

# FAITH FORWARD

COME TO THE TABLE



January 29th, 5:00 P.M.  
in the Church

Faith Forward Sunday will be an open forum discussion about our parish. All are encouraged and invited to attend.

Watch future bulletins form more information.

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

861 N Socora, Wichita, KS 67212  
January 29, 2017—*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### 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

### Absolute Moral Laws

There are some things that seem so certain in life. For example, an object released in the air will fall at the speed of gravity and light travels at about 300 hundred million meters per second. Yet I remember as a child thinking how weird it was to call things like the speed of light or sound scientific “theories.” I asked my teacher, “Why do we call them theories? Aren’t they certainties?” He said, “As we learn more about nature through scientific research we may adjust our understanding to match our new findings.” I can’t say I was completely okay with that explanation because it made my “certain” world a little more “uncertain.” And yet, it was a growth in maturity: human knowledge is limited and can always grow.

You know, other things also seem so certain too... like civil laws. Cars drive on the right side of the street. The highway speed limit is 65 miles an hour. In fact, when laws or rules are broken people are penalized because it harms society. But even here what seems so definite is colored by a sense of arbitrariness. Because we know that, in England, cars drive on the *left* side of the street. Back in the 80’s Sammy Hagar, Jr.’s top 100 hit “*I Can’t Drive 55*” was a reaction against the government dropping the highway speed limit to 55 miles an hour. So laws and rules that seem so certain can appear arbitrary.

And on top of all of this is the scientific theory of evolution that has also given rise to the mindset that all things grow and decay and nothing really stays the same.

And then there is Jesus. Jesus calls us to repentance because the moral truths he reveals are certain and unchanging. Jesus reveals absolute morally certain laws that are always and everywhere binding. Moral truths, as revealed in the Ten Commandments and confirmed by Jesus Christ, are always and everywhere true (cf. CCC 2072). Why? Because they come from God not from man. They are promulgated by our Lord Jesus Christ and entrusted to his Church (cf. CCC 2032). They are not arbitrary. They are not theories.

But let’s be honest: this is difficult for some to hear. In a world of scientific theories, changing laws, and arbitrary rules, absolute moral laws strike some consciences like the clanging of pots and pans. And some people try to explain such laws away saying, “Human knowledge grows,” or “laws are arbitrary,” or “what is true in one place is not true in another.”

But this is not the case with Jesus Christ. Moral truths bring certainty in our right relationship to God and confidence in the love of neighbor. Jesus Christ himself said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” He gives us confidence in moral truths so that we know the difference between right and wrong and live in full human freedom.

## 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.

### TROOP 762 ANNUAL BOY SCOUT CHILI FEED

Will be held this *Sunday, January 29* in St. Clare Hall from 11:00 am—6:00 pm. Come and enjoy our NEW chili recipe along with hot cornbread and Dutch oven cobbler. Good will donation.

### CYM SAYS THANK YOU!!

Thank you many times over to everyone who helped make our CYM Parish Bingo a success! We appreciate all who were able to come play bingo after we had to reschedule, and also those who donated pies, cakes and prizes or their time to help. We are blessed to have three wonderful priests who were able to join us, and surprise us with some awesome desserts. The list is long, and the thanks are many. We look forward to next time!

### VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE

Join us for a Night in Hollywood next *Saturday, February 4* from 7:00-11:30 pm in Cana Hall. Dress as your favorite movie star or character for a chance to win the best dressed! Reserve your table for 6 (this includes a gift basket). Late registration after January 27 \$35 per person. Come and enjoy dinner, dancing and fellowship. Contact Christina Brouillette with questions at 316-655-5734.

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**Monday, January 30**—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, January 31**—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 "O Lord, bless our parish as we begin our Faith Forward endeavor. Instill in the hearts of all parishioners a desire to join together in this effort, and give us the strength to make our efforts successful."

**Wednesday, February 1**—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Thursday, February 2**—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](mailto: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, February 3**—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 4**—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.

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

### ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of February are invited to the Anniversary Mass next *Sunday, February 5* 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.

### PLANTS

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

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

Today's message is one of humility – not a characteristic that the secular world seems to value very much any more. The prophet Zephaniah reminds us that we are of humble beginnings and we should remain humble, seeking refuge in the Lord. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul echoes this point by reminding the people that God exalts the humble and lowly, and reduces those who boast to nothing. And finally, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus drives the point home in his sermon on the mount. The beatitudes call us each to a humble life; we must remember to put others first and to reduce ourselves to nothing. Only then can we truly *need* God. While the world around us encourages us to do all we can to be the best and have the best, Jesus makes it very clear that we must make sacrifices; we must die to self; we must love others first. The reward is in heaven.

### SERVER TRAINING

If you are interested in serving at Mass, please contact the church office 722-4404 or email [nmeyer@stfranciswichita.com](mailto:nmeyer@stfranciswichita.com).

