

NEW BEGININGS

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He who has ears ought to hear . . .

Matthew 11:15

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

September 10, 2017

*Twenty-Third 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

## Father 's Focus

### New Beginnings

Well, it's that time of year: "New Beginnings" have begun! Grade school and high school are in full swing. College students have packed their cars and sped off to college. Sports are kicking into action at all levels – grade school, high school, college, and professional. And we even have a marriage every weekend from September 9 through November 11 (except one)!

When I think of these new beginnings I think of the THX sound advertisement before movies. In fact, the cover of the bulletin looks like the THX logo. Just as the THX ad sounds like an orchestra powering up, our new beginnings are powering up into a symphony of activity. But not just a new school year, new sports seasons, or new marriages – more importantly new faith activities.

Over the last year we have had the privilege of seeing fifteen new faith opportunities open up at St. Francis. New opportunities to grow in our prayer life include Vietnamese Prayer Group, Healing Mass, God Squad Lenten Season, and the Novena for the Deceased. New formation opportunities include the Young Adult Group, summer RCIA, Lay Carmelites, Church School, Mary's Mom's, Women of Faith, Discovering Christ, and all day pre-kindergarten. And new service opportunities are presented in the Master Server Program and Compassion Without Borders. What a joy all of these opportunities are!

I want to thank all those men and women who have so generously offered their time and talent to make these groups happen. These new beginnings have only taken place because men and women saw a need and responded to the call to serve. *Thank you so very much!*

Growth is sign of life. Like the fresh green tips you see on pine trees in the Spring, new beginnings are true signs of life that add beauty to the community. There are other signs of life on our parish campus too, such as, the 20 men, women, and children who will be entering the Church on October 4 through the summer RCIA program. We also have six seminarians in the seminary this year: Dcn. Garrett Burns, Dcn. Todd Shepherd, Hayden Charles, Andrew Hamel, Matthew Cooke and Thomas Timmermeyer. We also see growth through our Mass participation and increased adoration.

The implementation of our parish vision is another new beginning. Our parish vision has given us a glimpse of future realities for which we want to strive. This year will be a foundational year in our five-year strategic plan. Over the summer our councils have entered into deep dialogue about how to match conciliar structure to the needs of our vision. And within the next two months we will begin prioritizing the steps of action to move forward in the three goals of our parish vision. Not to mention, that much information from our parish surveys has already been shared and some has even been implemented.

Like a THX sound system or new buds on pine trees our parish is experiencing new beginnings and is poised for more growth in the near future.

## News & Notes

### 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 and 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~

Our Lady said to Lucia, and by extension to all who respond to her messages "You will not be alone. I will not abandon you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." "You, at least, try to console me." June 13, 1917

### BAPTISMS

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

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

### NIGHT FEVER

This is a Parish Adoration Service (with a twist). This *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!

## 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 this *Wednesday, September 13*. Please contact Jeremy and Melissa Lezniak at [jm.lezniak@gmail.com](mailto:jm.lezniak@gmail.com) or call the Church office to register for classes or for more information.

**Monday, September 11**—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, September 12**—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 "Jesus, we pray for our children who have grown up, particularly those who have lost the Faith or are struggling with difficult and poor choices in their lives. Give them guidance in their decisions and always keep them close to You. Let them hear the voice of Your Mother calling them back to You, as She has done for so many of us."

**Wednesday, September 13**—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, September 14**—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

**Friday, September 15**—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Clare Basement after the 8:00 am Mass. We will be studying Universal Epistles.

**Saturday, September 16**—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

**Sunday, September 17**—Our Vietnamese parishioners will have their monthly scriptural rosary and adoration at 5:00 pm in the church.

**Monday, September 18**—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, September 20**—Mary's Moms Bible Study and Play Group in St. Clare Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. Our lesson this week is Mother Crowned in Glory.

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

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

The word stewardship often calls to mind the three T's: time, talent, and treasure. But today's readings remind us that we are also stewards of people -- we are stewards of one another. The reading from Ezekiel instructs us to “dissuade the wicked from his way.” We are to try with great perseverance to help one another on the path to holiness. In today's culture, that behavior can often be interpreted as being judgmental. The answer to this problem comes in the Gospel of Matthew. We are to respond and correct with love, for “Love does no evil to the neighbor.” An atheist once said that Christians who don't share the truth of the Gospel with non-believers must really hate those people. It is an interesting perspective. So, let's treat others with the greatest possible love by inviting them to join us as we follow Jesus Christ.

