

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 19, 2017—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father 's Focus

Defragging Information

Do you remember having to “de-frag” your computer? There was a time when every so often a person would have to de-frag, or de-fragment, their computer. What this means is that digital data on a computer’s hard-drive could sometimes be stored in various places on the disc. Certain data was saved in a “fragmented” way... one piece here... one piece there... on a computer’s hard drive. The purpose of “de-fragging” a computer was to get all the various pieces of similar data into the same place on the hard drive. Personally, I always like de-fragging my computer because it would use a colored bar to show the process of data being defragmented and collected in a more orderly fashion. But then again, I am kind of a “data freak.”

Well this is my ‘Father’s Focus’ for this week: “de-fragging” the data from our parish visioning process. Throughout all of January we collected feedback from as many parishioners as possible concerning the hopes, dreams, needs and desires for our parish. We collected this information in three ways: the short survey on Sunday, the long survey on-line and Faith Forward Sunday that was an open forum discussion. All three of these avenues of information gathered more than two hundred pages of data for us to process. 200 pages!! Wow!

Now, we are in the process of “de-fragging,” or defragmenting, this information. Just as on a computer various data needs to be ordered by likeness, so to, we are in the process of looking at all of the information we have collected and ordering it into like categories. There was such a wide variety of comments and feedback! And know this... all comments written down on the short survey, long survey or from Faith Forward Sunday have been collected and printed out. Just the other day I looked through the first fifty pages of information. Reading through these has been very enlightening.

So what is happening with all that information now? Well, we have six teams of people who have broken all that information into six topics: hospitality, prayer, service, formation, facilities and finance. These six groups will then pray about and discuss the information in their pillar to discern where the Holy Spirit is moving our parish. In other words, these six teams will “de-frag” all this information throughout the month of February. Then in the month of March we will start doing the work of formulating actionable steps for a Strategic Plan.

I want to thank the entire parish for being so committed and engaged in this process. What a blessing it has been to receive all the feedback that we have. Some of it has been very challenging. But isn’t that the point of dialogue? If we are never challenged then we will never grow. Thank you for your openness and honesty in helping our parish respond to the Holy Spirit. (Besides, your pastor is a “data-freak” and loves to put huge amounts of information in proper order!)

News & Notes

ADORATION CHAPEL

“When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking about us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open his. We will go to him, and he will come to us, the one to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from one to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God!”

~St. John Vianney

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Ash Wednesday is March 1. Mass times will be 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

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.

PARISH MISSION THIS WEEK

MONDAY-THURSDAY

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. 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.

CHILD CARE PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PARISH MISSION

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.

What's Happening

Monday, February 20—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 not meet this week due to the Parish Mission. We will meet again on *Monday, March 6*.

St. Francis Girls' Ensemble will not meet due to the Parish Mission.

Tuesday, February 21—The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in St. Bonaventure Center from 9:15-11:15 am.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group will pray the rosary **this week at 6:00 pm in St. Bonaventure Center**. This will allow everyone to go to the Parish Mission. This week's petition is "Jesus, teach us to love our neighbor, guided by Your love. And teach us to pray for our enemies and for those who, in one way or another, have caused us sorrow or offended us."

Wednesday, February 22—RCIA will not meet this week to allow everyone to attend the Parish Mission.

Thursday, February 23—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 and the Men's Ensemble will not meet this week to allow members to attend the Parish Mission.

Friday, February 24—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 25—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

Saturday, March 4—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.

Monday, March 6—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

"STEWARDED OUR GIFTS: GO IN PEACE, 3 GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE"

The message today is one of love. It's not a Valentine's Day kind of love, but rather a consuming *agape* kind of love. When we allow this kind of love to fill our hearts from top to bottom, there is room for nothing else. Today, we open with a reading from the book of Leviticus – an instruction book, of sorts. In this first reading, God leads with a direct command, saying there is no room for hate in the God-loving heart. No hatred, no revenge, no grudges. Love your neighbor as yourself. As we move into the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the body is a temple, a sacred space. It was never meant to house sin and hate. "If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person." Finally, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus bridges the gap from the Old Testament to the New by explaining the kind of love that was driving the teachings of Moses. He negates the old ways of thinking with new ways of acting. His words are challenging in times of angst and division. This was true for the disciples and it is still true today. Do not allow the political disputes of our day lead you into sinful anger and hatred. Rather, always strive to share the perfect love of the Father with one another.