### 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

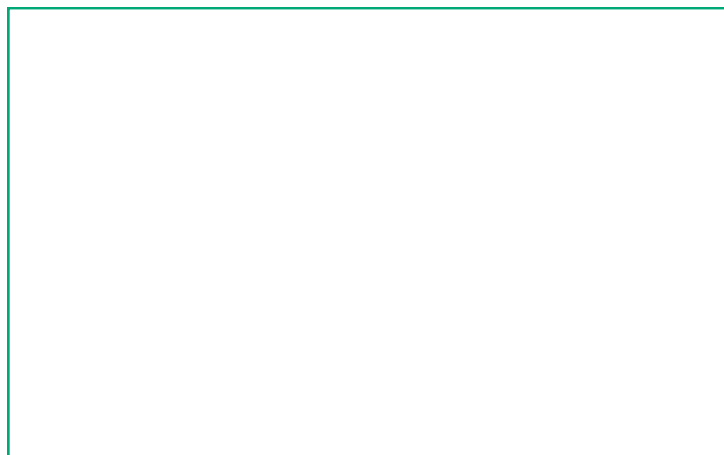
Parish nurses will be in the Bride's Room in the back of church after all the Masses next weekend February 4 & 5.

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We will meet next *Tuesday, February 7* 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.

### ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

Families and individuals whose last names begin with **O—R** are asked to pray the rosary this week at home, church, or the adoration chapel for the unborn and those entangled in the culture of death that they will have a conversion of heart and soul.





*"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."*

**~Pope St. John Paul II Address at World Youth Day, Rome, August 19, 2000**

## THE MISSION OF THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH MINISTRY IS TO ASSIST PARENTS IN FORMING THEIR CHILDREN TO BECOME LIFELONG DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

### WHAT CYM IS ALL ABOUT

The High School Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) meets every Wednesday from 8:00-9:30 pm in Assisi Hall. This ministry here at SFA seeks to empower our young people to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today by drawing them into active participation in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. The eight components of Catholic youth ministry are constantly incorporated: advocacy, catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice and service, leadership development, pastoral care, and prayer and worship. We hope that all teens in the parish will join us each Wednesday night!

### HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. . .

- \*Wednesday, February 1—Pizza Party and Games
- \*Sunday, February 5—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- \*Wednesday, February 8—Adoration, Benediction, Confession
- \*Wednesday, February 15—Open Gym
- \*Saturday, February 18-Monday, February 20—Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Retreat
- \*Monday-Thursday, February 20-22—Parish Mission
- \*Wednesday, February 22—Warming Souls Service Project
- \*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. TEC involves older adolescents and young adults encountering Christ in a way that many have never experienced before. 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. Not only is TEC about faith; it is also about having fun and getting to know other youth and young adults from around the Wichita Diocese. For an inspiring opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and build lasting Christian friendships, TEC is the place to be. 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>.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is for children ages 3-Kindergarten. Church School teaches children their Catholic faith through a story, a church visit, songs, a snack and a craft that are designed to go along with the lesson. Church School is different from other bible school lessons because it teaches concepts that are unique to Catholics. Classes will begin February 16 and runs through April 20 on Thursdays from 9:30-11 am at St. Francis of Assisi in St. Clare Hall basement. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Please contact Dorothy Suter for details [dsuter930@gmail.com](mailto:dsuter930@gmail.com) or call 316-734-7905.

## 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.

## 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.

## TOTUS TUUS 2017: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

As you begin planning for your summer vacations, don't forget to mark July 9-14 down for Totus Tuus 2017 here at St. Francis!

## 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.

## FORMED.ORG

Will give you 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device with internet access. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), you should see the registration box for parishioners. Enter Parish Code: 9RMP79. Now, set up a username and a password. You are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime and anywhere.

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is accepting Preschool Applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Enrollment for these classes is offered online. Simply go to the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church website, [www.stfranciswichita.com](http://www.stfranciswichita.com), select School; Rev Trak, Online Payments Portal; then select the button: 2017-18 Preschool Enrollment. Enrollment is not complete until the registration fee and supporting documents are received. For more information on the enrollment process, please contact the school office at 722-5171 or [pmayhill@stfranciswichita.com](mailto:pmayhill@stfranciswichita.com). We are looking forward to partnering with you and helping your child grow!

## 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 are recognitions of those who have distinguished themselves through service and faith. There is a dance following the banquet on Saturday evening. The conference ends on Sunday with Holy Mass. The new Diocesan Catholic Youth Board is installed during the closing mass and the youth groups are sent back to their parishes to share the excitement of another great year. 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](mailto:esavage@stfranciswichita.com) or call 722-4404.

## 20TH ANNUAL GOURMET PANCAKE AND GERMAN SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

BC Parents Organization 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gourmet Pancake Feed will be *Sunday, February 5*, from 7:30 am-1:00 pm in BC Commons. Along with the traditional pancakes and German sausage, eggs will also be served with all the drinks and condiments. All proceeds are used to help fund essential projects to improve the Bishop Carroll educational experience.

## 29TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL CLASSIC

Between The Padres (Priests of the Diocese) and Knights of Columbus Council #4118 is scheduled for *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!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 30

8:00 am Mary Lou Wilhite  
5:30 pm Jerry Sill

### Tuesday, January 31

8:00 am Kim Sanders  
5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Bob and Lois Timmermeyer, Sr.)

