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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

November 19, 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. C. Jarrod Lies, Pastor

Fr. Andrew Labenz, Associate Pastor

Fr. Andrew Walsh, Associate Pastor

PARISH OFFICE/RECTORY

Phone • 316.722.4404

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily 4:50-5:25 pm, Saturdays 3:00-4:00 pm

Definite Contact

Shuffle, shuffle, shuffle... ZAP!... Giggles... Thud, thud, thud. That's what it sounded like when I shocked my brothers. With socks on my feet I would shuffle up behind them, reach out my finger to their neck, ZAP them, laugh, and run away – fast! Shocking someone was always funny. I think the thing that was most cool about the shock was that something was communicated from body to body. It was a definite contact between two people. When two bodies touched they shared electricity, so much so that one person would react to the shock – quickly.

Well, what we can see happen in a shock is also what happens in true communication: definite contact shared between two people. When one person speaks to another: ideas are shared. When one person shakes another's hand: a greeting is shared. When one person hugs another: care and concern is shared. Communication, done properly, is a sharing of heart, mind, and soul between one person and another.

In fact, the entire reason why Jesus Christ became man was to communicate the love of the Father with humankind. The Incarnation is a form of communication. So at the root of our Christian faith lies the call to communicate. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt 28:19). In other words, Christians are called to communicate the Gospel with other people so that they might have definite contact with the Trinity.

Communication is also very practical. Good communication leads to understanding and closeness. Bad communication leads to misunderstanding and estrangement. So all persons, in every walk of life, whether they be single, married, widowed, siblings, coworkers or the like are called to learn good communication to foster good relationships.

Our parish Faith Forward strategic plan called for better communication. This is why we established the new Parish Communications Council. These passionate and professional men and women know the best ways to articulate and share a message. The bulletin, the Vernacular, the Flash, the website, special publications, social media, letters, posters, banners, etc. are various ways they share the life and activity of the parish with us. But most importantly their efforts share the message of the Gospel and the invitation to discipleship and stewardship.

Soon, too, we are going to add emails, text messages, and automated phone calls through a system called School Messenger. In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving an invitation to the Annual Pastoral Address called "Weights and Measures." These avenues will not be used frequently; but be aware that you may soon be receiving an invitation by email, text, or phone call.

So you see, I used to sneak up and shock my brothers; but I don't want to sneak up and shock you with a new mode of communication. I am, however, excited to make definite contact with you.

ADORATION CHAPEL

"Go often dear ones and place yourself at the feet of Jesus. He is our comfort, our way, and our life."

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

He is living there.

He wants us to speak to Him!

Urgent Need: Mondays from 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Call Sandy Rongish at 990-6647 or Jenny Morgan at 721-8871 if you would like to sign up.

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday, when everyone in our parish family is invited to recommit their time, talent, and treasure to the Lord for the next year. Everything we have is a gift. Please pray that our hearts will be open to the possibility of giving more of ourselves and our treasure to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING DAY—ADORATION CHAPEL

In Thanksgiving for all of our blessings, please help keep our Adoration Chapel open on Thanksgiving Day. There is a sign up sheet in the chapel. Please sign up for any hour that works into your day. Spend an hour with Jesus in gratitude.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

May God bless each of you with a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Will be at 9:00 am only. This will be the only mass that day.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.**BAPTISMS**

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

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Discovering Christ is coming to St Francis again in February 2018! If you are interested in being a table facilitator/helper or maybe a coordinator, we are having a drop in question and answer session this *Sunday, November 19* in St. Clare Hall from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Please join us!

ALL COUNCIL MINUTES AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Parishioners can now see the All Council Minutes on our website. Go to www.stfranciswichita.com click on "Communications" then "Council Minutes".

Monday, November 20—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

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

K of C Council 4118 monthly membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Hall. All members or men wishing to transfer are invited. For more information call 461-6481.

Tuesday, November 21—Marian Mantle Rosary Group meets following the 8:00 a.m. Mass to pray for loved ones who no longer practice the faith.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in St. Bonaventure Center from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group prays the rosary each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome. This week's petition is "Mary our Mother, help us realize and appreciate how great a gift God has given us, the gift of His Son. We praise You, Heavenly Father, and we thank You."

Wednesday, November 22—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

St. Francis 10:00 Choir will rehearse at 7:00 p.m. 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 p.m. in Clare Hall Music Room. All men of the parish are welcome.

