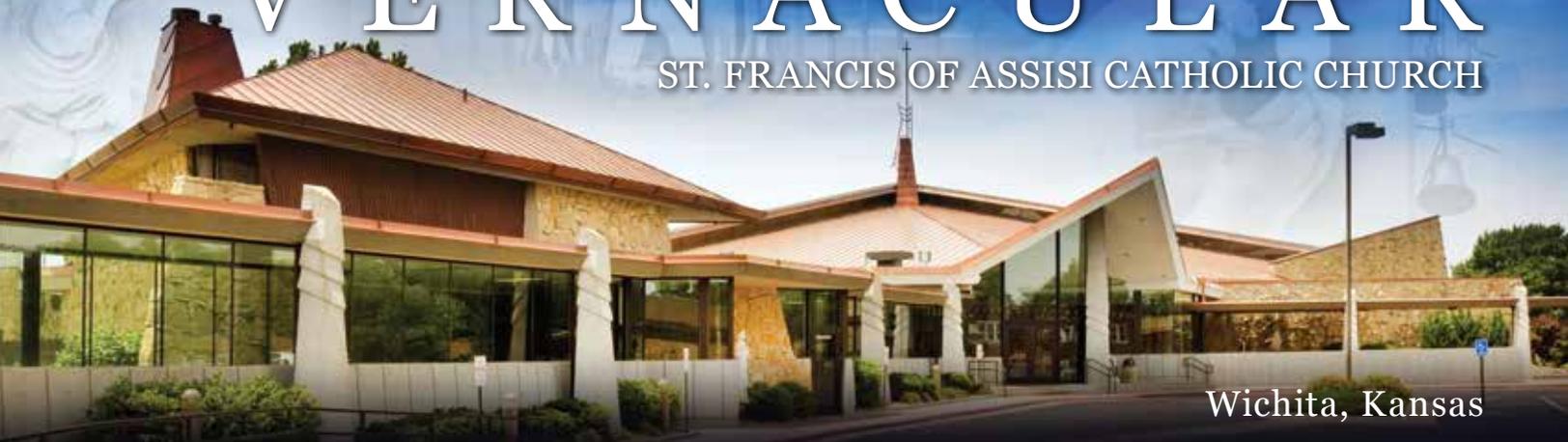


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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



Wichita, Kansas

APRIL 2017

Discovering Christ experience comes to SFA

Ask. Seek. Knock.

Discovering Christ is a way to bring the New Evangelization to the parish level.

Pope Francis has called each of us to undergo a missionary conversion, enabling us to rediscover the living presence of Christ in our lives. Christ has entrusted each of us to bring the Good News to those around us.

Discovering Christ helps us help others to realize that they can have

a personal relationship, a living experience, a loving experience with Jesus Christ.

The Discovering Christ program is for everyone – from the people in our pews who attend Mass every week, to the friends or neighbors who have no religion in their lives. It begins with the very basics of our Christianity.

The series will run once a week for seven weeks. Each night will begin with a free dinner, followed by a few

songs of worship and praise. We will then watch a video that will facilitate small group discussion.

The Discovering Christ experience is already present in 10 parishes in our diocese. It is part of ChristLife, a national Catholic ministry for evangelization.

Our initial goal is to bring the people of St. Francis, along with their friends and neighbors, to a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We need to learn to rely on Him every day, throughout our day, and remember that without Him we can do NOTHING!

Registration will be from May 13-31. Watch the bulletin and our parish website for more information.

So what are you waiting for? Ask. Seek. Knock.

– Cindy Glazier, *Discovering Christ*
Coordinator

Master of Ceremonies



Photo by Anna Harter

Fr. Duling instructs the first group of young men participating in the new Master of Ceremonies program. See article on page 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Crowning

May 1, 2:30 p.m. (SFA School)
May 3, 8 p.m. (CYM)

First Homily

May 20, 5 p.m. Mass,
Deacon Garrett Burns
May 21, 10 a.m. Mass,
Deacon Todd Shepherd

SFA 8th Grade Farewell Mass

May 24, 7:30 p.m., Church

Stewardship witness: Clare Morgan

The following is from the testimony Clare Morgan gave during one of the Stewardship Renewal masses in November 2016.