CONFIRMATION PENANCE SERVICE

The mandatory Penance Service of Light for all Confirmation students will be held this *Sunday, February 19* at 6:30 pm in the Church. All "Letters to the Pastor" will be due at this service and will be placed on the table provided. This service is for students only due to the high number.

12TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The St. Therese Girls' Club will be having their 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner this *Sunday, February 19*, from 10:45 am to 6:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. Please come and enjoy a home cooked meal while helping the St. Therese Girls' Club, 5th-8th grade Little Flowers Girls' Club members, earn money for Totus Tuus, the Steubenville retreat, camping, and other trips and activities. Take-outs are welcome. Individual homemade pies may also be purchased. Thank you for your support!

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 pm in the church. Please contact Ann at 258-7657 or Tâm at 519-4248 if you have any questions.

“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.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 CYM
WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH FOR THE
PARISH MISSION FROM 7:00-9:00 PM
(All are encouraged and invited to attend all four
evenings of the mission)**

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. . .

- **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
- *Saturday, March 4—Ice Skating at Wichita Ice Center, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm. \$5, pay at the door. RSVP to Emily at esavage@stfranciswichita.com

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, toothpaste; 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.

SUPPORT GROUP

Will not meet this Thursday, February 23 so that all members will be able to attend the Parish Mission. Our next meeting will be *Thursday, March 23*.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

This month we will be attending the parish mission on *Thursday, February 23* at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend all four evenings, Monday-Thursday, February 20-23 beginning at 7:00 pm each evening.

CHRISTOPHER WEST

Christopher West will speak at the Catholic Men's Conference of Wichita on *Saturday, March 4* here at St. Francis of Assisi. The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring an event with Christopher West on the evening of *Friday, March 3* that is open to both men and women. The Friday event is included as part of the men's conference registration. The suggested donation for attending the men's conference is \$30. Women or men attending only the Friday event are asked to consider a \$10 donation. For more information or to register to attend either event please visit <https://catholicmenict2017.eventbrite.com>.

CONFIRMATION, SUNDAY, MARCH 12

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.

FOOD HANDLER CLASS

Will be held on *Saturday, February 25* at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Mother Seton Hall. The class will be begin at 9:00 am, please arrive early to complete paperwork.

BAPTISMS

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

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.

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!



**discovering
Christ**

*Have you been to the
discovering Christ series?
Do you want to be part of the
discovering Christ Team?*

Contact the parish office for information
316-722-4404

FORGIVEN—UPCOMING EVENT

Join Wichita Adore Ministries on *Sunday, March 26* for a Reconciliation and Adoration Event here at St. Francis of Assisi. The event will start with a talk by Jesse Elpers on Mercy at 6:30 pm, Adoration and Confession will begin at 6:50 pm. We will wrap up the evening with a Procession of the Eucharist around the Church at 8:15 pm the evening will end by 8:30 pm. You won't want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity, for prayer, worship, and forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation just a couple weeks before Easter.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY—GRANT WRITER

Guadalupe Clinic, Inc. of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking an exceptional individual to serve as full-time Grant Writer. This individual is expected to work 35-40 hours per week and will be responsible for identifying and developing a diverse network of funding opportunities for the Guadalupe Clinic. This position requires the individual to research, prepare grant proposals, and maintain all tracking elements associated with grants. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon March 6. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>, Ministries & Offices, Human Resources.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 20

8:00 am For Our Country/For Peace
5:30 pm Teresa Deeds

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 am Kathleen Buchanan
5:30 pm Wish Ternes

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 am Peter Hilger
5:30 pm Bill Peltzer

Thursday, February 23

8:00 am George & Marce Goetz
5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Ladies Auxiliary)

Friday, February 24

8:00 am Kathleen Buchanan
5:30 pm Ray Overlie

Saturday, February 25

8:00 am Charles Dix
5:00 pm Betty Utz
7:00 pm Spec. Int. (Sue Smith)

