October 22, 2017
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
861 North Socora, Wichita, Kansas 67212

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
Votive Candles

There is nothing quite like the flicker of votive candles in the prayerful atmosphere of a silent, dark church. The subtle movement of the flames cast hues of light through the church; and it adds a sense of life to the quiet space.

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In Catholicism votive candles have been used even from earliest times. In the early church they were frequently used in cemeteries and catacombs, especially at graves of martyrs, as a sign of unity with the deceased. As with the Roman Soldiers, Christians would light candles as a sign of both their love (votive candle) as well as their constant prayer. Since the candle was a symbol of constant prayer it also became known as a “vigil candle.” The votive candle is a representation of Christ. Jesus himself says, “I am the light of the world” (Jn 8:12) and again, “I have come into the world as its light” (Jn 12:46). Finally, the votive candle reminds us of the Easter Candle from which our baptismal candles are lit and which is also placed beside our loved one’s at funerals.

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Next week we are going to have a unique opportunity to use votive candles. On Tuesday, October 31, we will be starting our annual “Novena for the Deceased.” Every day, for nine days, we will be praying for our deceased loved ones. In order to better represent our love and prayers for the deceased we will have a votive stand placed in front of the altar. Candles for your deceased loved ones can be purchased in the office during the week, or placed in front of the altar. Candles for your deceased loved ones and prayers for the deceased we will have a votive stand. In order to better represent our love for them.

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Dear family and friends,

Today, the day of the dead is observed in many cultures around the world. It is a day to remember and honor loved ones who have passed away. In Catholicism, we remember our deceased loved ones through the practice of praying for them and lighting votive candles. This is a personal act of devotion and a way to express our love and connection with those who have passed away.

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We will meet on Monday, October 30 in St. Bonaventure Center. We are working on a mission statement to comply with parish requirements. Communication, awareness, and aid need to be defined, and how do we accomplish that. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Support Group

If you are caring for someone with dementia we can help. All are encouraged to attend our meeting Thursday, October 26 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.

Young Adult Group

We will meet at the rectory from 6:30-9:00 pm this Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-9:00 pm. The age range for this group is 24-39 (both single and married). Babysitting is available. Simply call Sarah Steinert at 316-613-9507 to RSVP your children.

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

Thank You

All of your thoughts and prayers during my stay in the hospital were greatly appreciated. God Bless you all.

Fr. Daryl Befort

Parish Work Day A Success!!

Thank you to everyone who came and helped spruce up the parish grounds on our Parish Work Day last Saturday, October 14. Many landscaping projects on the parish grounds were completed. Our goal is to have two parish work days a year in the Spring and Fall. Thank you again and enjoy our beautiful parish landscaping. Please watch the bulletin in March for details on the Spring clean-up.

The Facilities Committee

CYM Coffee and Rolls

This Sunday, October 22 after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in the front walkway.

Baptisms

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

Compassion Without Borders (CWB)

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We Need You... Your Deceased Loved Ones Need You!
Join Us for this Parish-Wide Effort

You are invited to join us for a nine-day period of prayer for deceased loved ones, who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. As Catholics we pray for those who precede us in death knowing that some have not yet entered the “Church Triumphant” in Heaven, but may be among the “Church Suffering” in Purgatory. Those in Purgatory, who are being purified for entry into Heaven, cannot pray for themselves. We, the “Church Militant,” must pray for them. For this reason the Church offers a period of indulgence from November 1st through November 8th to pray for those in Purgatory to be set free into the eternal kingdom.

We need you... Your loved ones need you! All of our combined efforts during this Novena can lessen... or even immediately end... the balance of their suffering by successfully receiving a plenary indulgence on their behalf, through our offering.

To this end, St. Francis of Assisi Parish is offering a novena of indulgenced prayers and works on behalf of our deceased loved ones. In order to “fully disposed” to receive a plenary indulgence for our loved ones, we must prepare ourselves in five ways:

• Sacramental Confession at least once, in the days prior to the Novena;
• Eucharistic Communion on the day of the indulgenced work;
• Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father on the day of the indulgenced work;
• Recitation of the Nicene Creed on the day of the indulgenced work; and
• Freedom from all attachment to sin.

All of these conditions will be offered and made available to you during the Novena. A complete explanation of this discipline within the Church will be given on the first evening of the Novena, Tuesday, October 31st, 2017, after the 5:30pm Mass.

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Indulged prayers and works are defined by the “Handbook of Indulgences,” published by the Vatican. It teaches there are five (5) plenary indulgences that can be offered for those who have gone before us.

A. Devoutly visit a Catholic cemetery any day from 11/1/17 - 11/8/17
B. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least 30 minutes
C. Recitation of the Holy Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament
D. Participation in the Stations of the Cross
E. Scriptural meditation for at least 30 minutes

Each of the above are plenary indulgences that can be offered for the benefit of a deceased loved one. As a parish we will celebrate each of these prayers or works within this Novena at the times designated below.