Good afternoon. My name is Clare Morgan; I am a senior at Bishop Carroll, and I have been a member of St. Francis Parish for my whole life.

For me, stewardship was never really a struggle; it was simply a maxim into which I was born. The definition of "The Stewardship Way of Life" was something that rang in my ears all through my childhood.

I thank God every day that I am in the St. Francis community, because all of my life, giving back to God and to each other has always been the undertow pulling at the hearts of my parents, grandparents and countless others, directing their actions toward humility and selfless charity. If I have contributed in any small way to this parish, it is because of the incredible examples of those people that God has put into my life.

Going to school at St. Francis, the

"Time, Talent, Treasure" posters were always hanging in the hallways, and our teachers regularly stressed the importance of practicing Stewardship. But, without the constant witness of people in my life giving to the point of sacrifice, these definitions would have been empty.

I have been blessed with parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who daily practiced stewardship.

My grandma and her friends have been cooking and serving funeral

"I thank God every day that I am in the St. Francis community ..."

dinners, sometimes twice a week, for as long as I can remember. When I was little, they dusted, vacuumed and scrubbed the church every Friday, until they got to the age where they could not do it anymore, and then they moved on to something else.

For these women, stewardship is not what they do; it's who they are. It's their service to God that gets them up in the morning and keeps them



Photo by Pete Iseman

going until night. They use everything that they have to give back.

My mom always reminded my brothers and me of a stipulation that a teacher of hers once told her: "If you have a good voice, sing loud to glorify God. If you don't have a good voice, sing louder to remind God what He gave you." So, it makes sense that my contribution to the parish is mainly by cantoring for Masses and other services.

My parents have also instilled in us a love for the quieter side of Stewardship, and since before I was born, my mom has been taking us to her weekly Adoration hours.

As I grew up, it was natural for me to accept Stewardship as my own responsibility. The older I got, the more I discovered concrete opportunities to get involved in the Stewardship Way of Life. I know that it will not always be this easy for me to be involved in my parish and to give back in some way, but I am so grateful and so blessed that at least the beginning of my journey has been graced with people who have been living testaments to the Stewardship Way of Life.

In conclusion, I want to say to all of you, thank you. You have been, for me, a true witness of the love that inspires service, and the great joy that comes from serving.

Stewardship Thought

Stewarding our Gifts:

'Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.'

April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pt 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31

If you want to know what Stewardship looks like, take another look at the readings from Divine Mercy Sunday from the book of Acts. The early Christians devoted themselves to studying the teaching of the apostles. They sold all of their belongings and shared the proceeds with one another as was needed. They prayed together and ate together and praised God with sincerity of heart. They received the gifts of God and joyfully gave them back, and they were abundantly blessed for it! We have much to gain by studying this passage and taking it to heart. May we all practice our Stewardship with similar enthusiasm.

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Fr. Jarrod Lies is online!

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Spread the word!

Mary is Mystical Rose, greatest witness of Jesus

As a rose receives the rain to be fruitful in beauty amidst thorns; so too, the Blessed Virgin Mary receives the Holy Spirit to be fruitful in the beauty of woman amidst the thorns of her Son's passion. Mary is the Mystical Rose. She receives the Holy Spirit, bears forth her Son and experiences the sorrows of his passion.

This is why we, as Catholics, give such high honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the greatest witness of Jesus Christ.

For example, let's compare Mary to other key persons in the Gospels. How about the four evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? Matthew and John only lived with Jesus for the last three years of his life. And Luke and Mark didn't even know Jesus in his earthly life. They became disciples after Pentecost and learned about Jesus' life from the apostles or Paul.

Or, how about Paul, who wrote 13 letters of the New Testament? Isn't he a greater witness to Jesus life than Mary? But, like Mark and Luke, Paul never knew Jesus in his earthly



Message From
THE PASTOR

life. Paul learned of Jesus from revelation and through contact with the apostles.

