

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

861 North Socora Wichita, KS 67212

LENT

March 5, 2017
First Sunday Of Lent

Fr. C. Jarrod Lies, Pastor

Fr. Daniel Dulling, Associate Pastor

Fr. Joshua Evans, Associate Pastor

PARISH OFFICE/RECTORY

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend • Saturday 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am & 1:00 pm

Weekdays • Monday-Friday 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

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

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Catechetical

This is "Part 9" of a fifteen part series called "The Vision of an Ideal Parish" based on an article by Dr. Peter Williamson. The first 8 parts spoke of the parish as: Trinitarian, Christological, Communal, Missionary, Kerygmatic, Pneumatological. Charismatic and Sacramental.

I love it when children discover echo spots. Maybe it's in the foyer of a church or in a huge cavern but when toddlers discover an echo it brings them to a stop. They concentrate on their hearing, their eyes start casting back and forth and they strain their ears upwards by tilting their head. Then they squeeze out a little bleat or they begin saying, "Hey!" All the while hearing echo follow upon echo.

Well, not only a church building, but the Church itself echoes with the teachings of Jesus Christ. Just like an echo comes back to a person again and again the Church, throughout her history, echoes the truths of Jesus Christ again and again. The Church is a teacher. She has been entrusted by Jesus to hand on his truths from one generation to the next even to the end of the ages. Jesus Commanded, "Go therefore and make disciples, baptizing them...and teaching them...even to the end of the age" (Matt 28:14-15). Like an echo repeats itself, so too, the Church is called to repeat the message of the Gospel.

In fact, so important is the image of an echo to the Church that the very word she uses for "teaching" is the Greek word for echo: catecheo. You can even see the letters of the word for 'echo' inside the Greek word. The act of teaching in the Church is 'catechesis,' and a person who teaches the truths of the faith are called 'catechists.' In other words, like an echo repeats the same sound, a catechist teaches the same truths of Jesus Christ. The difference is that this echo grows louder through time.

Here at St. Francis we participate in this 'echoing', this catechesis, through adult classes and bible studies, prayer services, parish missions (like Fr. Larry), talks and conferences (like Christopher West), small groups that meet on campus (like the Legion of Mary) or small groups that meet in the home (like those using Formed.org). Catechesis also happens in Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM), Parish School of Religion (PSR), Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children (RCIA/RCIC), and in Catholic Schools.

You see, an ideal parish is one that echoes the message of Jesus Christ. In other words, an ideal parish is catechetical. I invite you to participate in the many ways that we share the faith on our campus. But I also invite you to become a catechist yourself in any one of the ways mentioned above. Let's echo our faith so that generations to come can be like children discovering an echo for the first time. So that straining their neck, focusing on their hearing, and making their own sound they too will echo this great faith we have been given.

ADORATION CHAPEL

"So could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"

~Matthew 26:40

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.

CONFIRMATION MASS, SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Confirmation practice will be this *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.

2017 FALL SOPHOMORE CONFIRMATION

There will be an informational meeting on the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 2017-2018 school year this *Sunday, March 5* at 7:00 pm in the church. All incoming Sophomores and their parents are required to attend this short meeting and register their child. The cost is \$20. Any questions please call Vanessa Condrey at 640-8527.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Charities Committee will be handing out grocery sacks after all masses this weekend for the Lenten Food Drive. Please take one, fill it and return it by *Sunday, April 9*.

SUMMER RCIA IS STARTING SOON...

There are lots of reasons why people choose to become Catholic. Maybe you are married to someone who is Catholic and are ready to explore the faith further. Maybe you have friends or relatives who were married in the Catholic Church or you attended a funeral and were moved by that experience and now want to learn more. Maybe you know or admire someone who is Catholic and you want to explore the faith more deeply.

If you are curious about the Catholic faith, we have a special summer process designed to help you do that here at St. Francis of Assisi. It's called RCIA. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Joining the RCIA process at St. Francis does not commit you to joining the Catholic Church. It is a process to help you explore what the Catholic Church has to offer. If you choose to complete the entire RCIA process, you may then choose to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Our classes begin with a Meet and Greet on *Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall*. We will be handing out some materials and explaining the entire RCIA process.