Sunday, February 26

7:00 am Jim Weber
8:30 am For the People
10:00 am Alice Kaps
11:30 am Rachel Jansen
1:00 pm Spec. Int. (Todd Boyack & Family)

SERVERS

Monday, February 20

8:00 am B. Gregg/G. Petersen/K. McClure
5:30 pm A. Lyle/A. Morgan

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 am P. Burns/M. Fouquet/B. Overlie
5:30 pm A. Mauler/M. Nguyen

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 am I. Sanchez/L. Shelton/B. Wadlowe
5:30 pm B. Zamzow/R. Malone

Thursday, February 23

8:00 am B. Strunk/A. Avant/A. Nguyen
5:30 pm G. Rogers/H. Faber

Friday, February 24

8:00 am K. Johnson/A. Harter/R. Haneberg
5:30 pm B. Prichard/G. Ast

Saturday, February 25

8:00 am K. Brown/L. Taylor
5:00 pm A. Kerschen/B. Mileham/S. Jordan
7:00 pm B. Gregg/J. Hohman/N. Smith

Sunday, February 26

7:00 am A. Seiler/B. Booth/S. Graf
8:30 am C. Pascal/J. Palmer/J. Vo
10:00 am H. Nguyen/L. Weakland/M. Robinson
11:30 am C. Hybl/I. Elpers/S. Aruskevicius
1:00 pm J. Bracy/K. Hill/W. Hawk

WEEKDAY LECTORS

Monday, February 20

8:00 am B. Gregg/G. Petersen/K. McClure
5:30 pm A. Lyle/A. Morgan Brenda Wasinger

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 am P. Burns/M. Fouquet/B. Overlie
5:30 pm A. Mauler/M. Nguyen Darlene Bird

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 am I. Sanchez/L. Shelton/B. Wadlowe
5:30 pm B. Zamzow/R. Malone Mary Kay Blasi

Thursday, February 23

8:00 am B. Strunk/A. Avant/A. Nguyen
5:30 pm G. Rogers/H. Faber Patti Bluml

Friday, February 24

8:00 am K. Johnson/A. Harter/R. Haneberg
5:30 pm B. Prichard/G. Ast Laurie Briggs

Saturday, February 25

8:00 am K. Brown/L. Taylor Sally Stump

ELIJAH CUP

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

February 25-26—Bill & Dee Abildgaard Family
March 4-5—Camiela Bacha Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 25—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Clare Morgan
7:00 pm Ann Chase/Emma Sanburn
Sunday, February 26—8:30 am Julie Riedlinger/Melissa Seiler
10:00 am Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir
11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Dominic Bacha
1:00 pm Matthew Ho/Marcia Bradfield

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, February 25**

5:00 pm Leann & Steve Cless/Ann Daigle
Rachel Little/Jean Rees
7:00 pm Heather & Chris Gregg/Myron Ewy
Nathan Lies/Robert Lyall

Sunday, February 26

7:00 am Martha & Larry Dostert/Michele Kostelecky
Patricia Demel/Stephanie Seiler
8:30 am Angie & Billy Lubbers/Logan Petersen
Sherry & Ed Berger
10:00 am Barbara & Dorothy Mies/Joan Hampton
Dianne & Dave Carter
11:30 am Kathleen & Robert Timmermeyer/Linda Mainzer
Patty Quilty/Jerry Pates
1:00 pm Collette Schumacher/Jennifer McDaniel/JoAnn Forister
John Bahr/Marty McCormack

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**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

Saturday, March 4

5:00 pm Maria Douglas/Adam Hein
7:00 pm Kelby Schawe/Jeff Cerre

Sunday, March 5

7:00 am Greg Peter/Bridget Harvey
8:30 am Helen Cole/Joan Hampton
10:00 am Chris Stewart/Mark Roby
11:30 am Youth/Youth
1:00 pm Randy Phelps/Troy Harter

OFFERTORY GIFTS**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

Saturday, March 4

5:00 pm Randell & Linda Slusser
7:00 pm Herbert & Rita Shaner

Sunday, March 5

8:30 am Anniversary Couple
10:00 am Justin & Emily Schuster
11:30 am Youth Group
1:00 pm Mark & Leann Simon

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.