

NEW BEGININGS

SFA

He who has ears ought to hear . . .

Matthew 11:15

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

September 3, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

On Labor Day Weekend

What a fantastical world we lived in as children! How easy it is for a child to see with the eyes of the mind the vibrant colors of a world of make-believe. A tree becomes a watchtower, couch pillows become a fort, dolls and action figures speak and move, and old clothes become the wardrobe of countless plays. Oh, how I remember longing for the final bell of what seemed like an endless day at school! Mom and dad would have to virtually tie me down to get my homework done before I would run off to play ball with my friends or go bike riding through the park.

But, my, how things have changed! Not too long ago I was having a conversation with some people about the push and pull, rush and run of the work-a-day world. For some people stress and pressure never seem to quit and anxiety can be relentless. It can be hard to protect days off or keep Sunday free of servile work. Then I found myself asking a question: "At what point in life did people switch from having to be forced to do work to having to be forced to relax?"

How many people have become workaholics? How many people have learned to put time and effort into jobs or careers but have forgotten the value of rest or relaxation? Or worse, have allowed work to distract from the time and space needed to foster healthy, happy, holy relationships?

Now, don't get me wrong, work in itself is an awesome and valuable thing. The ability to be productive and use our talents is a part of being a co-creator with God. And anyone who has been without work or who has been in-between jobs knows just how valuable work is.

And yet, it is all too easy for us to put our identity into our productivity and forget that our identity is first rooted in the love of God and neighbor. One Church document reminds us that, "the human person is more precious for who he is than what he has." As Christians we realize that we are 'human beings' not 'human doings.' In other words, *who we are* precedes *what we produce*. That means that there comes a time when we prioritize people over work and conversation over productivity. People come before work and our work is always at the service of the people whom we love.

And so, this Labor Day weekend let us not only value the great gift of work. But let us also remember that relationships precede our work. Let's take a day to revert back to childhood and allow our playfulness to let us rejoice in our relationships.

ADORATION CHAPEL

"Beholding is a way of hoping. "Great hope is I am definitely loved"...Before Christ's gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with Him...transforms and frees us...His gaze...heals us...enabling us to become totally ourselves."

Spe Salvi, Pope Benedict XVI

He is living there.

He wants us to speak to Him!



Urgent Need: Thursdays midnight-

1:00 am and Thursdays 1:00-2:00 am; Fridays 4:00-5:00 pm, 5:00-6:00 pm and 7:00-8:00 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~

I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to change their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend the Lord our God, already so deeply offended. *October 13, 1917*

LABOR DAY

This *Monday, September 4* is Labor Day. We will have Mass at 9:00 am. This will be the only Mass that day.

CHURCH OFFICE

Will be closed this *Monday, September 4*, Labor Day.

BAPTISMS

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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Will meet on *Tuesday, September 5* from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Agnes Ministry House. The SFA 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.

RCIA NEWS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic faith? Fall RCIA (for adults) and RCIC (for children) classes begin *Wednesday, September 13*. Please contact Jeremy and Melissa Lezniak at jm.lezniak@gmail.com or call the Church office to register for classes or for more information.

Monday, September 4—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 not meet this week. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 18.

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, September 5—The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in St. Bonaventure Center from 9:00-10:30 am. We will study "The Wild Goose-Discovering a Deeper Relationship With the Holy Spirit." 14 sessions from Formed.org.

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 serious and terminal illnesses. We pray also for their caregivers and family members who grieve for them. Comfort them, Jesus, and surround them with Your Love and Peace."

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

Mary's Moms Bible Study and Play Group in St. Clare Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. Our lesson this week is Promised Mother.

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, September 7—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Attention men of St. Francis interested in meeting new parishioners. Come join us this month in St. Clare Basement at 7:00 pm. If you have questions please contact Danny Burt, II at danburtii@yahoo.com.

Friday, September 8—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass. We will be studying Universal Epistles.