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in St. Clare Hall beginning April 5 and ending October 5, the Feast of St. Francis.

St. Francis parishioners, help us spread the word!

The primary reason for evangelization is the love of Jesus.

—Pope Francis

Monday, March 6—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass.

Marian Mantle Rosary Group meets following the 8:00 am Mass to pray for loved ones who no longer practice the faith.

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

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

Tuesday, March 7—The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in St. Bonaventure Center from 9:15-11:15 am.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group prays the rosary each Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome. This week's petition is "Jesus, we pray for our Priests who represent You on the altar. Send the Holy Spirit to continue to strengthen them and guide them. Thank You for the wonderful Priests that You send us."

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

Thursday, March 9—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, March 10—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, March 11—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

STATIONS AND MASS DURING LENT

We will not have 7:00 pm Stations or 7:30 pm Mass on Fridays during Lent. We will have 5:30 pm mass as usual and then Stations will follow at 6:00 pm. You are also welcome to come to Stations on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm.



**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

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

Do you ever read this particular passage from Genesis and hope that maybe this time it will have a different ending? Maybe this time Adam and Eve won't succumb to the serpent's lies...? Paul, in our second reading reminds us that it was through man that sin entered the world. We would love to blame the serpent, but all he did was tempt. The true evil was in the choice Eve, and then Adam, ultimately made. Thankfully, through Jesus, that death was destroyed, and we were given a different set of choices. As we enter this season of Lent, reach out to Jesus and one another, realizing stewardship is more than money or taking care of creation. Stewardship is about free will, and the choices we steward. Lent is a wonderful time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A time to steward our choices.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We will meet this *Tuesday, March 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.

YOUNG MEN'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY

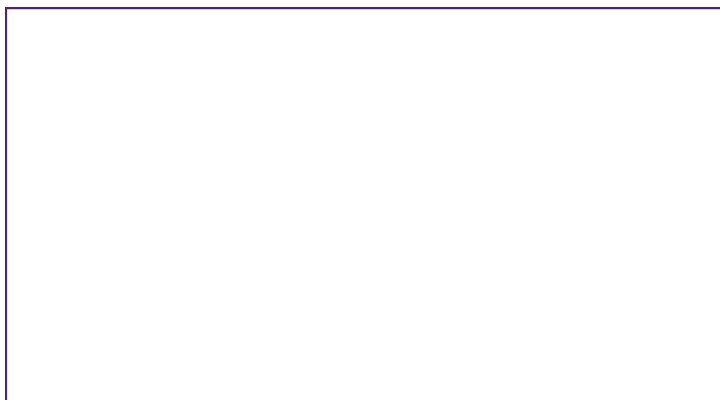
A branch out of the Young Adult Gathering is the Young Adult Men's Bible study. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 pm in St. Agnes Ministry House. Our next gathering will be *Thursday, March 9*. Men between the ages of 22 to 35 looking to connect in faith and fellowship, please join us! We are using the online Symbolon series, so you can join at any time without missing a beat! Contact Kyle Lang at kyle_a_lang@yahoo.com or (316)-755-6865 for more information.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Our bi-monthly meeting will be *Saturday, March 11* at 9:00 am in St. Bonaventure Center. Please bring your calling cards. If you are unable to attend, please call either Monica Hammer at 651-6102 or Marilyn Bundy at 722-5424.

VESTIBULE WILL BE CLOSED

For cleaning from *Monday, March 20 thru Thursday, March 23*.



*"To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says,
even when it runs contrary to what others are saying.
It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be,
in order to set out on the difficult path of the Gospel virtues".*

-Pope Saint John Paul II

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. . .

- *Sunday, March 5—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- *Wednesday, March 8—Lord Teach us to Pray
- *Saturday & Sunday, March 11-12—DCYC
- *Wednesday, March 15—Warming Souls Service Project
- *Sunday, March 19—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- *Wednesday, March 22—Pitch, Spoons, Nerts Tournaments
- *Wednesday, March 29—Guest Speaker: Nate Hoffman

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

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN

The St. Francis e-mail prayer chain address is sfprayer-chain@gmail.com. If you need extra prayers just send an e-mail to that address and they will add your prayer to the list that will be email to the committee.



