

# WHO ARE YOU *following?*



And he said to them, 'Follow me.'

Matthew 4:19

## St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

861 North Socora, Wichita, Kansas 67212

*Sunday, October 8, 2017—Twenty-Seventh 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

## The Next Best Step

Trips. When I entered the seminary one of the things I least expected to experience was the number of trips I would go on. One of the trips I went on was to Europe with Our Lady of Lourdes choir when I was in Pittsburg, KS. It was a great trip but it was a huge amount of work organizing it. In fact, some trips are so much work that people hire travel guides to plan the trip.

So why am I talking about trips? Well, last year we arrived at a new parish vision: *to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the Gospel and inclusion within the parish family.* But that has gotten us only so far. Having a vision is like a family knowing they want to go on a trip. Neat idea! But the next question is: who is going to organize it? Organizing a trip takes a lot of work: arriving at a schedule, finding transportation, packing clothes, financing the trip, and responding to all the unforeseen details that keep cropping up.

Well this is where we are in implementing the parish vision: delegating leadership to organize the vision into action. Over the past summer the parish councils have done a lot of work and dialogue to match their structure to the needs of the parish vision. Much was communicated about our parish councils: parishioners wanted more transparency, new methods of finding leadership, questions of term limits, definition of responsibilities and the like. So the first thing the councils have done in response to the parish vision was review their structure to begin delegating responsibilities to implement the vision.

As a result a few new things are happening. First, we now have five parish councils: Pastoral Council, Stewardship Council, Operations (Finance and Facility) Council, School Council, and Communications Council. A new Communications Council has been started to facilitate greater transparency and to streamline the various avenues of information in our parish. Second, we are clarifying the key responsibilities of each council and discussing how each council operates in tandem with the others. Third, we are updating the organizational chart of the Pastoral Council to ensure that the feedback we received concerning our various ministries are respected.

Finally, we are changing the way in which the five parish councils will meet. All five councils will now meet once a month on the second Thursday of the month for two hours. The first hour we will all meet together as a group to receive the necessary information about the parish. The second hour each council will meet individually to discuss their particular responsibility for that information. We hope this will significantly increase collaboration and streamline implementation.

You see, it is one thing to want to go on a trip. It is another thing to organize one. In the same way, it is one thing to have a parish vision. It is another to organize it. By updating our parish leadership councils we hope to take the next best step forward in making our vision a reality.

### ADORATION CHAPEL

*"God is present before we yearn, found before we seek, offering life-giving love before we know our need for it."*

***He is living there.***

***He wants us to speak to Him!***

**Urgent Need: Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm.**

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



### OUR LADY OF FATIMA SAID~

Pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners. Offer up your sufferings as an act of reparation for the sins against God and for the conversion of sinners. **May 13, 1917**

### CARING HANDS

*"I was hungry and you gave me to eat".* We must help others in His name. The mission of Caring Hands is: Helping parish families during times of need. Stewardship Volunteers deliver meals twice per week. If someone you know is in need, or if you would like to volunteer your talents please call the church office 722-4404 for more information.

**If you are interested in heading up this committee please call the church office.**

### BAPTISMS

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

### VOICES NEEDED

The 10:00 Traditional Choir needs high sopranos and tenors. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Clare Hall music room.

### ROSARY FOR LIFE

The Rosary that is said after the 8:00 am Mass next *Saturday, October 14* will be offered for Life and for an end to abortion. The Rosary will include short meditations for each decade. All in the parish are invited to join us.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Parish nurses will be in the Bride's Room in the back of church after all the Masses this weekend.

### MISCARRIAGE & 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 this *Monday, October 9* at 7:30 pm. Questions please call or text Becky at 210-1098.

**Monday, October 9**—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass.

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, October 10**—Marian Mantle Rosary Group meets following the 8:00 am 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 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, hear our prayer. Turn the hearts of all away from abortion. Let us see the beauty in each and every baby. Help us realize how precious life is."

**Wednesday, October 11**—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

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.

**Thursday, October 12**—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

**Friday, October 13**—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Clare Basement after the 8:00 am Mass. We will be studying James.

**Saturday, October 14**—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

**Monday, October 16**—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

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

**Wednesday, October 18**—Mary's Moms Bible Study and Play Group in St. Clare Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. Our lesson this week is "All Holy".

### LADIES AUXILIARY

All ladies of the parish are invited to our next meeting this *Thursday, October 12* beginning at 6:30 pm in St. Bonaventure Center. We will be preparing the Parish Dinner Invitation mailing. If your last name begins with A-N, please bring a snack or dessert to share; O-Z, a beverage. If you have questions, call Ann at 249-2430.