John the Baptist? He knew Jesus for 30 years, but he was beheaded in the first year of Jesus' public ministry. Even St. Joseph, Jesus' foster father, died sometime before Jesus began his public ministry. Neither John the Baptist nor Joseph witnessed Jesus' death, resurrection or ascension.

Mary is the only person who personally witnessed the entire life of Jesus Christ with her own eyes. She was present at the Incarnation when she conceived Jesus in the womb and continued to be present at his birth, his childhood, and throughout his youth.

Mary launched Jesus' public ministry at Cana, accompanied him throughout his travels, and was with him during his suffering and death. Mary stood at the foot of the cross

and received his lifeless body when he was taken down from the cross.

Even after his death, Mary was with the disciples when Jesus appeared after his resurrection, and she was present at his ascension. Finally, Mary was with the apostles in the upper room where Pentecost took place, and she lived with St. John in his home until she herself was assumed into heaven (John 19:28).

Mary is the only person who witnessed Jesus' entire life: before, during and after.

For this reason, Mary is the Mystical Rose. Mystical ... because she witnessed the entire life of her Son. Rose ... because she is radiant beauty amidst the thorns of her Son's suffering.

This is why we pray the Rosary. The Joyful Mysteries are about Jesus' childhood; the Luminous are about his public ministry; the Sorrowful are about his suffering and death; and the Glorious are about his Resurrection and Ascension. When we pray the Rosary, we are seeing Jesus' life through the eyes of his Mother: the greatest witness of Jesus Christ.

SFA starts Master of Ceremonies program

As you may have noticed at all the masses, there is now an additional server on the altar. We recently started a Master of Ceremonies Program at St. Francis.

The program has two different purposes. The first is as it states in the Master of Ceremonies Manual, "(The) primary duty (of the Master of Ceremonies) is to assist the priest at Mass in making it a prayerful and more meaningful experience for everyone present."

They will do this by helping the priest with some duties at Mass, enabling the priest to make the Mass more prayerful for the people in the pews. The MC will also help the servers execute their duties.

Second, the program's indirect

purpose is to promote vocations to the priesthood. As you may know, we are very blessed in this diocese and in our parish with many vocations, but we still need to promote vocations and encourage our young men in a stronger devotion to the Eucharist.

As I write this article, the program is only a few weeks old. I know that

all three of us priests are very excited about the program and the future it holds. The young men who have been invited to be a part of the program are very excited as well and continue to learn what it means to serve the Lord at the altar in a deeper and more profound way.

– Fr. Dan Duling, Associate Pastor

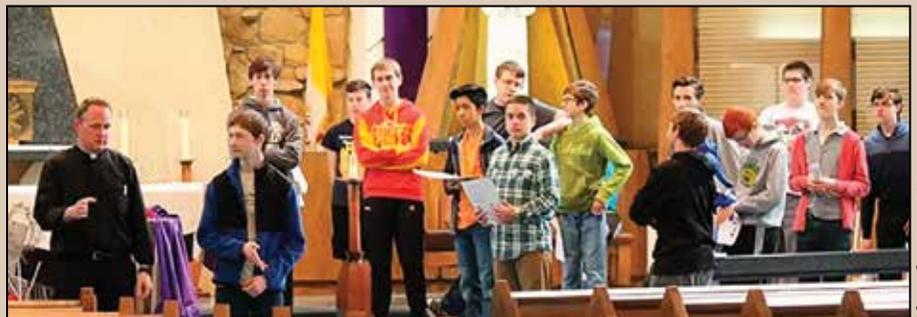


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Strive for Heaven through Fatima promise

Do you want to go to Heaven?
Our Lady says:

“I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say the Rosary, and spend a quarter of an hour meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.”

These words spoken by Our Lady at Fatima describe what is popularly



known as the “First Saturday Devotion.” For many years this Devotion has been practiced here at St. Francis, beginning with the

8 a.m. Mass, followed immediately by the Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, and the Prayer of Consecration. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m.

We need to listen to Our Lady, especially now on the 100th anniversary of Fatima, and take advantage of her promise.