### CARING HANDS

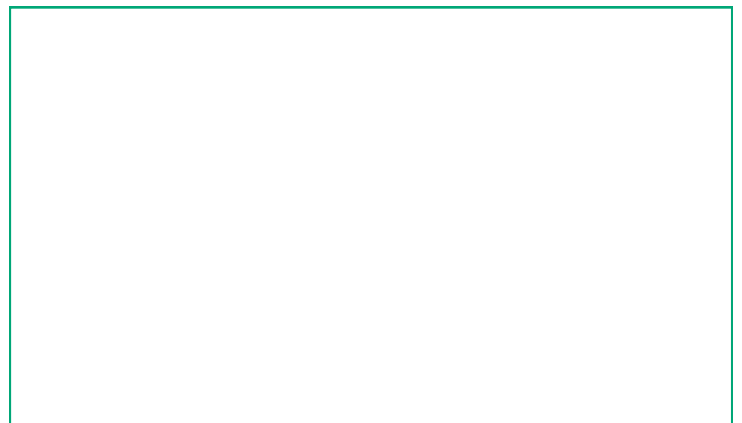
*“I was hungry and you gave me to eat”*. We must help others in His name. The mission of Caring Hands is: Helping parish families during times of need. Stewardship Volunteers deliver meals twice per week. If someone you know is in need, or if you would like to volunteer your talents please call the church 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](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-733-2767, or visit the sign up table after all Masses this weekend 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 this weekend September 9 and 10 and next weekend of September 16 and 17. Generations of Faith is for anyone ages K-adult. Hope to see you all there!!





## 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

- \*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](mailto:esavage@stfranciswichita.com).

## 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](mailto:smcarter07@gmail.com).

## 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.

## 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.

## SFA YEARBOOKS

Any SFA 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHISHIONERS

All new parishioners are invited to stop by the Welcoming Committee table in the front walkway after all Masses next weekend September 16 & 17. The Welcoming Committee has a Welcoming Packet and gift from the Parish for each new family. If you have not yet registered with the Parish Office you may complete the registration form at the Welcoming table.

## HARVEST HOUSE

All parishioners 55+ are invited to come and join us for a Potluck Lunch on *Thursday, September 21* at 12:00 noon in St. Clare Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. Fr. Andrew Labenz will be our guest speaker. We will have a meeting following. New members are always welcomed. Hope to see you there.

**RCIA GIFT CARD DONATIONS**

RCIA would like to thank those that have donated gift cards to our program! Being able to provide food and drinks to those seeking to learn more about our wonderful faith is very welcoming and comforting. We are continually amazed at the generosity and support of our parish. As we begin a new fall class, we are asking for gift cards or cash donations for our hospitality program. We welcome cards of any amount to Dillon's or Wal-Mart. All donations can be dropped off in the Church office marked RCIA. Thank you again for your support and generous giving!

**RCIA HOSPITALITY**

RCIA is looking for volunteers to help with our hospitality team. Each team has at least two members and is responsible for providing a light meal/snacks for our classes once every 4-6 weeks (the time depends on the number of volunteers). Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. Set up begins around 5:45 pm and clean up is at 8:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome to stay in the class, but it is not required. Please contact Melissa Lezniak at [jm.lezniak@gmail.com](mailto:jm.lezniak@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up. Thank you!!

**NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**OPPORTUNITY: "FRIENDS OF FRANCIS"**

After a full year of hearing about the Young Adult Group other adults have been saying, "What about us?" So, new this year, we are starting an opportunity for adult faith formation and fellowship called, "Friends of Francis". This gathering will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the rectory. The age range for this group is 40-65. The format of the group is simple: 6:30-7:00 pm social, 7:00-7:30 pm presentation, 7:30-8:00 pm discussion, 8:00-9:00 pm social. Our first gathering will be *Monday, October 9*. Babysitting is available. Simply call Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 to RSVP your children.

**NEW TIME AND NEW AGE RANGE FOR YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Well, our Young Adult Group will be enjoying its one year anniversary this month. In order to facilitate a greater possible participation of parents with little children we have decided to adjust the time and age range of the group. We will now be meeting from 6:30-9:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in the rectory. The format of the group is simple: 6:30-7:00 pm social, 7:00-7:30 pm presentation, 7:30-8:00 pm discussion, 8:00-9:00 pm social. The new age range for this group is 24-39. Our next gathering will be *Thursday, September 28*. Babysitting is available. Simply call Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 to RSVP your children.