### Wednesday, February 1

8:00 am Ray Overlie  
5:30 pm Dorita Guymon

### Thursday, February 2

8:00 am Spec. Int. (Louise Shinogle)  
5:30 pm Russ Krueger

### Friday, February 3

8:00 am For Vocations  
5:30 pm John Kisner

### Saturday, February 4

8:00 am For Priests  
5:00 pm Anna Jacobs  
7:00 pm Dick Rosenberger

### Sunday, February 5

7:00 am Keith Bestgen  
8:30 am Margaret Hommertzheimer  
10:00 am Jack Blake  
11:30 am For the People  
1:00 pm Shirley Mainzer

## SERVERS

### Monday, January 30

8:00 am D. Halbleib/G. Ast  
5:30 pm B. Prichard/K. Brown

### Tuesday, January 31

8:00 am B. Mileham/L. Taylor  
5:30 pm A. Kerschen/S. Jordan

### Wednesday, February 1

8:00 am J. O'Connor/N. Smith  
5:30 pm H. Nguyen/M. Robinson

### Thursday, February 2

8:00 am F. Barles/N. Landon  
5:30 pm J. Stuckey/R. Kirk

### Friday, February 3

8:00 am C. Scott/K. Wall  
5:30 pm J. Tran/J. Tran

### Saturday, February 4

8:00 am G. McElhiney/G. McElhiney  
5:00 pm J. Exley/J. Exley/K. Schuckman  
7:00 pm H. Lubbers/H. Lubbers/T. Stewart

### Sunday, February 5

7:00 am A. Mauler/M. Nguyen/R. Malone  
8:30 am B. Zamzow/J. Hohman/L. Weakland  
10:00 am A. Bye/B. Booth/M. Robinson  
11:30 am C. Pascal/E. Staver/L. Timmermeyer  
1:00 pm B. Saville/H. Saville/J. Schonhoff

## WEEKDAY LECTORS

Michael George

Bridget Harvey

Renee Hein

Ron Helten

Steve Hermann

Herb Shaner

## ELIJAH CUP

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

February 4-5—Brayden Zamzow Family

February 11-12—Kristine Wiesen Family



**MUSIC SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 4**—5:00 pm Julie Riedlinger/Bogner  
7:00 pm Ann Chase/Janelle Carney  
**Sunday, February 5**—8:30 am Ryan Dick/Mary Lou Harding  
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, February 4**

5:00 pm Kay Suchan/Maren Breit/Marie Bartsch  
Michele Kostelecky/Patty Quilty  
7:00 pm Elizabeth & Stuart Meether/Becky Brummett  
Judy & Randy Phelps

**Sunday, February 5**

7:00 am Marybeth & Jim Lubbers/Ann Dorn  
Kimberly Yager/Peggy Meyer  
8:30 am Patricia Demel/Sandi Baalman/Thomas Mayhill  
Clare & Jenny Morgan  
10:00 am Marcia & Jim McAnarney/Greg Morgan  
Rene & Lynn Feldkamp  
11:30 am Albert Maldonado/Mike Martin/Walter Zemanick  
Jackie & Pat Burns  
1:00 pm Sharon & Jeff Cerre/Susan Fry  
Carole Conley/Steve Gonzales

**LECTOR / COMMENTATOR****Saturday, February 4**

5:00 pm Angie Taylor/Connor Brungardt  
7:00 pm Jeff Cerre/Kelby Schawe

**Sunday, February 5**

7:00 am Bob Voboril/John Hermann  
8:30 am Michael George/Randy Walker  
10:00 am Herb Shaner/Mike Fuhrman  
11:30 am Youth/Youth  
1:00 pm Travis Pearson/Danny Burt

**Saturday, February 11**

5:00 pm Fey Barles/TBD  
7:00 pm Sean Hudspeth/Juli McClure

**Sunday, February 12**

7:00 am Dee Abildgaard/Johanna Forshee  
8:30 am Kristin Martin/Sarah Westbury  
10:00 am Scott Carter/Dave Carter  
11:30 am Jeff McAnarney/Marcia McAnarney  
1:00 pm Brad Streeter/Linda Shinogle

**OFFERTORY GIFTS****Saturday, February 4**

5:00 pm Michael & Linda Sabala  
7:00 pm John & Shannon Pirtle

**Sunday, February 5**

8:30 am Anniversary Couple  
10:00 am Travis & Patricia Pearson  
11:30 am Youth  
1:00 pm John & Cheryl Poettker

**Saturday, February 11**

5:00 pm Dustin & Katie Saville  
7:00 pm Stacey Polley

**Sunday, February 12**

8:30 am Brian & Roseann Petty  
10:00 am Michael & Teresa Petersen  
11:30 am Maggie & Robert Orris  
1:00 pm Don and Cynthia Powers

**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)..... 316.722.6204

**Kevin or Karen:** (6:00-10:00 pm) ..... 316.721.1771

**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](http://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.