– Jerry Pates & Linda Keiser

Parish has resources to learn more about Fatima

The 100th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s appearance to the three children of Fatima is May 13. St. Francis has resources that are FREE to parishioners of all ages who are looking for materials in order to celebrate this special occasion in the Catholic Church.

The following items can be checked out in the St. Anthony of Padua Library.

Movie

The Day the Sun Danced

Books

- *The Children of Fatima (and Our Lady’s Message to the World)* by Mary Fabyan Windeatt
- *Fatima: The Great Sign* by Francis Johnston
- *Fatima in Lucia’s Own Words: Sister Lucia’s Memoirs* edited by Fr. Louis Kondor, SVD
- *Fatima Priest* by Francis Alban
- *Fatima Today* by Rev. Robert J. Fox
- *Message of Our Lady of Fatima* by Rev. Frederick Miller, STC

- *The True Story of Fatima* by John De Marchi, IMC

Formed.org

Another resource at St. Francis of Assisi is Formed.org. Fr. Jarrod has blessed the parish with a subscription to this website. Formed.org provides parishioners with 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device with Internet access. If you have not already registered on Formed.org, here are directions that were in the church bulletin. First, go to www.formed.org. There you should see the registration box for parishioners. Enter our parish code: 9RMP79. Set up a username and a password. You are all set to use the great programs on Formed.org anytime and anywhere.

Here are some of the items on this website related to Fatima.

Movies

- *The Day the Sun Danced* (animated)
- *The 13th Day* (for adults)
- *Finding Fatima*
- *Religious Mysteries Volume 1, Episode 3: Children of the Prophecy*

Audio Book

Our Lady of Fatima (adapted from the book, *Our Lady of Fatima*, written by Mary Fabyan Windeatt)



A crowd in Fatima, Portugal, looks at “the Miracle of the Sun” on Oct. 13, 1917, which occurred during the Our Lady of Fatima apparitions.

SFA parishioner writes book about Fatima

SFA parishioner Jean Heimann is a Catholic author and freelance writer with an M.A. in theology, speaker, psychologist and educator, and an Oblate with the Community of St. John. She is a member of the Blue Army and founder of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary and Study group. Jean is the author of “Seven Saints for Seven Virtues”



Jean Heimann

(Servant, 2014) and “Learning to Love with the Saints, A Spiritual Memoir” (Mercy, 2016). At her website – www.jeanmheimann.com – you can access her award-winning blog, Catholic Fire. Her new book “Fatima: The Apparition that Changed the World” is available for pre-order online at Amazon or TAN Books.

Q) Tell us about your new book.

A) “Fatima: The Apparition That Changed the World” (Tan Books, 2017) is the true story of

three shepherd children who in 1917 had visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the mountain village of Fatima, Portugal, and met with her on six different occasions. The apparitions are intimately linked to pious Catholic practices such as devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the five first Saturdays, daily recitation of the Rosary with the Fatima prayer, as well as miracles attested

to even by non-believers, such as the day the sun danced. In my book, I provide a comprehensive look at the Fatima apparitions and their consequences for the past 100 years.

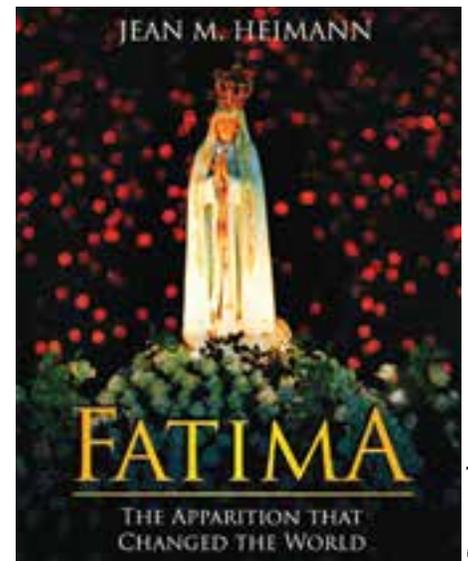
Q) What motivated you to write this book?