WARMING SOULS SACK LUNCHES 2017

Stewardship Opportunity—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: Loaves of bread, bag of apples, granola bars, snack size of the following; Chex Mix, crackers, cookies; peanut butter, 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". This is a great opportunity to engage our young people in an activity that directly serves others, particularly our poor bothers and sisters. If you are interested in helping out please follow this link to the sign up genius; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aeaf23a6f58-warming2>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING

Fr. Jarrod Lies will celebrate a Mass of Healing and Anointing on *Thursday, March 16* at 11:00 am. All in the parish are invited to attend. Harvest House will have a potluck luncheon and meeting following in St. Clare Hall. Our speaker will be Jake Samor, the Director of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Wichita. If you are 55 and over and would like to join us for the luncheon please bring a covered dish to share. For more information please call John at 722-7611.

FORMED.ORG

Will give you 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device with internet access. Go to 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.

CLEANING CARPETS IN THE CHURCH

Volunteer Opportunity—We will be cleaning the carpets in the Church on Wednesday and Thursday, March 22 & 23. Please call Dolores at 721-1496 if you can help. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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.

HELP NEEDED

If anyone **who is or has recently sung in a choral group** would be willing to help sing for Holy Week and Easter Masses, it would be greatly appreciated, especially Soprano and Tenor!!

BAPTISMS

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

DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

There is no need to re-enroll your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card. So if you have already enrolled you will not have to again, if you have not please do so using the directions below. Use your Plus Shopper's Card to support St. Francis of Assisi Church. Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards, sign in to your account, next enroll your Plus Shopper's Card, there is a 12 digit # on the back of your card or you can use an alternate ID (telephone #). **#10410** is the St. Francis organization number. **Or call customer service at 1-866-221-4141 and give them your card number and the St. Francis number 10410.** Thank you for taking the time to enroll and use your Plus Shoppers card for all your Dillons purchases to support our SFA Parish community. Dillons will give back to St Francis a percentage based on amount of \$\$ spent and number of organizations in the Kansas district on a quarterly basis.

THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Please call the church office when a loved one has passed away in your family so we can pray for them at Mass and include them in the next Prayer Service for the Deceased.

K OF C LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Knights of Columbus #4118 will have their Annual Fish Fry Dinners on Friday's March 10 and March 24. Both dinners will be held at the Council Hall. Doors open at 5:00 pm, serving will be available from 5:30-7:30 pm. Dine in or carry out. The Council asks for a free will donation, suggested donations are \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and children under 6 free. Proceeds support Religious Education of our Seminarians and Religious.

CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL!

The Wichita Chamber Chorale and Madrigal ensembles from Bishop Carroll and Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High Schools will present a concert on *Sunday, April 2* at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The concert will include a cappella masterworks of the Roman Catholic tradition. The rarely performed, Thomas Tallis', "Spem in Alium," for five choirs will be coupled with Joseph Rheinberger's Mass in E-flat for double choir. Gregorian chant will be woven through the evening, which will also feature works by contemporary Latin American composers. For more information, go to www.wichitachorale.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, March 6**
8:00 am Anna Jacobs
5:30 pm Gregory & Gene Seely
- Tuesday, March 7**
8:00 am Marguerite Banks
5:30 pm Thanh Family
- Wednesday, March 8**
8:00 am Na Nguyen
5:30 pm Markita Terhune
- Thursday, March 9**
8:00 am Phyllis Horine
5:30 pm Elvira Medina Casillas
- Friday, March 10**
8:00 am Gene Ruiz
5:30 pm Dec. Mem. of the Carl & Evelyn Tiemeyer Family
- Saturday, March 11**
8:00 am Elisa Harmon
5:00 pm For the People
7:00 pm George & Rose Ewald
- Sunday, March 12**
7:00 am Dorothy Clouse
8:30 am Bernice Dick
10:00 am Verle & Patricia Herman Family
11:30 am Gloria West
1:00 pm All Souls