Saturday, September 9—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

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, games, Mass, and dinner. Please contact Emily Savage at esavage@stfranciswichita.com for more information. Registration is now open.

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

Today's Gospel reading points to the extreme challenge all stewards face: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is easy for us to say that we want to follow Christ, but doing so requires great fortitude. The prophet Jeremiah understands this well. In the first reading, Jeremiah laments at being "duped" by the LORD; he feels like he was tricked into the role of prophet, a job he never wanted. Yet at the end of his rant, even he has to admit that he literally cannot have it any other way. He knows in his heart that he must offer his life to the LORD.

Thankfully, the Holy Spirit has given each of us similar fortitude, that we can confidently choose to deny ourselves and take up our crosses, following Jesus wherever he leads us!

MARY'S MOMS: BIBLE STUDY AND PLAY GROUP

Expectant mothers and mothers with young children are invited to attend Mary's Moms Bible Study and Play Group this *Wednesday, September 6*. Meetings are from 9:00-11:00 am in St. Clare Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Play group activities will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (TBA). New members can call/text Rachel Lies (785) 236-1309 for more information.



CELEBRATE MARY'S BIRTHDAY

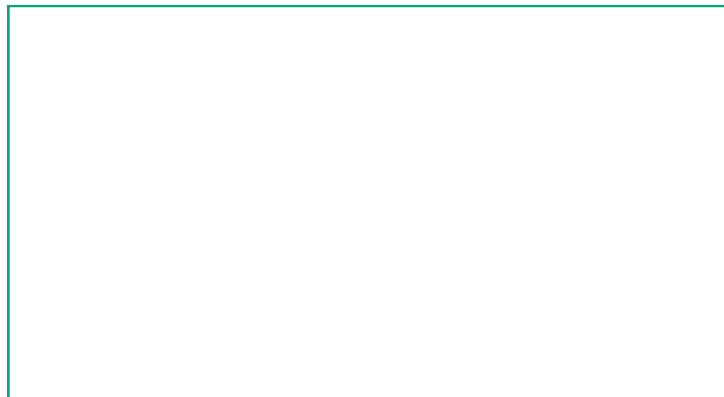
The Legion of Mary invites everyone to Mary's Birthday Party *Friday, September 8* at noon in Stewardship Hall. Special guests will be Second Grade students, their parents, grandparents and Legion of Mary Auxiliary members.

90TH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

For Phoebe Dean Warren. Help her celebrate by sending cards to 629 S. Maize Ct., Apt 1207, Wichita, KS 67209.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Our bi-monthly meeting will be *Saturday, September 9* 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.



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!

*“Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate;
your Heart so full of love and humility
that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life
and love Him as you love Him
and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor.”*

~Blessed Mother Teresa

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. . .

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

- *Wednesday, September 6—Guest Speaker-Mr. Bitting
- *Sunday, September 10—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway
- *Wednesday, September 13—Holy Hour and Confessions
- *Sunday, September 17—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway
- *Wednesday, September 20—Guest Speaker-Mr Goertz
- *Sunday, September 24—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway
- *Wednesday, September 27—Square Dancing with the Westside Steppers
- *Sunday, October 1—Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway
- *Wednesday, October 4—Bunco Tournament

JUNIOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (JCYM)

JCYM dates for this school year are October 4, November 4 (Middle School Youth Rally), December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7 and April 4. We meet 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 our first JCYM this year on *Wednesday, October 4!*

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. FRANCIS

The next Virtus training here at St. Francis will be *Saturday, September 9* in Stewardship Hall from 9:00 am-noon. Pre-registering by going to www.virtus.org is highly suggested.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Parish nurses will be in the Bride's Room in the back of church after all the Masses next weekend of September 9 & 10.