A) Twenty years ago I consecrated myself to Our Lady, and I am a member of the Blue Army. I have a deep love for Our Lady, and I wanted to share with others that love of Mary and the crucial message of Fatima on the

occasion of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions.

Q) How can this book benefit its readers?

A) The message of Fatima has an enormous impact on all of our lives and on the world today. In fact, Pope John Paul II said



Courtesy photos

the message of Fatima is more relevant now than it was at the time of the apparitions. This book clearly and concisely conveys the meaning of that message, while providing a stunningly beautiful keepsake for the centenary of Fatima.

NEW PARISHIONERS

John Bestgen

Jonathan and Angie Boles

Matthew Cooke

Walter Miller, 4 children

Dustin and Ally Turner, 2 children

Tanner Werth

BAPTISMS

Addison Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Emily Knee, March 12

Penelope M., daughter of Eric and Jennifer Bauer, March 18

FUNERALS

William “Bill” Uhler, husband of Anne, father of Lili Koster and Lola Oakland, March 17

Barbara L. Stohr, wife of Thomas, mother of Jennifer Sissell and Michael Stohr, March 21

Barbara F. Ridder, mother of Dottie Smith, Janet Smith and Tom Ridder, March 31

SFA, BC chess teams enjoy success at State

With all of the focus centered on basketball and NCAA March Madness, it is easy to forget about other team activities that occur during March. In early March both the St. Francis of Assisi and Bishop Carroll chess teams participated in their state tournaments.

“Wow, what a great Kansas State Tournament! Their hard work and practice paid off and they did fantastic,” said Coach Robert Burns.

- SFA K-3 Team: First place. This team has won State four of the past five years: 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017.
- SFA K-5 Team: Second place
- SFA K-8 Team: Eighth place

The BCCHS high school team took first place in 5A and seventh overall. Coach Burns noted that all except one member of the Bishop Carroll team came from St. Francis.

“It is a blessing to coach such a great group of chess players,” he said. “I am so very proud of how they played, how they treated others, and how well they represented both SFA and BCCHS.”

Coach Burns wanted to thank all of the coaches, parents and volunteers who helped.

“These young players were able to compete at the high level they accomplished because of all of the support they received.”

And to his players, Coach said: “Awesome year, Chess Kings!”

– John Sander



The SFA K-3 team finished in first place, winning state for the fourth time in the past five years.



The SFA K-5 team finished in second place.



Coach Robert Burns, left, and members of the BCCHS Chess Team take a photo together after finishing in first place in 5A and seventh overall at the State Tournament.



The SFA K-8 team finished in 8th place.

SFA youth attend annual diocesan conference

On March 11, 40 SFA parish youths and six adult chaperones traveled to the Double Tree Hotel for the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference.

The conference takes place every year around spring break, and is put on for youth groups around the diocese. Consisting of a keynote speaker, Mass, several pump-up music sessions, dinner, and a dance, the conference lasted from Saturday morning until early Sunday afternoon.

This year, Doug Tooke, a youth minister and speaker from Montana, was the guest speaker.

Saturday began with many sleepy eyed attendees shuffling into the ballroom of the hotel. Instantly blasted with disco lights and loud music from Wichita Adore Ministries, it was hard to stay sleepy for long.

Next came Mass, celebrated by Father Aaron Spexarth and Father Zach Pinaire. St. Francis assisted by providing altar servers.

Tooke's keynote speech came next, in which he pointed out that everyone who receives Christ in the Eucharist becomes a monstrance, and that we then carry Christ within us.

Following the speech, we had the opportunity for an hour of adoration as well as the opportunity for confession.

Emily Savage, SFA's director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, called this DCYC the "most prayerful" one yet.

After lunch, the breakout sessions began. During this portion of the conference, attendees chose from several different talks on a variety of topics given by people from different backgrounds and vocations.

Among others, the choices included: Father Aaron and Father Brian Nelson gave a Q & A format talk titled "Men in Black"; newlywed couple Evan and Elyssa Bradfield spoke about keeping Christ in a relationship; Tooke talked about the theme of the conference: Love, 1 John 4:12; and Region 4 coordinator Chris Roth spoke about the family.

