

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our bulletin of parish life & faith formation

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Always AT THE Reginning

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSIST

PARISH MISSION

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

2.12 | 6:30-8:30 P.M.

ATTENDING THE 5:30 P.M. MASS AND EVENING PRAYER PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION IS ENCOURAGED!

DAYCARE OFFERED DURING THE MISSION IN OUR NURSERY NEXT TO CLARE HALL



At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we strive to be united in the Eucharist and formed as instruments of peace through the practice of stewardship in imitation of God's Triune love. Through the proclamation of the Gospel we invite you to become disciples of Jesus Christ and included within our parish family through worship, fellowship, education, and stewardship.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Sunday

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

<u>Morning Prayer:</u> Mon. - Sat. at 7:40 a.m. <u>Evening Prayer:</u> Mon.-Fri. at 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Mon - Fri 4:45-5:25 p.m. Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m. During all Sat. Vigil & Sun. Masses

FATHER'S FOCUS

Lent?!

Do you remember that old Looney Tunes cartoon with Frisky the puppy and Claude the house cat? It is the one where Claude, a yellow cat with a red-tipped tail, would be walking through the house minding his own business. Then, out of nowhere, Frisky the puppy would come up behind Him and start barking, "Yipe, yipe, yipe, yipe, yipe, yipe!!" Claude would get so scared that he would launch himself into the air and bury his claws into the ceiling. Then, after Frisky trotted away, the cat, with a perturbed look on his face, would peal his claws out of the ceiling one-by-one to the sound of, "Boink, boink, boink, boink ..." Hillarious! If you haven't seen it, Google it. I watched one just before writing this and it still makes me belly-laugh to the point of tears.



Well, that image comes to mind when I think of Lent just being a few days away. Like Claude the cat being startled by Frisky the puppy, we may be surprised and caught off guard by the sudden arrival of this season. "Lent?!" Lent has come quickly upon the heels of Christmas. But as the Scripture says, we cannot "let this day catch us off guard."

Lent, even though it is a penitential season, is an awesome time for renewal and rekindling of the fire of devotion. This bulletin outlines several opportunities this Lent for such a renewal.

Parish Mini-Mission (Feb. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.)

"Always at the Beginning" by Fr. Chad Arnold will focus on a mature attitude of spiritual growth and steps for success.

God Squad (Sun., Mon, Tue, Thurs., Fri. during Lent

A spiritual training program that operates much like a sports season but is focused on the spiritual skill rather than athletic skill. We will be focusing on the book Soul of the Apostolate, devotional prayers, and night prayer.

Parish Prayer & Bible Groups

We have several prayer groups and bible groups in our parish. Our parish office would love to help guide you through our many great options! You can also look them up on our website under MINISTRIES -> COMPREHENSIVE LIST. If you find one to join, don't hesitate to reach out and get plugged in.

FORMED

FORMED is an online Catholic educational and entertainment video streaming platform that is open to all our parishioners. It also offers books, CDs, and classes concerning Catholic teaching and formation. I suggest finding fellow parishioners and meeting once a week in someone's house to watch one of the series. It is a great way to form yourself in the faith, as well as build your sense of community.

So, this Lent don't be startled like Claude the cat, because it so quickly approaches. Rather, get a plan in place for an awesome Lent. Do not hesitate to participate in one of these opportunities for faith formation we will have on our parish campus.

- Father Jarrod Lies, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: USHERS

Have you ever had a moment when something you take for granted, kind of hits you in the face like a ton of bricks? Well, I had one of those moments when Father Jarrod and Jim McAnarney were conducting usher training in the Church on a recent Tuesday night.

There were over 60 ushers there for training! They were all shuffling about trying to learn where all their supplies and tools were located within the new space. They were helping each other, asking questions so that all would know, and generally working together, preparing to support the priests, the parish, each other, and the job of our Lord; executing hospitality in all that they do.

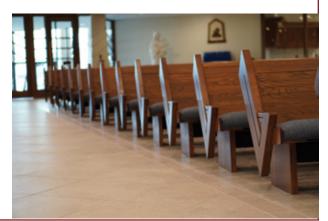
There were no egos or agendas, just a group of individuals that were looking to make sure they were prepared to, "do their job".

I would humbly ask you to thank an usher this weekend as you attend Mass. They are there for you and I and often the first line of what Jesus means to all of us, through their hospitality and service.

God Bless you representatives of the Stewardship Way of Life. Thank you for all that you do, even when we take those efforts for granted.

Your care of us in hospitality and service is appreciated!

-Stu Meether, Dir. of Stewardship and Parish Life



TREASURE







WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH



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No confessions will be heard during our Ash Wednesday Masses. There will be our usual confessions starting at 4:45 before our 5:30 p.m. Mass.