NIGHT FEVER

This is a Parish Adoration Service (with a twist). On *Sunday, September 10* come adore Jesus in the main assembly of the church. Come for just a few minutes, 20 minutes or more - what ever time works for you! Bring the whole family (all ages) to experience what it means to “Pray in the Presence of the Lord”. Night Fever will take place within the time frame of 6:30-8:30 pm with moments of silence, reflection, prayer and music. Come and experience this unique form of worship. Come experience, “Night Fever”. Jesus will see you there!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – BISHOP ROBERT BARRON’S “PRIEST, PROPHET, KING”

Jesus is the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Bishop Robert Barron's video study program. Explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet and king and see how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of each one. Throughout this experience, you will better understand who Jesus really is and also realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. Participants may choose to attend either:

- Sunday mornings beginning on September 10 at 9:45 am OR
 - Wednesday evenings beginning on September 13 at 6:30 pm
- All classes are held in Stewardship Hall on the SFA campus. The cost per participant is \$25 for the study guide. Please register in advance so materials may be ordered; to register contact Julie Schoenberger at djschoen1@cox.net or call 644-7285.

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 *Monday, September 11* at 7:30 pm. Questions please call or text Becky at 210-1098.

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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Charities Committee is sponsoring a Blood Drive on *Friday, September 15*, from 2:30 - 6:30 pm in St. Clare Hall. Visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-733-2767, or visit the sign up table after all Masses the weekend of September 9 and 10.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Come and experience the life of our Holy Mother through one who has dedicated her life to service. We are blessed to host Sr. Mary Kansier a Marion Sister from Lincoln, Nebraska on *Sunday, October 1* from 5:00-7:30 pm. This anniversary year of "Fatima" let us learn more about this precious woman, Mary, who gave so much to mankind. Generations of Faith begins with a light meal followed by age appropriate talks, ending in prayer. Registrations are a must and will take place after all Masses next weekend September 9 and 10 and the weekend of September 16 and 17. Generations of Faith is for anyone ages K-adult. Hope to see you all there!!

KAPAUN'S MEN VIRTUE SERIES

Attention men of the parish: Do you desire to make a difference in the world? Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun was an ordinary man who made an extraordinary difference to the people around him, and he is a great example as to how we all can do the same. All men are welcome to join us for some fellowship and formation as we explore the virtues that made Father Kapaun great. Kapaun's Men is a men's program begun in the Diocese that is running in over 40 parishes and even as far as South Korea. We will meet from 6:00-7:00 am on Friday mornings in St. Clare Hall from September 22 through November 3. Whether you know a lot or a little about Father Kapaun, we invite you to attend! For more information contact Scott Carter at smcarter07@gmail.com.

SFA YEARBOOKS

Any SFA 8th grader from last year who ordered a yearbook can come to the SFA school office to pick it up. If anyone would like a year book, but did not order one we have extras that can be purchased.

PERSONAL ADS

Cleaning: Reliable, quality home or office cleaning from a trustworthy fellow parishioner with excellent references call Shannon at 316-992-7466.

Free: Bishop Carroll Khaki Uniform Pants—size 34 husky, 6 pairs-great condition, call 316-214-3616.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

9:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mem. Kautzman & Rohling Fam.

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 am Paul Shinogle

5:30 pm Georgia Peter

Wednesday, September 6

8:00 am Kevin Hesse

5:30 pm Louis Lies

Thursday, September 7

8:00 am Katie Hilger

5:30 pm Elaine Hilger

Friday, September 8

8:00 am Robert Zrubek

5:30 pm Claudio DeOrtiz

Saturday, September 9

8:00 am Robert Kuhlmann

5:00 pm Derrol Dvorak

7:00 pm Lloyd Wilbert

Sunday, September 10

7:00 am George & Marce Goetz

8:30 am Liv. & Dec. Mem. George Schulte Fam.