### STEWARDSHIP BEYOND

Have you remembered the church in your will or trust?

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The only souls we know for sure, who are in Heaven, are those souls who have been canonized; revealed to us by the Holy Spirit; or through an article of faith issued by the Holy Father.
- No one knows how long a "day" is in Purgatory, or how long it takes for a soul to be made "blemish free." We know...from writings sanctioned by the Catholic Church...that Purgatory began at the death of Jesus Christ. We also know, from these same writings, there are souls who have been in Purgatory, since its beginning.
- Once a soul is in Purgatory, only the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant can do anything to help make the soul "blemish" free.

**Take solace in knowing... God gives each of us...  
everything we need to get to Heaven**

### ST. FRANCIS PARISH WORK DAY

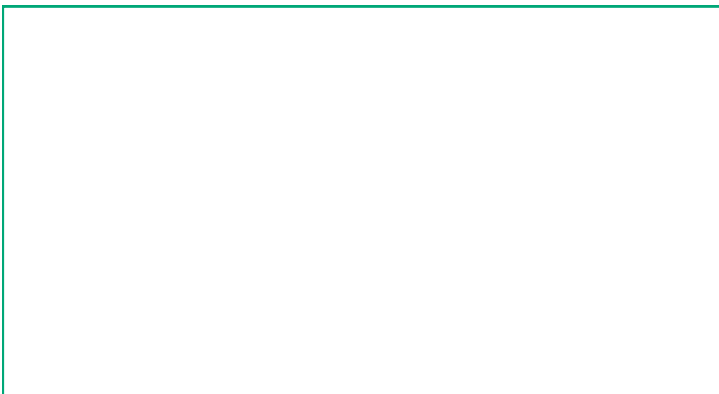
Everyone is welcome to help clean and spruce up the parish grounds on *Saturday, October 14* from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your yard tools and gloves. There will be several projects around the parish grounds. We will meet in the front walkway. You can come and go at your convenience and work for an hour or as long as your schedule allows.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please collect, cut and send in Box Tops and ask family members, friends, co-workers if they have Box Tops. Every Box Top is worth \$0.10, Bonus Box Tops can also be collected and turned in. Please turn in to the school office, or place in the Box Tops for Education Box located in the front walkway between the church and school. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program and earning money for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. For more information about the program text or call Jamie Fouquet, SFA Box Top Coordinator, (316) 518-1157.

### VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. FRANCIS

The next Virtus training here at St. Francis will be next *Saturday, October 14* in Stewardship Hall from 9:00 am-noon. Pre-registering by going to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) is highly suggested.





## 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 pm in Assisi Hall. You can find us in the walkway at our check in table each Wednesday.

*“Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.”*  
**1 Timothy 4:12**

## HERE IS WHAT’S HAPPENING. . .

**CYM meets on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30 pm**

- \*Saturday, October 7-Monday, October 9—Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Retreat
- \*Sunday, October 8—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway
- \*Wednesday, October 11—Holy Hour and Confessions
- \*Saturday, October 14—Missionary Disciples
- \*Sunday, October 15—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway
- \*Wednesday, October 18—Living Your Mission
- \*Saturday, October 21—L.E.A.D. 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Holy Spirit, Goddard
- \*Sunday, October 22—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway
- \*Wednesday, October 25—CYM
- \*Wednesday, November 1—CYM
- \*Wednesday, November 8—Holy Hour and Confessions

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Is a mission/service experience through the St. Francis Catholic Youth Ministry. This event will take place *Saturday, October 14*. All high school students are encouraged to participate. The day will include 4 hours of service, talk, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and confessions. We will gather in St. Clare Hall at 9:00 am and the day will conclude by 3:30 pm. Please contact Emily Savage at [esavage@stfranciswichita.com](mailto:esavage@stfranciswichita.com) for more information. Registration is now open.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

The Middle School Youth Rally is back at SFA for another year! All 6th, 7th and 8th graders of the parish are invited to attend the Middle School Youth Rally on *Saturday, November 4* from 9:00 am-12:30 pm here in the SFA school gym. All registration forms are due by Thursday morning, November 2. The cost is \$12 and includes t-shirt and snacks! If you have any questions or would like to register your child please contact Emily at [esavage@stfranciswichita.com](mailto:esavage@stfranciswichita.com).