Knights of Columbus Council #4118

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Friday February 23, 2024 & Friday March 15, 2024 at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Cana Hall

Meals will be available from 5-8pm, dine in or carryout

The menu includes: Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Veggie Lomein, Veggie Fried Rice, Egg Drop Soup, Mac & Cheese, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, dessert & drink of choice.

Suggested donation is \$10 per person (Children 10 and under \$5) Cinnamon rolls (\$12/dozen) and fried fish eggrolls (\$10/dozen).

Proceeds will benefit Vocations, FIAT ministry, SFA CYM, SFA School, St Joseph School, Society of St Vincent de Paul, and other charitable programs.



Cultivating a Community Within Our Parish!

Grab & Go Breakfast Next Cafe Weekend: Feb. 10-11

Our Cafe will pause to observe our faithful time to pray, fast, and repent during Lent.

First date back: April 20 & 21

Contact Julie Morgan to get involved! 316-210-6992 or SFACC.SUG@gmail.com



IOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE!

DATE: Friday, February 23 • TIMES: 5:45, 6:15, and 6:45 • COST: \$10 per person

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Embark on an exciting journey of faith and stewardship with our Stewardship Way of Life Escape Room Adventure! Gather your friends and fellow parishioners for an immersive and engaging experience that blends fun, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of our call to stewardship.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!



New to the parish or don't have a team? Sign-up on our ShurUnlock Holmes Team!



FILL-UP FIRST!

The Famous KofC Lenten Fish Fry begins serving at 5:00pm in Cana Hall. The fish flies fast, so come early!



LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Sundays: 3:00 p.m., Church

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 8:00 p.m., Church

Fridays: 6:45 p.m., Clare Hall

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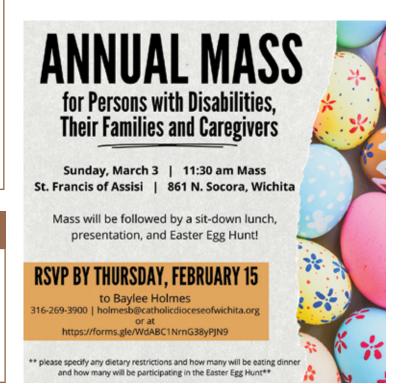
This program is open to all adult parishioners. The schedule is "come as you can." Attending all dates is not neccesary.

A NOTE FROM MAINTENANCE

Attn. to all groups meeting on our campus

A friendly reminder from our maintenance team:

- Please remember to put things back as you found them, especially tables and chairs
- Please do not use duct tape on any of the floors removing it takes up the wax on the floors, and it's hard to clean the residue. Thank vou.



GOD CALLS US ALL TO THE FREEDOM OF CHASTITY

Due to various historical factors, some attitudes have given rise to idea that "chastity" is a burden, a prohibition of freedoms, or a tether of suppression. This, however, is the furthest definition from God's true intentions for chastity. We are ALL called to live out the virtue of chastity – whether one is single, married, belonging to a religious order, or the ordained priesthood. What is it and why is God's true intention not suppression, but rather FREEDOM?

WHAT IS CHASTITY?

First, chastity is not the same as celibacy. Chastity is more than just abstaining from sexual activity outside of marriage. The sexual act should always be reserved for the marital union, as it brings forth unitive and procreative fruit that blesses the marriage. Chastity is a positive virtue that involves the integration of one's sexuality within the perimeters of love, self-giving, and respect for the dignity of oneself and others.

Chastity involves purity of heart and intention, as well as a commitment to living according to the truth of one's identity as a beloved child of God. Chastity involves self-mastery and self-giving authentic love, whether in marriage or celibacy. It involves selflessness, commitment, and a deep respect for the dignity of every person.

I keep coming back to the beauty of stewardship. Our bodies are not our own. My mom always reminded us that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. This image came alive to me when visiting the Holy Land and seeing the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. Inside the holy walls is a great building where you can visit the holy tomb. You can climb stairs and reach out your hand to touch the spot where the cross was on Calvary. You can touch the anointing stone. You can stand where Mary and the other women wept. The sacredness is palpable. To preserve the integrity

and safety of these sacred spaces, the door is locked every night in a door-closing ceremony.

This is how I envision chastity and how we must protect ourselves and others – protecting what is sacred in the gift of our sexuality both for ourselves in not using our own bodies in selfish ways, but also not looking upon others as objects of sexual desire. We are living in an age where we see sexual exploitation everywhere. Media entices both men and women to believe that seduction is the way to another's heart.



