

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

861 North Socora Wichita, KS 67212

LENT

March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday Of Lent

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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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A Parish Is Familial

This is "Part 10" 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, Sacramental and Catechetical.

Can you guess where these lyrics come from: *Sometimes you want to go / Where everybody knows your name, / and they're always glad you came. / You wanna be where you can see, / our troubles are all the same / You wanna be where everybody knows / Your name.* If you can then either you are joyfully middle aged or an avid watcher of reruns.

It's the *Cheers* theme song. For eleven years this theme song played weekly, if not daily, on our TVs. These lyrics capture an essential human desire: to be openly accepted by people who share the joys and troubles of life and know you by name. So many TV sitcoms (Frazier, Friends, the Big Bang Theory) have echoed the same theme because people desire to be accepted for who they are...as they are.

Does this happen in our parish? Are you known by name by another parishioner? Have you sought to learn another parishioner's name? Is St. Francis a place where people are glad you came? Where your troubles find understanding? In other words: Is St. Francis a family to which we belong? Or is it merely a huge "sacrament factory" that rotates a faceless mass of humanity through its doors as if on a conveyor belt?

No. We are a family... a parish family. We are made up of young and old, white collar and blue collar, men and women. We include children, teenagers, young adults, single, married, single parent, widowed, divorced, retired, struggling, addicted, exhausted, isolated, deaf, injured, and disabled. We are from the United States, Mexico, Vietnam, Philippines, Africa, Europe, and India to name just a few. And as a parish family we must welcome the familiar and the unfamiliar, the introvert and extrovert, the saint and the sinner.

A true Catholic parish is *familial*. This not only means that we support the Christian family and the domestic Church by teaching on marriage and parenting, which we do. It also means that we strive to include all people, no matter their situation of life. Just as a family is a place of welcome, relationship, teaching and admonishment, so too, St. Francis parish must be just such a place. In other words, to be 'familial' means that we both *support* the family and that we *are* a family in which all parishioners find a home.

You see the *Cheers* song captures a truth: *sometimes you do want to go where everyone knows your name.* St. Francis must be a place where others are *glad you came*... a place where we know our *troubles are all the same*. So let us strive to make our parish such a place; except we'll use pews instead of stools.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those that came to help clean carpets, etc. in the church this past week. Your Stewardship is greatly appreciated.

WARMING SOULS/CYM SAYS THANK YOU

Thank you St. Francis of Assisi parishioners for your generous support once again as the CYM completed the "Warming Souls" service project. Not only were we able to make 200 peanut butter sandwiches to put in over 100 sack lunches but because of your generosity we were also able to donate: **155 bars of soap, 250 pairs of socks, 268 washcloths, 300 tooth brushes, 250 tubes of toothpaste, 107 travel size bottles of hand sanitizer and over 1,000 Ziploc bags to Inner Faith Ministries.** CYM was overwhelmed by the generosity of a parish we love. It took us a solid hour to compile all the donations. Thank you St. Francis for your kindness and generosity!!

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Charities Committee grocery sack Lenten Food Drive Sacks need to be returned by *Sunday, April 9* to the table in the front walkway.

STATIONS AND MASS DURING LENT

Stations will be held on Fridays following the 5:30 pm Mass. You are also welcome to come to Stations on Wednesdays at 2:45 pm.

THE LIVING STATIONS

Youth of the parish will perform The Living Stations on *Friday, April 7* at 7:00 pm. (this will take the place of the regular 6:00 pm stations)

~*"Come experience the Road to Calvary"*

FORGIVEN

Join Wichita Adore Ministries this *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.

BAPTISMS

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

What's Happening

Monday, March 27—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, March 28—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 friends, family members, and members of our parish who are suffering from a serious or terminal illness, especially cancer. We ask for healing for these suffering servants if it be Your will. We praise You and we thank You for your Mercy."

Wednesday, March 29—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Thursday, March 30—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, March 31—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, April 1—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, April 3—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

Thursday, April 6—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.