## TOOTSIE ROLL WEEKEND

After all Masses next weekend October 14 & 15 the Knights of Columbus will be handing our tootsie rolls and taking donations to help people with intellectual disabilities. Money collected will benefit St. Francis of Assisi School. Thank you in advance 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 15-10-17 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 *Sunday, October 15* at 5:00 pm in the church. Please contact Ann at 258-7657 or Tâm at 519-4248 if you have any questions.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN WICHITA

Now through November 5, you are invited to join other Parishes and Churches for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray on-site in the public right-of-way outside South Wind Women’s Center - 5107 E Kellogg Dr. Join St. Francis Respect Life Group for an hour of on-site prayer *Tuesday, October 17* at 1:00 pm and on ***Saturday, October 21*** **Fr. Jarrod Lies will lead the rosary at 9:00 am.** For more information go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/Wichita>. **On *Saturday, October 28* at 9:00 am Bishop Carl A. Kemme will celebrate a Mass for Life in front of the abortion clinic. After the Mass Bishop Kemme will process the Eucharist around the block. For more information see the Catholic Advance.**

## HARVEST HOUSE

All parishioners over 55 are invited to our next gathering on *Thursday, October 19* at 1:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. We will have cookies and coffee and play card Bingo. Come and join us for a couple of hours of fellowship and fun. 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](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.

## SFA FUN NIGHT

Mark you calendars for the St. Francis of Assisi Fun Night, *Sunday, October 29* from 4:00-7:00 pm in the school.

## CYM/FUN NIGHT BINGO

All in the parish are invited to join us for CYM Bingo at Fun Night, October 29 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Bingo will be held in Stewardship Hall. This will be the only CYM Bingo this year.

### LEGION OF MARIE CURIA

St. Francis's, Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Legion of Mary will host the Diocesan wide Curia meeting here at St. Francis on *Sunday, October 15* at 3:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. All are invited.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CURRICULUM FAIR

The Curriculum Fair hosted by Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will be on *Friday, November 10*, from 8:00 am to noon. The purpose of the Curriculum Fair is to introduce prospective students to Bishop Carroll. Sessions will highlight activities, clubs, curriculum and the responsibilities of high school students at Bishop Carroll. Registration will begin in the Activities Complex (Door 4) at 7:30 am with celebration of the Eucharist beginning promptly at 8:00 am. All eighth grade students are invited to attend. If your eighth grader would like to participate, and is not currently enrolled in one of the Catholic grade schools, please call the Counseling Office at 729-5278 or email [mckenzieusan@bcchs.org](mailto:mckenzieusan@bcchs.org). The recommended reservation deadline for the Curriculum Fair is Thursday, October 19.

### FIND YOUR GREATNESS

Are you ready to be re-energized about your faith? Plan to join us for an exciting event as Dynamic Catholic brings "Find Your Greatness" with Dominick Albano to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on *Sunday, November 12* from 2:00-6:00 pm. Discover the four habits that will radically transform your life! For more information and to purchase tickets visit [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or stop the St. Francis church office.

### SALT & LIGHT-SPONSORS FREE CONCERT

Salt & Light-The Wichita Catholic Young Adult group is sponsoring a free concert by Kevin Heider, a Catholic musician from Love Good Music on *Tuesday, November, 14*. The concert will be held here at St. Francis of Assisi in St. Clare Hall. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to attend. Free-will donations will be accepted.

### 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](mailto: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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, October 9**  
8:00 am Na Nguyen  
5:30 pm Dec. Mem. Of Ludwig Family
- Tuesday, October 10**  
8:00 am Janet Tiemeyer  
5:30 pm Jim Kofford
- Wednesday, October 11**  
8:00 am Charles Orth  
5:30 pm Mike McNeil
- Thursday, October 12**  
8:00 am Ronald L. Blasi  
5:30 pm Donald Dagenais
- Friday, October 13**  
8:00 am Carol Ridder  
5:30 pm Hazel Holder
- Saturday, October 14**  
8:00 am Bill Sanders  
5:00 pm Spec. Int. (Corwin and Clare Lenz)  
7:00 pm Richard C. DiFatta
- Sunday, October 15**  
7:00 am Dec. Mem. Of the Mies & Seiwert Families  
8:30 am For the People  
10:00 am Judy Keeler  
11:30 am Jim and Willa Spaulding  
1:00 pm Matt Smith

