



September 24, 2017
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

St. Francis *of Assisi* Parish

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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

Some months back I read a profound book entitled *Night's Bright Darkness* by Sally Read. In it she recounts her rapid conversion to the Catholic faith from atheism. In the space of nine months Read journeyed through difficulties, doubts, and objections to arrive at her spiritual home – the Catholic Church. Above all, her story is an encounter with Jesus Christ and his love. This love, she knew, called for a response. Often though, Read did not know what she was to do. So she asked, “What do you want me to do?” Like a refrain, she repeated this question many times and listened in the quiet of her heart for an answer. Gradually the plan of God became evident in her life.

St. Paul also asked this question during his own conversion recounted in the ninth chapter of the *Acts of the Apostles*. His encounter with Jesus while traveling to Damascus was much more sudden and intense. A bright light and a voice from heaven knocked him to the ground. Dazed and trembling St. Paul asked the Lord “what do you want me to do?” At that moment he didn't learn the complete plan, only the next step “rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” St. Paul did as he was told and ever after his life would take on a completely new dimension and a decisive direction.

Every Christian should work up the courage to ask frequently, “what do you want me to do?” Doing so is a generous act of love. Then we must listen quietly for God to respond. Sometimes this response will come in the form of interior thoughts or desires or it may come through the written Word of God or through another person. This is how we accomplish the will of God in our lives, not only in great things, but in little ones too. And the will of God is always an exciting adventure. Just ask St. Paul or Sally Read.

Fr. Andy Walsh

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.

BAPTISMS

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

“Eucharistic Adoration is the most necessary mission to the Church, which has even more need of prayerful souls than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence.”

~St. Peter Julian Eymard

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 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~

Interviewed in the late 1940's, when asked the general motivation of the apparitions Sister Lucia said, **“The conversion of sinners and the return of souls to God. This idea was repeated in all the apparitions; that is why I consider it the principal message.”**

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!



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 4th Thursday of the month. 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 this *Thursday, September 28*. Babysitting is available. Simply call Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 to RSVP your children.

Monday, September 25—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, September 26—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 "Jesus, we pray that our prayers and sacrifices offered through the Immaculate Heart of Mary may bring the conversion of many sinners, even those with the most hardened of hearts."

Wednesday, September 27—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 28—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Friday, September 29—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass. We will be studying Universal Epistles.

Saturday, September 30—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

Monday, October 2—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

Wednesday, October 4—Mary's Moms Bible Study and Play Group in St. Clare Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. Our lesson this week is Full of Grace.

Saturday, October 7—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.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are caring for someone with dementia we can help. All are encouraged to attend our meeting next *Thursday, September 28* from 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House. Transportation or respite care can be arranged by calling Frances at 722-3773. The family is always welcome to come with you.

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

A Christian steward recognizes the gifts God has given him, and is grateful for those gifts. A less grateful person might be jealous of the gifts God has given others, and this is sinful. Today's Gospel reading -- a very well-known parable -- illustrates this sinful jealousy. The first workers in the vineyard had already agreed upon a wage for the day, and they got to work. But at the end of the day, when they saw the later workers receiving the wage they had agreed upon, they greedily assumed they would get more. How often do we relate to these workers? How often do we think we deserve more than others because we have worked harder or longer at a task? Yet isn't God, like the owner of the vineyard, free to give His gifts as He sees fit? And shouldn't it be our pleasure to receive those blessings we receive with great gratitude? If we are busy being grateful, it won't occur to us to be covetous.

KAPAUN'S MEN VIRTUE SERIES

Attention men of the parish, its not too late to join us: 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 meet from 6:00-7:00 am on Friday mornings in St. Clare Hall from now 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.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the Sunday Preschool class will be held after Masses this weekend September 23 and 24. Classes are held on Sundays beginning in October and ending in April during the 10:00 am Mass. Children should be at least 3 years old and not yet attending kindergarten. There is no fee for registering and attending, although children must be registered before attending. If unable to register this weekend, please contact the church office.

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

- *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
- *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

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.

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 for more information. Registration is now open.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

There is a need for teachers and classroom helpers for Sunday Preschool. Classes are held on Sundays beginning in October and ending in April during the 10:00 am Mass. If interested, please sign up during registration after masses the weekend of September 23 and 24 or please contact Aimee Hampel, 316-393-8509.

GIRL SCOUT SIGN UP

All girls are invited to register for Girl Scouts after Masses this weekend September 23 and 24. Girls must be in kindergarten or older. Girl Scouts provides a foundation that helps foster a sense of social responsibility toward family, school, parish, and community. The community of St. Francis of Assisi parish provides a Catholic environment for scouts to learn more about their faith with their family, troops, and volunteers, earn religious scouting awards, and provide service to the parish and community. There is also a need for adult volunteers, please visit the sign up table if interested.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of October are invited to the Anniversary Mass next *Sunday, October 1* 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.

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION

OPPORTUNITY: FRIENDS OF FRANCIS!

After a full year of hearing about the Young Adult Group other adults have been asking, "What about us?" So, new this year, we are starting opportunity for adult faith formation and fellowship called, "**Friends of Francis**". This gathering will take place on the 1st Monday of the Month. 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 2*. Babysitting is available. Simply call Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 to RSVP your children.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Will meet on *Tuesday, October 3* 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.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is *Wednesday, October 4*. We will have a blessing of the animals at 3:45 pm (after school so parents can bring pets when they pick up their students) on the front lawn of the rectory. Please leash pets. All in the parish are welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Parish nurses will be in the Bride’s Room in the back of church after all the Masses the weekend of October 7 & 8.