10:00 am Michael Anthony Thomas

11:30 am For the People

1:00 pm Carol Ridder

SERVERS

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

9:00 am A. Sauer/G. Schuster

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 am L. Carter/S. Jordan

5:30 pm B. Overlie/L. O'Connor

Wednesday, September 6

8:00 am H. Lubbers/N. Brummett

5:30 pm T. McCormick/T. Stewart

Thursday, September 7

8:00 am A. Kerschen/E. Benefiel

5:30 pm C. Seiler/P. Burns

Friday, September 8

8:00 am G. Petersen/J. Sanburn

5:30 pm B. Voegeli/M. Zwenger

Saturday, September 9

8:00 am K. Mitchell/N. Smith

5:00 pm B. Saville/H. Saville/M. Shimon/**L. Tajchman**

7:00 pm A. Stump/J. Palmer/K. Hill/**S. Aruskevicius**

Sunday, September 10

7:00 am B. Zamzow/B. Newman/G. Ternes

8:30 am A. Nguyen/D. Kaul/K. Gulick/**J. Schonhoff**

10:00 am B. Prichard/B. Wadlowe/H. Nguyen/**K. Farley**

11:30 am B. Mileham/E. Niedens/J. Tran/**G. Hauge**

1:00 pm N. Garcia/P. Garcia/R. Garcia/**G. McElhiney**

WEEKDAY LECTORS

Renee' Means

Greg Peter

Jim Sachs

Julia Schauf

Dan Schoenberger

Scott Carter

ELIJAH CUP

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

September 9-10—Christine Eberle Family

September 16-17—Tom Eckberg Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9—5:00 pm Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Bogners
7:00 pm Carole Pracht/Tory Freeman
Sunday, September 10—8:30 am Ryan Dick/Melissa Seiler
10:00 am Matthew Schippers/Traditional Choir
11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Dominic Bacha
1:00 pm Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Matthew Ho

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, September 9**

5:00 pm Jill & Roger Kerschen/Sandi Baalman
Carolyn Stump/Alan Schuckman
7:00 pm Marybeth & Jim Lubbers/Emily Savage
Peggy Meyer/Myron Ewy

Sunday, September 10

7:00 am Maren Breit/Patricia Demel/Stephanie Seiler
John Bahr/Robert Lyall
8:30 am Sherry & Ed Berger/Joan Hampton
Albert Maldonado/Rod Dix
10:00 am Barbara & Daniel Mies/Madelyn Hammer
Sharon Sanders/James Bitting
11:30 am Jenny & Clare Morgan/JoAnn Forister
Mary Kotrba/Vi Schuckman
1:00 pm Judy & Randy Phelps/Jennifer McDaniel
Susan Fry/Ryan Biedron

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, September 9**

5:00 pm Liz Charles/Laurie Briggs
7:00 pm Juli McClure/Mary Sauber

Sunday, September 10

7:00 am Johanna Forshee/Need Volunteer
8:30 am Sarah Westbury/Kristin Martin
10:00 am Suzanne Buchanan/Devona Lies
11:30 am Tim Fox/Emily Riggs
1:00 pm Sondra Garvey/Randy Phelps

Saturday, September 16

5:00 pm Adam Hein/Maria Douglas
7:00 pm Mike Buchanan/Cynthia Powers

Sunday, September 17

7:00 am Patricia Bluml/Curtis Dorn
8:30 am Don Werner/Dee Troyer
10:00 am Slade LaMunyon/Riley Rathbun
11:30 am Jeffrey Hauge/Carol McCormick
1:00 pm Julie Westphal/Ann Daigle

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, September 9**

5:00 pm David & Patricia Lies
7:00 pm Michael & Devona Lies

Sunday, September 10

8:30 am Roger & Judy Lashley
10:00 am Jeremy & Trena Lopez
11:30 am Daniel & Carolyn Loughman
1:00 pm William & Angela Lubbers

Saturday, September 16

5:00 pm Robert & Marlene Lyall
7:00 pm Donald & DeAndra Lubbers

Sunday, September 17

8:30 am Michael & Juli McClure
10:00 am Mark & Michelle Lyle
11:30 am Albert & Evelyn Maldonado
1:00 pm Bryan Malone

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

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.