SERVERS

- Monday, March 6**
8:00 am C. Seiler/K. Forbes/L. Forbes
5:30 pm D. Halbleib/L. O'Connor Dan Dillon
- Tuesday, March 7**
8:00 am A. Harter/K. Wall/L. Carter
5:30 pm A. Simon/C. Scott Curtis Dorn
- Wednesday, March 8**
8:00 am G. Rogers/J. Stephenson/Z. Rogers
5:30 pm J. Tran/J. Tran Maria Douglas
- Thursday, March 9**
8:00 am N. Garcia/P. Garcia/R. Garcia
5:30 pm K. Brown/N. Brown Phil Drouhard
- Friday, March 10**
8:00 am A. Bye/G. McElhiney/G. McElhiney
5:30 pm G. Sladek/J. Exley/J. Exley Johanna Forshee
- Saturday, March 11**
8:00 am A. Sauer/B. Ely/G. Schuster Monica Hammer
5:00 pm K. Schuckman/M. Nguyen/T. Stewart
7:00 pm A. Mauler/B. Zamzow/R. Malone
- Sunday, March 12**
7:00 am B. Booth/C. Pascal/J. Hohman
8:30 am B. Daigle/G. Daigle/R. Bartsch
10:00 am B. Saville/D. Mies/H. Saville
11:30 am J. Bracy/K. Hill/L. Weakland
1:00 pm C. Hampel/C. Hybl/K. Tran

WEEKDAY LECTORS

ELIJAH CUP

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

- March 11-12**—Lanette Belton Family
- March 18-19**—Daniel Benefiel Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 11—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Bogner
7:00 pm Ann Chase/Dorsey Burgess
Sunday, March 12—8:30 am Ryan Dick/Melissa Seiler
10:00 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Mary Lou Harding
11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Tory Freeman
1:00 pm Julie Riedlinger/Caitlin Marrero

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, March 11**

5:00 pm Carolyn Stump/Janice McClure/Kay Suchan
Michele Kostelecky/Nathan Lies
7:00 pm Barbie & Pat Walden/Marie Bartsch
Myron Ewy/Richard Mayer

Sunday, March 12

7:00 am Mary Carter/Stephanie Seiler/Maren Breit
Greg Morgan/John Bahr
8:30 am Kay & Leroy Goodknight/Albert Maldonado
Joseph Hein/Rod Dix
10:00 am Angie & Billy Lubbers/Linda Looney
Barbara & Dorothy Mies
11:30 am Maggie & Robert Orris/JoAnn Forister
Vi Schuckman/Jerry Pates
1:00 pm Judy & Randy Phelps/Collette Schumacher
Jennifer McDaniel/Logan Petersen

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, March 11**

5:00 pm Dan Schoenberger/Beth Caruthers
7:00 pm Juli McClure/Sean Hudspeth

Sunday, March 12

7:00 am John Hermann/Bob Voboril
8:30 am Randy Walker/Michael George
10:00 am Suzanne Buchanan/John Offerman
11:30 am Emily Riggs/Tim Fox
1:00 pm Danny Burt/Laurie Briggs

Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm Joe Molina/Julia Schauf
7:00 pm Cynthia Powers/Mike Buchanan

Sunday, March 19

7:00 am Johanna Forshee/Deanna Abildgaard
8:30 am Sarah Westbury/Kristin Margin
10:00 am Madelyn Hammer/Monica Hammer
11:30 am Carol McCormick/Jeffrey Hauge
1:00 pm Linda Shinogle/Brad Streeter

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, March 11**

5:00 pm Mary Spachek
7:00 pm Chris & Maria Stewart

Sunday, March 12

8:30 am Wayne & Theresa Schremmer
10:00 am Jim & Cheryl Scott
11:30 am Dennis & Therese Seiler
1:00 pm Laurie & Curtis Tasset

Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm Jason & Michelle Taylor
7:00 pm Dung Vu & Manh Tran

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am Brad & Tracie Shelton
10:00 am Jolene Senter
11:30 am Daniel & Mary Stallbaumer
1:00 pm Steven & Melanie Ternes

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.