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

In today's gospel, we hear of the man whose lifelong blindness was cured by Jesus. There is a great deal of theology behind these words "and now I see." Jesus frequently heals the deaf and the blind, helping those people to hear and to see. But he also criticizes the Pharisees for having ears and not hearing, and for having eyes and not seeing. The Stewardship way of life, allows us to open our eyes and ears to receive the gifts our Lord has given. Gifts of life, purpose, meaning. As we continue our journey through Lent, we are not overcome by the blindness caused by the world, rather we continue to steward the gifts God has given us, opening our eyes in gratitude.

RCIA SUMMER HOSPITALITY HELP

RCIA is looking for individuals to help with hospitality one Wednesday a month. This stewardship opportunity would involve purchasing (with donated gift cards), setting up, and cleaning up drinks/snacks during RCIA classes on Wednesday nights. The classes run from April 12 - October 4 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. You are not required to stay for the entire class (set up from 6:00-6:30 pm and clean up from 8:00-8:30 pm). Contact Melissa with questions or to sign up at jm.lezniak@gmail.com. **RCIA is also seeking Dillon's gift card donations** in \$10 increments to cover food, drink, and supply costs. Any donated gift card can be taken to the Church office. Thank you for your generosity!!

CHARITIES COMMITTEE BLOOD DRIVE

Please consider giving blood at the next Charities Committee Blood Drive here at St. Francis, *Friday, March 31*. The Charities Committee will have a sign up table after all the Masses this weekend.

DISCERNING FAITHFUL RESPONSES TO INFERTILITY

Fr. Jarrod recently videotaped a talk on Catholic responses to infertility. In this presentation he answers questions such as: What options can Catholics take in responding to infertility? What options can they not take? What are the reasons why some options are acceptable and others are not? What is the most effective option? You can find this talk by going to www.stfranciswichita.com. Click on "Pastor's Corner" and then click on "Father's Blog." You can find the video under "2017.3.13 - Discerning Faithful Responses to Infertility."



“Do not be afraid to say ‘yes’ to Jesus to find your joy in doing His will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness.

~Pope Benedict, XVI

PRAYER & ACTION

Prayer and Action sign up is underway! This is a weeklong mission trip in the Wichita Diocese. The mission trip/retreat begins Sunday evening and concludes Friday afternoon. A team of seminarians and other dynamic young adults facilitate each Prayer & Action week. This team and the parish adult leaders will be with the students at the worksites, working side-by-side with them to paint, clean, do yard work, and other tasks for those in need. In the evenings, the team will lead Collatio, the retreat portion of Prayer & Action. Collatio is perhaps the most important part of the day as the students pray, worship, and grow together in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in attending Prayer & Action this summer please email esavage@stfranciswichita.com or call Emily at 722-4404 as soon as possible as space is limited.

THE MISSION OF YOUTH MINISTRY

The **mission** of SFA youth ministry is to *assist* parents in forming their children to become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

HERE IS WHAT’S HAPPENING. . .

- *Wednesday, March 22—Pitch, Spoons, Nerfs Tournaments
- *Wednesday, March 29—Guest Speaker; Nate Hoffman
- *Sunday, April 2—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- *Wednesday, April 5—Ultimate Ping Pong Tournament and Board Games
- *Friday, April 7—Living Stations at 7:00 pm
- *Sunday, April 9—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses
- *Wednesday, April 12—Father, Teach us to Pray
- *Friday, April 14—CYM Good Friday Stations at Noon
- *Wednesday, April 19—Easter Swing Dance Party
- *Wednesday, April 26—Guest Speaker; Tara Elpers
- *Sunday, April 30—Coffee and Rolls in St. Clare Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses

JUNIOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (JCYM)

Meets the first Wednesday of every month (October-April) in the school gym from 6:45-8:00 pm. JCYM is for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders of the parish. The night will include prayer, a guest speaker, music and games. Mark your calendar for *Wednesday, April 5!* This will be our last JCYM for the year!