Thursday, November 23—Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will be studying James.

Saturday, November 25—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church. All are invited.

Wednesday, December 6—Mary's Moms Bible Study and Play Group in St. Clare Hall from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Our lesson this week is Handmaid of the Lord.

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 19-11-17 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 next *Sunday, November 19* at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Please contact Ann at 258-7657 or Tâm at 519-4248 if you have any questions.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

(Each week we will highlight a different committee)

Parish Library Committee

Mission: The mission of St. Anthony of Padua Library is to provide spiritual and intellectually enriching materials in support of our Catholic faith to deepen the quality of spiritual life of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners. All materials are available free of charge.

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. Christmas Mass Instrumentalists. If there are any parishioners who would like to form a group to play at the 8:30 or 11:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day, we will meet on *Tuesday, November 28* at 7:00 p.m. to plan and begin practices.
 2. High School students who would like to help sing for the 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve are invited to come to rehearsal on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 3. Singers are welcome to come for a one-time great participation experience at the Christmas Midnight Mass. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 4. The Men's Choir would welcome any men who would like to participate in singing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 p.m.
- All of the above rehearse in the St. Clare Hall Music Room.**

THE FIAT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Fiat Ministries is devoted to encouraging young women to answer "yes" to the vocation God is calling them too. The Fiat Discernment Retreat is an opportunity for young women to ask questions, pray, listen, and open their hearts to the Lord's will. Throughout this weekend of discernment, participants will receive wisdom through prayer, presentations by religious sisters, recreation, and fellowship. Single women, age 18-27 who are seeking to do God's will, are invited to attend the upcoming Fiat Discernment Retreat December 15-17 at the Spiritual Life Center. The cost of the retreat is \$25 which includes meals, lodging and materials. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact Emily at esavage@stfranciswichita.com or call 316-213-4478. Registration is now open online at <http://www.fiatministries.org/discernment-retreat>. Please register by December 11.

WHAT CYM IS ALL ABOUT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Youth Ministry assists parents in forming the children into life long disciples of Jesus Christ. All high school students are invited and encouraged to attend Wednesday night activities from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Assisi Hall. You can find us in the walkway at our check in table each Wednesday.

"Prayer is an aspiration of the heart.

It is a simple glance directed to Heaven.

It is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy."

~St. Therese Lisieux

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. . .

CYM meets on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30 p.m.

- *Sunday, November 19—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses in the front walkway
- *Wednesday, November 22—No CYM—Happy Thanksgiving
- *Wednesday, November 29—Be Grateful, Give Thanks, Eat Pie!!
- *Sunday, December 3—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses in the front walkway
- *Wednesday, December 6—Fr. Jarrod will speak about being "Somebody's Somebody Else"
- *Sunday, December 10—Breakfast with Santa, Cana Hall from 9:30 a.m. to noon
- *Wednesday, December 13—No CYM
- *Wednesday, December 20—Holy Hour, Benediction and Confessions
- *Wednesday, December 27—No CYM—Merry Christmas

COME HELP DECORATE THE RECTORY

On *Sunday, November 19* from 3:00-5:00 p.m. CYM will help decorate the rectory and have a pizza party. We are in need of 10-15 students and 5-6 adults to come and help put lights on the house and the trees. If you are available to help please email Emily Savage at esavage@stfranciswichita.com.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY!!

Mark your calendars for our next JCYM *Wednesday, December 6!* Come and join us for giant Tic-Tac-Toe and to celebrate Mary and her "Yes" to be the mother of God. Future JCYM dates for this school year are January 3, February 7, March 7 and April 4. We meet in the school gym from 6:45-8:00 p.m. JCYM is for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders of the parish. The night will include prayer, a guest speaker, music and games.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Our next gathering will be *Thursday, November 30* from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Rectory. All young adults from age 24-39 are invited to come and join us. Babysitting is available. Call Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 to RSVP your children.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF OPENING

We are currently looking to hire a person to work in our parish office. This is a full-time position and will involve answering phones, scheduling, data management, bulletin layout, and collaborating with the communications team. Please submit your resume to the church office in care of Pat Burns.

OUR DAILY BREAD PANTRY

Please help fill the Thanksgiving shelves of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. Call (316) 264-8344 ext. 1504 or email mtannehill@CatholicCharitiesWichita.org. Items needed include soup, stuffing and canned sides.

MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE CLERGY CONFERENCE/RETREAT (NOVEMBER 27-30)

Fr. Jarrod, Fr. Andy and Fr. Labenz will be attending the Clergy Conference/Retreat *November 27-30*. We will have the 8:00 am Mass everyday but there will be no 5:30 pm Masses Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Mass intentions for these masses will be taken with the priests to the conference.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are caring for someone with dementia we can help. All are encouraged to attend our next meeting *Thursday, November 30* from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House located at the corner of Socora and Bekemeyer across the street from our playground. Transportation or respite care can be arranged by calling Frances at 722-3773. The family is always welcome to come with you.

FREE NOVICE CHESS TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS

St. Francis of Assisi is hosting a free novice chess tournament for kids kindergarten through 8th grade. It will be held *Saturday, December 2* in Cana Hall from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please register by sending an email to engeldaniel@sbcglobal.net with your child's school, name and grade.

THANK YOU FOR THE COUPONS

A special thanks to our parishioners who have contributed to the Sunday newspaper coupon collection boxes located in the front walkway and St. Clare Hallway. Throughout the year volunteers use these insert coupons to purchase needed items for Catholic Charities.



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www.instagram.com/kssfachurch

www.twitter.com/kssfachurch

More Here at SFA and Around the Diocese

HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, NEW SOCKS

The Lord's Diner will once again be collecting winter hats, gloves, and scarves along with new socks to distribute to our guests for Christmas. Drop off your new items at the Broadway location November 1 through December 15.

PRESENTATION ON MARY

Winston Kenton, a parishioner and catechist at St. Francis of Assisi, who is also a religion teacher in the diocese, will be doing a presentation on Mary called, "There Really IS Something About Mary!" from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on *Saturday, December 2* in St. Clare Hall. Here is what will be discussed: "For many Catholics our love and devotion to Mary, the Blessed Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, comes naturally. However, there are certain infallible truths regarding the Blessed Mother that some Catholics might like to have a better understanding of which might not be easy to discern on their own. In this brief but exhaustive presentation on Mariology, here is an opportunity to have a better grasp of the four Marian Dogmas and the Scriptural and Magisterial basis for them. This is also an opportunity to come to a better understanding of some of the common misconceptions about Mary and how to respond charitably and properly to them should they arise in conversation with others. Ultimately, this presentation should bring you closer to Jesus through a deeper and richer love for His Blessed Mother."

ALL-SCHOOL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Mark your calendars!! We would like to invite you to join us on *Monday, January 29* for 8:00 a.m. Mass and then follow the 7th/8th graders to the school gym in an All-School Eucharistic Procession with Adoration and praise and worship hymns. The adoration and praise and worship will conclude between 9:30-10:00 a.m. Come for as long as you can! There will be chairs for those who are not able to stand or kneel. This is a spiritual event you won't want to miss! All parishioners are encouraged to come join us in praising God and thanking God for abundant blessings He has bestowed on each and every one of us!!



Liturgical Stewards

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 20
8:00 a.m. For Our Country/For Peace
5:30 p.m. Carol Ridder

Tuesday, November 21
8:00 a.m. Eleanor Rohling
5:30 p.m. Donald Tinker

Wednesday, November 22
8:00 a.m. Felisa Galvan
5:30 p.m. Marc Perez, Jr.

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day
9:00 a.m. Spec. Int. (Ladies Auxiliary)

Friday, November 24
8:00 a.m. Jean Bauer
5:30 p.m. Virginia Meyer

Saturday, November 25
8:00 a.m. Liv. Mem. of the Albert & Dreher Families
5:00 p.m. Joshua Branine
7:00 p.m. Barbara Ridder

Sunday, November 26
7:00 a.m. For the People
8:30 a.m. Mary Agnes Testa
10:00 a.m. Harold & Mark Rausch
11:30 a.m. Susan Goico
1:00 p.m. Ignacio Navarro

SERVERS

Monday, November 20
8:00 a.m. A. Daigle/B. Overlie
5:30 p.m. A. Nguyen/L. O'Connor Bridget Harvey

Tuesday, November 21
8:00 a.m. J. Exley/J. Exley
5:30 p.m. L. Shelton/N. Brummett Renee Hein