### SERVERS/MC'S

### WEEKDAY LECTORS

- Monday, October 9**  
8:00 am J. Miller/L. Munoz  
5:30 pm L. Becker/M. Gallant Bridget Harvey
- Tuesday, October 10i**  
8:00 am M. Bitting/N. Smith  
5:30 pm C. Hampel/C. Strunk Renee Hein
- Wednesday, October 11**  
8:00 am J. Exley/J. Exley  
5:30 pm B. Munk/B. Voegeli Ron Helten
- Thursday, October 12**  
8:00 am C. Tran/M. Fouquet  
5:30 pm A. Riedel/L. Timmermeyer Steve Hermann
- Friday, October 13**  
8:00 am J. Lara/L. Taylor  
5:30 pm G. Sladek/H. Faber John Hermann
- Saturday, October 14**  
8:00 am G. McElhiney/I. Sanchez Scott Carter  
5:00 pm A. Sauer/J. Stephenson/S. Charlton/**E. Zink**  
7:00 pm A. Bye/G. Ast/H. Lubbers/**B. Daigle**
- Sunday, October 15**  
7:00 am A. Mauler/T. Stewart/Need Volunteer  
8:30 am B. Booth/B. Overlie/D. Dugan/**W. Hawk**  
10:00 am A. Nguyen/A. Daigle/M. Zwenger/**G. McElhiney**  
11:30 am B. Wadlowe/L. Shelton/N. Brummett/**S. Aruskevicius**  
1:00 pm I. Iseman/J. Sanburn/K. McClure/**B. Ely**

### ELIJAH CUP

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

- October 14-15**—Ryan Farley Family
- October 21-22**—Julie Fisher Family



**MUSIC SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, October 14**—5:00 pm Matthew Ho/Bogner's  
7:00 pm Ann Chase/Talia Powers and Amanda Pearson  
**Sunday, October 15**—8:30 am Julie Riedlinger/Mary Lou Harding  
10:00 am Matthew Ho/Men's Choir  
11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Clare Morgan  
1:00 pm Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Reagan Haneberg

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION****Saturday, October 14**

5:00 pm Jennifer & Mike Hybl/Stephanie Seiler  
Rene & Lynn Feldkamp  
7:00 pm Lisa Hinson/John Bahr/Need Volunteer  
Mike Martin/Robert Lyall

**Sunday, October 15**

7:00 am Marybeth & Jim Lubbers/JoAnn Forister  
Sarah Westbury/Stacy Bennett  
8:30 am Sherry & Ed Berger/Maren Breit  
Dwayne Dugan/Rod Dix  
10:00 am Deloris Wendling/Linda Looney/Madelyn Hammer  
Vi Schuckman/James Bitting  
11:30 am Barbie & Pat Walden/Logan Petersen  
Ann Dorn/Ryan Biedron  
1:00 pm Ann Daigle/Becky Brummett/Carole Conley  
Steve Gonzales/Tom Eckberg

**LECTOR / COMMENTATOR****Saturday, October 14**

5:00 pm Renee Hein/John Sander  
7:00 pm Cynthia Powers/Mike Buchanan

**Sunday, October 15**

7:00 am Johanna Forshee/Need Volunteer  
8:30 am Kristin Martin/Sarah Westbury  
10:00 am Chris Stewart/Mike Fuhrman  
11:30 am Travis Pearson/Ryan Biedron  
1:00 pm Randy Phelps/Sondra Garvey

**Saturday, October 21**

5:00 pm Angie Taylor/Connor Brungardt  
7:00 pm Kathryn Torres/Kelby Schawe

**Sunday, October 22**

7:00 am Curtis Dorn/Patricia Bluml  
8:30 am Dee Troyer/Don Werner  
10:00 am John Offerman/Evan Lies  
11:30 am Emily Riggs/Tim Fox  
1:00 pm Ann Daigle/Julie Westphal

**OFFERTORY GIFTS****Saturday, October 14**

5:00 pm Mario & Victoria Navarro  
7:00 pm Jim & Rita Mernagh

**Sunday, October 15**

8:30 am Brandon & Kiera Newell  
10:00 am Charles & Barbara Mies  
11:30 am Cameron & Rachel Meier  
1:00 pm Jeff & Dorothy Miller

**Saturday, October 21**

5:00 pm Nick & Mary Nguyen  
7:00 pm Jose & Karla Montelongo

**Sunday, October 22**

8:30 am John & Julie Owen  
10:00 am Mike & Paula Murillo  
11:30 am Greg & Julie Morgan  
1:00 pm Erica Morgan

**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-mail** .....sfapraychain@gmail.com

**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.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.