Novena: Vigil
Day: Tuesday
Date: 10/31/17
Mass: After 5:30pm Mass
Indulgence:
“B” Presentation by Fr. Jarrod with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

2nd Day
Day: Wednesday
Date: 11/1/17
Mass: After 5:30pm Mass
“C” Holy Rosary

3rd Day
Day: Thursday
Date: 11/2/17
Mass: After 5:30pm Mass
“E” Scriptural meditation

4th Day
Day: Friday
Date: 11/3/17
Mass: After 5:30pm Mass
“D” Stations of the Cross

5th Day
Day: Saturday
Date: 11/4/17
Mass: Before 5:00pm Mass
“C” Holy Rosary

6th Day
Day: Sunday
Date: 11/5/17
Mass: Before 10:00am Mass
“C” Holy Rosary

7th Day
Day: Monday
Date: 11/6/17
Mass: After 5:30pm Mass
“B” Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8th Day
Day: Tuesday
Date: 11/7/17
Mass: After 5:30pm Mass
“E” Scriptural Meditation

9th Day
Day: Wednesday
Date: 11/8/17
Mass: After 5:30pm Mass
“B” Closing Presentation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Catholic Church
**Monday, October 23**—Legion of Mary will meet in St. Bonaventure Center after the 8:00 am Mass.

St. Francis Girls’ Ensemble, 8th grade through high school, will rehearse from 7:00-8:00 pm in St. Clare Hall Music Room. All young ladies are welcome to join us.

**Tuesday, October 24**—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 “St. Joseph, through your intercession, we pray that all fathers, especially fathers of young children will follow your example in devoutly practicing the faith and lead their children to heaven by their words and example.”

**Wednesday, October 25**—RCIA meets in St. Clare Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm.

St. Francis 10:00 Choir will rehearse at 7:00 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. Everyone, high school age and up, is invited to sing with us.

St. Francis Men’s Ensemble will rehearse at 8:30 pm in Clare Hall Music Room. All men of the parish are welcome.

**Thursday, October 26**—Ladies Rosary Group will meet in St. Bonaventure Center from 10:00 am –12:00 pm. All ladies are welcome.

**Friday, October 27**—Bible Study. We will meet in St. Clare Basement after the 8:00 am Mass. We will be studying James.

**Saturday, October 28**—The Rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 am Mass in the church. All are invited.

**Wednesday, November 1**—Mary’s Moms Bible Study and Play Group in St. Clare Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. Our lesson this week is Handmaid of the Lord.

**Saturday, November 4**—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.

**Monday, November 6**—Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes of Assisi Ministry House.

**What’s Happening**

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**Votive Candles During Novena For Deceased Loved Ones**

As a sign of our love and prayers for our deceased loved ones we will have a votive stand placed in front of the altar. Candles will be available for purchase in the church office during the week or after Masses the weekend of October 28 and 29. At the time of purchase the name of your deceased loved one will be put into the Parish Prayer Box. Fr. Jarrod will set out and light all the candles on *Tuesday, October 31*. Due to fire safety there will me a limited number of candles available.

**CYM/Fun Night Bingo—Donations**

All in the parish are invited to join us for CYM Bingo at Fun Night, *Sunday, October 29*. Bingo will be held in Stewardship Hall from 3:00-5:00 pm. Fun Night wristbands will be sold for $5 which includes a Bingo card and Fun Night activities. We will also have Bingo cards for a suggested donation of $2 per card. This will be the only CYM Bingo this year. If you would like to help with prize donations please drop them off in the church office. Hope to see you there.

**SFA Fun Night**

Mark you calendars for the St. Francis of Assisi Fun Night, *Sunday, October 29* from 4:00-7:00 pm in the school. To donate or volunteer please go to the links below.

Volunteers Needed: <https://goo.gl/ZFBrK5>

Donations Needed: <https://goo.gl/623qv1>

**“Ignite” Retreat**

Have you wanted to have a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit? Have you wondered how the Third Person of the Trinity works in each individual? Then an “Ignite” retreat is for you! Our next “Ignite” is set for *Friday, November 17* from 6:30-9:30 pm and *Saturday, November 18* beginning at 9:00 am and concluding with 5:00 pm Mass. Prayerfully consider attending this one time retreat to enliven your awareness and love for the Holy Spirit. To register e-mail Lisa Martin at mlmartin8@sbcglobal.net or Vanessa Condrey at vcondrey@stfranciswichita.com. Space is limited so please register before Wednesday November 8.