Sophomore Jacob Schonhoff cited Roth's talk as his favorite part of the conference. "I liked how he was able to use relatable things to connect with us and what he was talking about."

Junior Hayley Keiser thought that the priests' talk was the best.

After about three and half hours, the evening festivities were set to begin. Night time activities consisted of dinner and a dance full of swing dancing opportunities, something many of SFA CYM members enjoy.

Sunday, along with being the last day of DCYC, was also Daylight Savings day; thus, even sleepier eyed attendees shuffled into the ballroom and were greeted by very loud music. Mass was said again on Sunday, this time by Bishop Kemme. Afterward, Tooke gave a closing speech encouraging youth to really examine their Lenten journey.



Award winners Nathan Lies and Austin Mernagh

The conference closed with the presentation of several different awards. Senior Nathan Lies was given the "Light of Christ" award, presented to a youth who has participated in their CYM all four years of high school, and has really impacted their parish. Lies has been going to CYM since he was a freshman, and recently started a Rosary Club for other teens who enjoy making rosaries by hand.

Austin Mernagh, a junior, was presented with the "Regional Outstanding Catholic Youth Award," which is given to a youth who does exceptional work for their region within the diocese. Mernagh works closely with the Region 4 board to plan events for youth in the Wichita Diocese.

"I was really surprised to have won this," Mernagh said.

Finally, junior Maddy Hammer won the "Selfie Contest" by posing in her Mother Teresa costume.

Overall, the youth of St. Francis found DCYC 2017 very fruitful, and many look forward to attending next year.

"It was really cool to see so many people come together, love one another, and worship Christ as one! Seeing so much love in one place was really amazing," junior Camiela Bacha said.

— Alli Gregg



Forty SFA parish youths are all smiles during the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference held in Wichita in March.

Even mothers need a mother; new Bible study group forms for moms of young children

We were shuffling out of St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan, Kan., one Sunday when I saw a woman make eye contact with me and run straight toward me. I had never seen her before and was a bit taken aback at first.

She said, “Hi. I saw your sweet baby and I just wanted to tell you something. *Consecrate your babies to Mary.* It was one of the most important things I ever did for my kids.” She gave me a warm squeeze on the arm and then she walked away.

Her words bounced around in my brain for a bit, and I remember being speechless because I was choking back tears. Why? *Because it was exactly what I needed to hear at that point in my motherhood.*

She had no idea what weight I was carrying with me. The Lord knew I needed someone to walk up to me and say, “Woman! Pray and ask your divine Mother for some help!”

I had been trying to do it all alone, and the weight felt so heavy. For most people who attended Mass that Sunday in February 2016, it was just another Sunday. For me, it was more. It marked

another week survived with my 2-year-old son, Jude, and 2-month-old baby girl, Clara. I was exhausted and feeling a bit overwhelmed as I looked to the week ahead.

Intellectually I understood the developmental needs of my kids, and the many challenges that came with them; however, mentally and emotionally, I barely had anything left in the tank. Jude was having a “tough time” (understatement) with the new baby in the house, and Clara was experiencing severe reflux in the evenings combined with intense PURPLE crying sessions.

To make matters worse, I had my own emotional roller coaster to manage post-partum. Although I was filled with immense joy and gratitude with the second baby’s arrival, I could feel a bit of despair creeping in. Could I really do this? Was I capable of mothering two children, 2 years old and under?

I can tell you that things changed once I turned to Mary. I viewed my motherhood and Mary’s role in my family life very differently. When I looked to Mary, I saw a *perfect example of motherhood amid trials and sufferings*, and I understood more

fully my vocation and the power of redemptive suffering.

That’s why I am starting a new bible study at St. Francis called “Mary’s Moms.” This study is designed specifically for mothers of young children who are interested in growing spiritually alongside one another. Our mission is to spiritually support and encourage mothers to grow in their faith, while modeling Mary’s beautiful example of motherhood.