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www.twitter.com/kssfachurch

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Parish nurses will be in the Bride’s Room in the back of church after all the Masses next weekend April 1 & 2.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of April are invited to the Anniversary Mass next *Sunday, April 2* 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.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We will meet next *Tuesday, April 4* 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.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

“In the Power of the Holy Spirit” will be presented by Fr. Jarrod Lies on *Sunday, April 30* from 5:00-7:30 pm. This mini retreat is for ages Kindergarten on up; married and single. We will begin with a light meal followed by a talk in the church, ending with a prayer service. Registrations are a must and will take place the weekends of April 1 and 2 and April 8 and 9 after all Masses. Come experience this unique gathering of our church family! We will see you there!

ROSARY FOR THE VOCATIONS

Families and individuals whose last names begin with **C—E** are asked to pray the rosary this week at home, at church, or in the adoration chapel for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary members throughout the diocese will hold their annual Consecration to Our Lady this *Sunday, March 26* at St. Jude Catholic Church beginning at 3:00 pm. This solemn ceremony (ACIES) includes The Rosary, hymns, promises, prayers to Our Lady and Benediction. Auxiliary members are especially invited to attend.

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Young adults who have completed one year of college or are at least 19 years old are invited to attend the college week of Prayer and Action at Sacred Heart Parish in Arkansas City, KS, June 4-9. Cost for the entire week is only \$75. Registrations are due by May 15. For more information or to register please call the Office of Faith Formation at 316-269-3940.

CAMP TOTUS TUUS

Provides youth an opportunity to grow in their Faith during the summer months. Camp revolves around the Eucharist and prayer, with daily Mass, as well as time for Adoration, Confession, Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Testimonies given by counselors, facilitated discussion and group activities provide an exceptional learning environment for youth. Games and activities such as Totus Tuus Olympics, swimming, canoeing, and Catechetical Jeopardy keep the atmosphere fun and exciting while allowing young people of all interests and abilities to take part and enjoy. This is an overnight camp located in Lyons, KS—transportation to and from the Camp is available. For more information please visit <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/camp-totus-tuus>.

June 5-7: 5/6 Grade Girls

June 7-9: 5/6 Grade Boys

June 12-16: 7/8 Grade Girls

June 19-23: 7/8 Grade Boys

June 26-30: 9/10 Grade Girls

July 10-14: 7/8 Grade Boys

July 17-21: 7/8 Grade Girls

July 24-28: 9/10/11/12 Grade Boys

July 31-August 4: 11/12 Grade Girls

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PERSONAL AD

Respectful Catholic female college student wishes to rent room in a home or seeking a female roommate; would be willing to do housekeeping chores. If interested please call 316-573-5002.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 27

- 8:00 am William Daniels
- 5:30 pm Ramon Figueroa Medina

Tuesday, March 28

- 8:00 am Leo & Anne Zimmerman
- 5:30 pm Dorothy Bender

Wednesday, March 29

- 8:00 am Liv. Mem. Of Legion of Mary
- 5:30 pm Betty Utz

Thursday, March 30

- 8:00 am Mary Ann Becker
- 5:30 pm Nguyen Family

Friday, March 31

- 8:00 am Marlene Kerschen
- 5:30 pm Karla Davison

Saturday, April 1

- 8:00 am For Priests
- 5:00 pm Judy Beat
- 7:00 pm Erma Schuster

Sunday, April 2

- 7:00 am Paul Lopez
- 8:30 am For the People
- 10:00 am Bill Nixon
- 11:30 am Bong Nguyen Giang Do
- 1:00 pm Darold Coomes

SERVERS

Monday, March 27

- 8:00 am B. Munk/K. Johnson/N. Brummett
- 5:30 pm E. Niedens/T. McCormick Julia Schauf

Tuesday, March 28

- 8:00 am A. Harter/A. Sauer/C. Rosales
- 5:30 pm F. Barles/G. Ast Dan Schoenberger

Wednesday, March 29

- 8:00 am N. Garcia/P. Garcia/R. Garcia
- 5:30 pm H. Nguyen/M. Gallant Herb Shaner