LADIES AUXILIARY

All ladies of the parish are invited to our next meeting on *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.

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. FRANCIS

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

ST. FRANCIS PARISH CLEAN-UP 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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE TO BEGIN IN WICHITA

From September 27 through November 5, you’re 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 during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside South Wind Women’s Center - 5107 E Kellogg Dr. We also need help to spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact: Respect Life Social Justice Office 316 269-3935 or to sign up go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/Wichita>.

BUỔI HỌP MẶT VỚI ĐỨC GIÁM MỤC KEMME

Đức Giám Mục Kemme trân trọng mời gọi quý vị đến tham dự buổi lắng nghe vào ngày 1 tháng 10, lúc 3 giờ chiều tại Nhà Thờ Chánh Tòa. Xin ghi danh với Cô Cúc Lam 316-990-7127. Chi tiết sẽ được đăng trong Catholic Advance kế tiếp.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 25

8:00 am Walt House
5:30 pm Vincent Schneider

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am Jim Breit
5:30 pm Donald Dagenais

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 am Felisa Galvan
5:30 pm Kevin Hesse

Thursday, September 28

8:00 am Jean Bauer
5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Ladies Auxiliary)

Friday, September 29

8:00 am Gene Farran
5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Mildred Giebler)

Saturday, September 30

8:00 am Norman & Sophia Boyle
5:00 pm Virginia Meyer
7:00 pm For the People

Sunday, October 1

7:00 am Tammy Offutt
8:30 am Pat McGreevy
10:00 am Bill Uhler
11:30 am Spec. Int. (Ann Habiger)
1:00 pm Bill Blalock

SERVERS

Monday, September 25

8:00 am B. Mileham/J. Tran
5:30 pm J. Stuckey/K. Stuckey

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am A. Avant/N. Brown
5:30 pm E. Hernandez/N. Smith

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 am L. Carter/L. Zarchan
5:30 pm J. Pearson/K. Reynaga

Thursday, September 28

8:00 am J. Exley/J. Exley
5:30 pm J. Weakland/M. Bitting

Friday, September 29

8:00 am M. Gallant/M. Fouquet
5:30 pm A. Riedel/C. Tran

Saturday, September 30

8:00 am A. Harter/L. Timmermeyer Sally Stump
5:00 pm A. Mauler/C. Hampel/C. Strunk/B. Gregg
7:00 pm B. Booth/J. Bracy/T. Stewart/I. Iseman

Sunday, October 1

7:00 am J. Lara/J. Lynch/L. Taylor
8:30 am B. Munk/J. Miller/M. McMullen/M. Burns
10:00 am G. Sladek/G. McElhiney/H. Faber/J. Schonhoff
11:30 am N. Garcia/P. Garcia/R. Garcia/G. Hauge
1:00 pm A. Sauer/H. Lubbers/Need Volunteer/K. Tran

WEEKDAY LECTORS

Danny Burt

Dave Carter

Jeff Cerre

Helen Cole

Dan Dillon

Sally Stump

B. Gregg

I. Iseman

ELIJAH CUP

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

September 30-October 1—Myron Ewy Family
October 7-8—Samuel Garrison Family



MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 30—5:00 pm Patrick Harms/Reagan Haneberg
7:00 pm Carole Pracht/Bogners
Sunday, October 1—8:30 am Julie Riedlinger/Mary Lou Harding
10:00 am Matthew Schippers/Traditional Choir
11:30 am Matthew Ho/Girls' Ensemble
1:00 pm Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Tory Freeman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**Saturday, September 30**

5:00 pm Jean & Bill Heimann/Janice McClure
Barbara & Daniel Mies
7:00 pm Barbie & Pat Walden/Deloris Wendling
Judy & Randy Phelps

Sunday, October 1

7:00 am Martha & Larry Dostert/Linda Shinogle
Mary Carter/Rita Landwehr
8:30 am Dianne & Dave Carter/Sandi Baalman
Alan Schuckman/Mike Martin
10:00 am Patricia & David Lies/Monica Hammer
Marcia & Jim McAnarney
11:30 am Jackie & Pat Burns/Becky Brummett
Bernadette Spaulding/Jerry Pates
1:00 pm Ann Daigle/Carole Conley/Collette Schumacher
Logan Petersen/Tom Eckberg

LECTOR / COMMENTATOR**Saturday, September 30**

5:00 pm Julia Schauf/Joe Molina
7:00 pm Sean Hudspeth/Jeff Cerre

Sunday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 7

5:00 pm Darlene Bird/Jim Sachs
7:00 pm Mary Sauber/Juli McClure

Sunday, October 8

7:00 am Bob Voboril/John Hermann
8:30 am Michael George/Sally Stump
10:00 am Renee' Means/Brian McMullen
11:30 am Judy Stengel/Matthew Cerre
1:00 pm Brad Streeter/Linda Shinogle

OFFERTORY GIFTS**Saturday, September 30**

5:00 pm Patrick & Susan Mileham
7:00 pm Brian & Elizabeth McMullen

Sunday, October 1

8:30 am Anniversary Couple
10:00 am Adam & Katherine McDaniel
11:30 am Need Volunteer
1:00 pm Keith & Susan Means

Saturday, October 7

5:00 pm Jeramy & Lori Mull
7:00 pm Matthew & Jeanne Melillo

Sunday, October 8

8:30 am Don & Judy Meiergerd
10:00 am Jessica McGill
11:30 am Aaron & Becky McPeak
1:00 pm Philip & Tricia Mies

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.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.