I invite you to join us starting May 3 from 9-11 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. We will be meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month to study “The Bible and the Virgin Mary.” Babysitting will be provided. On the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, we will schedule various play dates for additional fellowship.

And just in case no one has run up to you in the vestibule after Mass and shared this pearl of wisdom, I invite you to consecrate your babies, your family and your motherhood to Mary.

In the words of St. Josemaria Escriva, “Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle.”

– Rachel Lies

The Vernacular

This monthly newsletter is published by and for the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. It is mailed to each registered parish household by the end of each month.

To submit articles, photos or story ideas, send them via email to sfvernacular@gmail.com. Photos must be high-resolution print quality images.

Contacts for the Vernacular are news editor Lanette Belton, 722-3952, and copy editor Ann Walden, 249-2430.

Deadlines for submitting information are the beginning of each month.

New volunteers – especially reporters, photographers and layout editors – are always welcome.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Charities Committee offers several ways to help

“Practicing charity is the best way to evangelize,” according to Pope Francis.

Our parish serves not only our own parishioners but the charitable needs of our community at large. By doing so we follow Francis’ mandate.

Our Charities Committee is comprised of volunteers of all ages from our SFA parish family, donating their time to help the less fortunate. Opportunities for involvement can be as much or as

little as an individual has time to offer.

Organizations that benefit from the generosity of our parish include:

- A Better Choice, Birthline, Center of Hope, Dear Neighbor Ministries, Gerard House and Harbor House, via delivery of donations
- Anthony Family Shelter, via collection and delivery of food barrel donations
- Catholic Charities “Our Daily Bread” Food Pantry, via Lenten,

fall and holiday food drives

- Guadalupe Clinic, via weekly delivery of Dillon’s bakery items
- American Red Cross, as sponsors of multiple blood drives each year

at St. Francis
Mary Spachek, Charities Committee chairman, reports that the committee meets twice a year, but gladly welcomes new members at any time. It’s a great way to get the entire family involved! She can be reached at 516-2214.

– Dave Carter

Mental Health Awareness Group helps spread word of God to all parishioners

While all of us have our own crosses to bear, for some parishioners mental and intellectual disabilities add increased complexity and challenges to everyday life. The Mental Health Awareness Group, part of the Ministry of Disabilities, was established in February 2016 to assist SFA parishioners who may suffer from autism, Down syndrome and other types of

intellectual disabilities.

Recently, the group assisted with books and materials to assist intellectually disabled children with preparing for First Communion. The group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the St. Agnes Ministry House located at 866 N. Socora from 7-8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help the group or

have questions concerning the types of services offered, please contact co-chairman Lawrence Schuckman at 259-8210 or email schuck2@att.net.

Let all of us remember to show compassion and offer prayers of strength for our fellow parishioners suffering from intellectual disabilities. We look forward to hearing from you as we strive to spread God’s word to all his children.

– Chris Walter

Christopher West speaks at Knights event at SFA



Photo by Anna Harter

Catholic author and speaker Christopher West traveled to Wichita in March for two presentations at St. Francis. His “Life, Love and Mercy” presentation (left) was for the general public and sponsored by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. The next day he presented “This is My Body: Into the Wild of the Masculine Soul” as part of the Catholic Man’s Conference, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4118.

SFA students compete in Battle of the Books



This year, 21 fifth and sixth grade SFA School students are participating in Battle of the Books.

The favorite books from this year's list are, "Adventures with Waffles" by Maria Parr, "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" by Chris Grabenstein, "King of the Mound" by Wes Tooke, and "Bud, Not Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis.

Sponsors Miss Winter and Miss Brand are really enjoying the list of books this year because there are quite a few non-fiction books. They say it is pushing all of their readers into different genres and more challenging books.

In their first competition, the students were nervous but very excited, as they had been preparing for several months. Buzzers were buzzing and the competition was hot, but the teams did well.

The two sixth grade teams earned first and third place and one of the fifth grade teams earned second place.

– Jackie Brand, SFA Teacher



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Let it be done to me...

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