve Cless/Becky Brummett
 Kimberly Yager/Mike Martin

Sunday, February 19

7:00 am Dee & Bill Abildgaard/Mary Carter
 Stacy Bennett/Greg Morgan
 8:30 am Elizabeth & Stuart Meether/Walter Zemanick
 Jackie & Pat Burns
 10:00 am Judy & Randy Phelps/Sandi Baalman
 Stephanie Farley/Vi Schuckman
 11:30 am Catherine & James Bitting/Mary Kotrba
 Maggie & Robert Orris
 1:00 pm Carole Conley/Susan Fry/Ryan Biedron
 Steve Gonzales/Tom Eckberg

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, February 18**

5:00 pm Winston Kenton/Ron Helten
 7:00 pm Mike Buchanan/Cynthia Powers

Sunday, February 19

7:00 am Curtis Dorn/Patricia Bluml
 8:30 am Dee Troyer/Don Werner
 10:00 am Chuck Mies/Catherine Bitting
 11:30 am Matthew Cerre/Judy Stengel
 1:00 pm Mark Bogner/Sondra Garvey

Saturday, February 25

5:00 pm Laurie Briggs/Liz Charles
 7:00 pm Brenda Wasinger/Slade LaMunyon

Sunday, February 26

7:00 am Dan Dillon/Mary Kay Blasi
 8:30 am Steve Hermann/Sally Stump
 10:00 am Brian McMullen/Renee' Means
 11:30 am Ryan Biedron/Travis Pearson
 1:00 pm Ann Daigle/Julie Westphal

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, February 18**

5:00 pm Carmen Schonhoff
 7:00 pm Ramon & Hilda Reynaga

Sunday, February 19

8:30 am Shane Russell
 10:00 am Robert & Lisa Prichard
 11:30 am Ryan & Emily Reetz
 1:00 pm Emily Riggs

Saturday, February 25

5:00 pm George & Vi Schuckman
 7:00 pm Melissa Schnieders

Sunday, February 26

8:30 am Bill & Sharon Sanders
 10:00 am Norbert & Linda Riley
 11:30 am Scott & Michelle Russell
 1:00 pm Blake & Allison Scott

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)

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.