Wednesday, November 22
8:00 a.m. B. Wadlowe/C. Hampel
5:30 p.m. G. Sladek/K. McClure Ron Helten

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day
9:00 a.m. E. Gregg/E. Iseman/J. Lara Steve Hermann

Friday, November 24
8:00 a.m. G. McElhiney/L. Taylor
5:30 p.m. I. Sanchez/J. Stephenson John Hermann

Saturday, November 25
8:00 a.m. G. Schuster/H. Faber Herb Shaner
5:00 p.m. A. Avant/J. Sanburn/M. McMullen/S. Aruskevicius
7:00 p.m. A. Bye/G. Ast/S. Charlton/I. Iseman

Sunday, November 26
7:00 a.m. A. Mauler/L. Zarchan/R. Haneberg
8:30 a.m. J. Miller/N. Brown/T. Stewart/M. Burns
10:00 a.m. J. Pearson/K. Reynaga/S. Jordan/D. Mies
11:30 a.m. B. Booth/J. Lynch/L. Becker/T. Harter
1:00 p.m. B. Prichard/G. Ternes/H. Nguyen/J. Schonhoff

WEEKDAY LECTORS

ELIJAH CUP

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

November 25-26—Danny Hamel Family
December 2-3—Colton Meier Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 25—5:00 p.m. Maddie Shoup/Melissa Seiler
7:00 p.m. Scotney Reichenberger/Matthew Ho
Sunday, November 26—8:30 a.m. Julie Riedlinger/Emma Sanburn
10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers/Traditional Choir
11:30 a.m. Calvin Morgan/Clare Morgan
1:00 p.m. Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Bogners

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

5:00 p.m. Jill & Roger Kerschen/Barbie Walden
Susan Fry/Michael Skaggs
7:00 p.m. Elizabeth & Stuart Meether/Becky Brummett
Carolyn Stump/Myron Ewy

Sunday, November 26

7:00 a.m. Julie & Greg Morgan/Mike Martin
Martha & Larry Dostert
8:30 a.m. Patricia & David Lies/Deloris Wendling
Lisa Hinson/Sarah Westbury
10:00 a.m. Jennifer & Mike Hybl/Linda Looney
James Biting/Sean Hudspeth
11:30 a.m. Rene & Lynn Feldkamp/Bernadette Spaulding
Vi Schuckman/Walter Zemanick
1:00 p.m. Sharon & Jeff Cerre/Jean Rees
Judy & Randy Phelps

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, November 25**

5:00 p.m. Daniel Schoenberger/Beth Caruthers
7:00 p.m. Mary Sauber/Juli McClure

Sunday, November 26

7:00 a.m. Patty Bluml/Curtis Dorn
8:30 a.m. Don Werner/Dee Troyer
10:00 a.m. Scott Carter/Dave Carter
11:30 a.m. Ryan Biedron/Travis Pearson
1:00 p.m. Julie Westphal/Ann Daigle

Saturday, December 2

5:00 p.m. Joe Molina/Julia Schauf
7:00 p.m. Cynthia Powers/Mike Buchanan

Sunday, December 3

7:00 a.m. Dan Dillon/Jill Ward
8:30 a.m. Steve Hermann/Sally Stump
10:00 a.m. Chuck Mies/Catherine Biting
11:30 a.m. Judy Stengel/Travis Pearson
1:00 p.m. Danny Burt/Brenda Wasinger

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, November 25**

5:00 p.m. Shane Russell
7:00 p.m. Scott & Michelle Russell

Sunday, November 26

8:30 a.m. Bill & Sharon Sanders
10:00 a.m. Richard & Emily Riggs
11:30 a.m. Norbert & Linda Riley
1:00 p.m. Joseph & Jamie Rodriguez

Saturday, December 2

5:00 p.m. Dennis & Therese Seiler
7:00 p.m. Justin & Emily Schuster

Sunday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Anniversary Couple
10:00 a.m. James & Cheryl Scott
11:30 a.m. Rita Shaner
1:00 p.m. Tim & Kristie Schweitzer

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 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)..... 316.722.6204

Kevin or Karen: (6:00-10:00 p.m.) 316.721.1771

E-mailsfapraychain@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4118 316.461.6481

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LIBRARY

Hours: Friday 8:30-9:30 a.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Call 706-7185 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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 a.m. Tuesday.