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**Here at St. Francis**

**Deficit Contributions**

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**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.
Liturgical Stewards

Music Schedule
Saturday, October 28—5:00 pm Matthew Ho/Melissa Seiler
7:00 pm Carole Pracht/Bogners
Sunday, October 29—8:30 am Julie Riedlinger/Mary Lou Harding
10:00 am Matthew Schippers/Traditional Choir
11:30 am Maddie Shoup/Dominic Bacha
1:00 pm Sr. Stephanie Heskamp/Marcia Bradfield

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, October 28
5:00 pm Jean & Bill Heimann/Carolyn Stump
Janice McClure/Rachel Little
7:00 pm Amy & Don Brugman/Collette Schumacher
Jill & Roger Kershen
Sunday, October 29
7:00 am Julie & Greg Morgan/Peggy Meyer
Stephanie Seiler/Jim Rundell
8:30 am Kay & Leroy Good knight/Mary Kotrba
Joseph Hein/Thomas Mayhill
10:00 am Jennifer & Mike Hybl
Stephanie, Kian, Steven Farley
11:30 am Rene & Lynn Feldkamp/Kathleen Timmermeyer
Bernadette Spaulding/Jerry Pates
1:00 pm Ann Daigle/Carole Conley/JoAnn Forister
Susan Fry/Tom Eckberg

Lector/Commentator
Saturday, October 28
5:00 pm Winston Kenton/Ron Helten
7:00 pm Jeff Cerre/Sean Hudspeth
Sunday, October 29
7:00 am Jill Ward/Dan Dillon
8:30 am Sally Stump/Steve Hermann
10:00 am Monica Hammer/Madelin Mayhill
11:30 am Carole McCormick/Jeffrey Hauge
1:00 pm Danny Burt/Brenda Wasinger
Saturday, November 4
5:00 pm Dave Becker/Fey Barles
7:00 pm Juli McClure/Mary Sauber
Sunday, November 5
7:00 am Bridget Harvey/Greg Peter
8:30 am Joan Hampton/Helen Cole
10:00 am Lisa Chandler/Herb Shaner
11:30 am Carol McCormick/Judy Stengel
1:00 pm Troy Harter/Randy Phelps

Offertery Gifts
Saturday, October 28
5:00 pm Mary Nuessen
7:00 pm Dennis & Heather Munk
Sunday, October 29
8:30 am Clyde & Deanne Oster
10:00 am Jesse & Angela Moore
11:30 am Maggie & Robert Orris
1:00 pm Hiep & Huong Nguyen
Saturday, November 4
5:00 pm Brian & Lisa Pascal
7:00 pm Travis & Patricia Pearson
Sunday, November 5
8:30 am Anniversary Couple
10:00 am Robert Petersen
11:30 am Dustin & Katie Saville
1:00 pm Michael & Teresa Petersen

Mass Intentions for the Week
Monday, October 23
8:00 am Marvin & Mary Jo Stang
5:30 pm Linn Hohl
Tuesday, October 24
8:00 am Charles Watson
5:30 pm Norbert Schneider
Wednesday, October 25
8:00 am Margaret “Peg” Hilger
5:30 pm Suzie Walker
Thursday, October 26
8:00 am Gregory & Gene Seely
5:30 pm Spec. Int. (Ladies Auxiliary)
Friday, October 27
8:00 am Spec. Int. (Hosford Family)
5:30 pm Harry Helser
Saturday, October 28
8:00 am George & Marc Goetz
5:00 pm David Enneken
7:00 pm Michael Pracht
Sunday, October 29
7:00 am Paul Shinogle
8:30 am John Buchanan
10:00 am Dec. Mem. Streit Family
11:30 am For the People
1:00 pm Joe Murillo

Servers/MC’s

Weekday Lectors
Monday, October 23
8:00 am E. Neville/L. O’Connor
5:30 pm J. Exley/J. Exley

Tuesday, October 24
8:00 am A. Nguyen/A. Daigle
5:00 pm L. Shetton/N. Brummett

Wednesday, October 25
8:00 am B. Wadlowe/L. Timmermeyer
5:30 pm J. Lara/L. Taylor

Thursday, October 26
8:00 am G. Sladek/H. Faber
5:30 pm G. McElhiney/L. Sanchez

Friday, October 27
8:00 am J. Stephenson/S. Charlton
5:30 pm A. Bye/G. Ast

Saturday, October 28
8:00 am J. Sanburn/K. McClure
5:00 pm A. Avant/E. Iseman/N. Brown/F. Barles

Sunday, October 29
7:00 am B. Booth/E. Hernandez/R. Haneberg
8:30 am A. Mauler/J. Bracy/T. Stewart/M. Burns
10:00 am B. Zamzow/K. Reynaga/S. Jordan/L. Barles
11:30 am J. Weakland/L. Becker/M. Gallant/G. McElhiney
1:00 pm B. Munk/C. Strunk/M. Bitting/K. Tran

Elijah Cup

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

October 28-29—JoAnn Forister Family
November 4-5—Hayley Keiser Family