Thursday, March 30

- 8:00 am L. Carter/L. Timmermeyer/N. Landon
- 5:30 pm C. Strunk/J. Palmer Linda Shinogle

Friday, March 31

- 8:00 am H. Lubbers/H. Lubbers/H. Lubbers
- 5:30 pm B. Strunk/C. Meier/E. Benefiel Bob Voboril

Saturday, April 1

- 8:00 am A. Morgan/I. Sanchez/J. Hartman Dave Carter
- 5:00 pm J. Loyd/K. Gulick/S. Charlton
- 7:00 pm B. Massell/B. Prichard/H. Faber

Sunday, April 2

- 7:00 am A. Stump/A. Kerschen/L. Taylor
- 8:30 am B. Mileham/L. Tajchman/N. Smith
- 10:00 am J. Tran/J. Tran/M. Robinson
- 11:30 am B. Wadlowe/C. Scott/R. Kirk
- 1:00 pm A. Riedel/J. Sanburn/R. Haneberg

WEEKDAY LECTORS

ELIJAH CUP

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

- April 1-2—Aaron Owen Family
- April 8-9—Daniel Betzen Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 1—5:00 pm Calvin Morgan/Clare Morgan
7:00 pm Ann Chase/Matthew Ho
Sunday, April 2—8:30 am Ryan Dick/Melissa Seiler
10:00 am Patrick Harms/Traditional Choir
11:30 am Patrick Harms/Girls' Ensemble
1:00 pm Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Caitlin Marrero

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, April 1**

5:00 pm Jean & Bill Heimann/Kay Suchan
Rene & Lynn Feldkamp
7:00 pm Becky Brummett/Rachel Little/Richard Mayer
Robert Lyall/Sean Hudspeth

Sunday, April 2

7:00 am Martha & Larry Dostert/Ann Dorn
Kimberly Yager/Rita Landwehr
8:30 am Deloris Wendling/Jodell Daniels/Sandi Baalman
Charles Mersmann/Mike Martin
10:00 am Patricia & David Lies/Greg Morgan
Marcia & Jim McAnarney
11:30 am Catherine & James Bitting/Patty Quilty
Logan Petersen/Walter Zemanick
1:00 pm Collette Schumacher/Susan Fry/Marty McCormack
Ryan Biedron/Steve Gonzales

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, April 1**

5:00 pm John Sander/Renee Hein
7:00 pm Jeff Cerre/Kelby Schawe

Sunday, April 2

7:00 am Mary Kay Blasi/Dan Dillon
8:30 am Sally Stump/Steve Hermann
10:00 am Dave Carter/Scott Carter
11:30 am Youth/Youth
1:00 pm Julie Westphal/Ann Daigle

Saturday, April 8

5:00 pm Connor Brungardt/Angie Taylor
7:00 pm Sean Hudspeth/Juli McClure

Sunday, April 9

7:00 am Bridget Harvey/Greg Peter
8:30 am Joan Hampton/Helen Cole
10:00 am Catherine Bitting/Chuck Mies
11:30 am Judy Stengel/Matthew Cerre
1:00 pm Troy Harter/Randy Phelps

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, April 1**

5:00 pm Darrell Ubert
7:00 pm Rhonda Von mosch

Sunday, April 2

8:30 am Anniversary Couple
10:00 am Vince & Misty Vopat
11:30 am Youth Group
1:00 pm Thomas & Ann Tran

Saturday, April 8

5:00 pm John Vasquez
7:00 pm Dung Vu

Sunday, April 9

8:30 am Sally Stump
10:00 am Pat & Barbie Walden
11:30 am Thylan & Kirby Vu
1:00 pm Michael & Traci Welsby

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)

E-mailsfapraychain@gmail.com

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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.nfpwchita.org.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or a friend is hurting from an abortion, please call 316-634-1300 today.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check Lost and Found in front walkway. Items will only be kept for two weeks before donating to Good Will.

CHANGES

Please keep the Church Office informed of changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. By letting us know you have moved, we can save money on postage returns and keep our membership roster up to date.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Must be submitted to church office no later than 9:00 am Tuesday.