**EVER HAD A DESIRE TO GO TO HAWAII?**

Join Fr. Daryl Befort as he completes his adventure to visit all 50 states for his 50th birthday, July 23 - August 1, 2018. There will be an informational meeting on *Monday, September 11* at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph parish Hall in Andale.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, September 11**  
8:00 am Thomas Rosner  
5:30 pm Lisa Hopkins
- Tuesday, September 12**  
8:00 am Spec. Int. (Christian & Angela Taylor)  
5:30 pm Margaret "Peg" Hilger
- Wednesday, September 13**  
8:00 am Dec. Mem. Loughman & Alberts Families  
5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Bill Becker
- Thursday, September 14**  
8:00 am Jerry Seiler  
5:30 pm Herman & Pauline & Don Rohling
- Friday, September 15**  
8:00 am Spec. Int. (Fr. Daniel Murphy)  
5:30 pm Ignacio Navarro
- Saturday, September 16**  
8:00 am Tammy Offutt  
5:00 pm Mike McNeil  
7:00 pm Albert Loeffler
- Sunday, September 17**  
7:00 am Paul Shinogle  
8:30 am Sylvester & Wayne Kletchka  
10:00 am Bill Sanders  
11:30 am Dang & Chien Nguyen  
1:00 pm For the People

**SERVERS**

- Monday, September 11**  
8:00 am G. Rogers/Z. Rogers  
5:30 pm A. Simon/K. McClure
- Tuesday, September 12**  
8:00 am J. Stuckey/K. Stuckey  
5:30 pm A. Avant/N. Brown
- Wednesday, September 13**  
8:00 am E. Hernandez/J. Pearson  
5:30 pm L. Zarchan/R. Haneberg
- Thursday, September 14**  
8:00 am K. Reynaga/M. Bitting  
5:30 pm K. Forbes/L. Forbes
- Friday, September 15**  
8:00 am A. Riedel/J. Weakland  
5:30 pm J. Exley/J. Exley
- Saturday, September 16**  
8:00 am C. Strunk/C. Tran  
5:00 pm B. Booth/J. Bracy/T. Stewart/C. Meier  
7:00 pm A. Mauler/C. Hampel/J. Lynch/F. Barles
- Sunday, September 17**  
7:00 am B. Munk/L. Carter/M. McMullen  
8:30 am L. Becker/L. Timmermeyer/M. Gallant/A. Seiler  
10:00 am J. Miller/L. Taylor/L. Munoz/B. Ely  
11:30 am G. Petersen/J. Lara/L. Petersen/I. Elpers  
1:00 pm G. McElhiney/I. Sanchez/S. Charlton/D. Lehmann

**WEEKDAY LECTORS**

- Herb Shaner
- Linda Shinogle
- Mary Treinen
- Bob Voboril
- Brenda Wasinger

**ELIJAH CUP**

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

- September 16-17**—Tom Eckberg Family
- September 23-24**—Brian Englert Family



**MUSIC SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 16**—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Sacred Ensemble  
7:00 pm Ann Chase/Marilyn Moreland  
**Sunday, September 17**—8:30 am Julie Riedlinger/Melissa Seiler  
10:00 am Ryan Dick/Men's Choir  
11:30 am Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Steffanie Hinson  
1:00 pm Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Reagan Haneberg

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION****Saturday, September 16**

5:00 pm Barbie & Pat Walden/Patty Quilty  
Susan Fry/Marty McCormack  
7:00 pm Leann & Steve Cless/Ann Daigle  
Becky Brummett/Fey Barles

**Sunday, September 17**

7:00 am Heather, Alli, Chris Gregg  
Jodell Daniels/Stacy Bennett  
8:30 am Patricia & David Lies/Deloris Wendling  
Julie & Greg Morgan  
10:00 am Angie & Billy Lubbers/Mike Martin  
Jennifer & Mike Hybl  
11:30 am Dianne & Dave Carter/Bernadette Spaulding  
Marcia & Jim McAnarney  
1:00 pm Jackie & Pat Burns/Logan Petersen  
Martha & Larry Dostert

**LECTOR / COMMENTATOR****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

**Saturday, September 23**

5:00 pm Beth Caruthers/Daniel Schoenberger  
7:00 pm Kelby Schawe/Kathryn Torres

**Sunday, September 24**

7:00 am Dan Dillon/Jill Ward  
8:30 am Steve Hermann/Sally Stump  
10:00 am Dave Carter/Scott Carter  
11:30 am Marcia McAnarney/Jeff McAnarney  
1:00 pm Danny Burt/Brenda Wasinger

**OFFERTORY GIFTS****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

**Saturday, September 23**

5:00 pm Thomas & Merrilee Lynch  
7:00 pm Larry & Mary Malone

**Sunday, September 24**

8:30 am Mike & Mary McCormick  
10:00 am Kathleen Mauler  
11:30 am Denise Maus  
1:00 pm Thomas Mayhill

**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

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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.