The stewardship of our senses is a tall order in today's world. We are continually bombarded with sexual images. We don't even have to look for them. Pornography is an attack against chastity, and it has far-reaching effects. For some people, the impact of seeing graphic images may be short-lived, and they may be able to recover relatively quickly with appropriate coping strategies and support. Others may experience more profound and long-lasting effects, such as symptoms of trauma, anxiety or depression, which may require professional help and a longer period of healing. Pornography reduces the one viewing it to using other people for their own selfish pleasure. It reduces the person on the screen to be just an object of someone else's lust. Any acts of selfish sexual pleasure follow this same cycle - user and the one being used.

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CHASTITY OFFERS FREEDOM

Second, chastity protects sexuality as a true gift; it offers freedom because there are no regrets. With chastity, one is pursuing a mastery of self and aligning one's will to God's will. Living a chaste life honors God's intentions for the body and protects others and ourselves to be free from regret and shame. I was assigned to read Theology of the Body in one of my college classes. I must have read it three times, but it was because I would read a paragraph and then have to read it two more times because I really didn't understand it. The words of St. John Paul the Great were beautiful and like nothing I've ever read. It spoke of the beauty and mystery of men and women and the freedom of the stewardship of the body and soul - to love our brothers and sisters in Christ so much that we would never want to do anything to objectify them or view them in ways that aren't of a pure heart.

There is true freedom with looking upon each other with pure eyes and love. If you are finding yourself in a position where you can't get out of the cycle of pornography or perhaps you might be in a selfish relationship, there are some great resources. Books by Matt Fradd speak on breaking the cycle

of pornography. The Chastity Project with Jason and Crystalina Evert has wonderful resources for all states of life, young and old. Cognitive behavior therapies have really helped people as well.

I remember hearing a story about Fr. Benedict Groeschel, who was a well-known speaker. Whenever he checked into a hotel, he would ask the front desk to turn off the cable in his room because he didn't want to have that temptation. He knew the enemy, and he chose to protect himself in that way. Matt Fradd gave an example of a young man who was tempted by a seductive billboard on his way to work. He chose to go another way and protect himself from that temptation. We need to know the enemy, and we need to know ourselves so that we can live life with true freedom.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8:

Maria Stewart Theologians Guild

VIKING NEWS





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DAY OF GIVING!

We want to take a moment to thank all who contributed to our Day of Giving campaign during Catholic Schools Week. Your valuable donation makes a large impact in funding our school activities, needed updates, and operations. THANK YOU!





Join one of our ministries and give action to your stewardship.

Contact Stu Meether in our parish office at 316-722-4404 or smeether@stfranciswichita.com for information regarding parish ministries.

BIBLE STUDIES & BOOK CLUBS

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9 a.m. | St. Catherine's Current Topic: Acts of the Apostles

Fridays | 9 a.m. | St. Catherine's

Current Topic: Nehemiah

Contact the Parish Office for Suzanne Simpson's contact information to sign-up.

ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

3rd Mon. each month | 10 a.m. | St. Catherine's Great discussions, fellowship, and lunch!

Feb. Book: Rescued by Father John Ricardo March Book: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Contact the Parish Office for Suzanne Simpson's contact information to sign-up.



HARVEST HOUSE MEETING

Feb. 15 | 1 p.m. Clare Hall Refreshments provided.



Join us for the upcoming Called and Gifted session and discern your charisms, gifts that you received at Baptism! Your charisms are used regularly at home, in the workplace, and in serving your parish and community! Learn how to be more intentional and make an even greater impact on the world around you!

Feb. 15th - May 16th from 7:00-9:00 P.M.
This is a life changing experience!
SCAN THE QR CODE or Contact Becky Hawk at
CalledandGiftedSFA@protonmail.com
or 316-655-2396 for details and to register.



AROUND THE DIOCESE



HELP SAVE LIVES IN Wichita!

Here's how to take part:

Vigil location: Public sidewalk in front of

Planned Parenthood

2226 E Central Ave, Wichita, KS 67214Vigil hours: 7 AM-7 PM daily from

February 14 – March 24

- Local Contact: Sue Willey, 316-617-5660 or mwilley@cox.net
- **Get involved!** Sign up for prayer times on our website and join us to peacefully pray in front of Planned Parenthood.

www.40daysforlife.com/Wichita

MAN FULLY ALIVE SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND 2024

Chiefs Place Kicker Harrison Butker Headlines!

Butker, a devout Catholic has been on our diocesan "radar screen" as a featured speaker for several years. Accompanied by



his friend - and fellow Catholic- Hollywood producer and actor David Henrie, this promises to be an inspirational Man Fully Alive event. It is expected to sell out so sign up soon!

8am-4pm Saturday, March 2nd at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Tickets: www.catholicmensconference.com (Which then leads you to Eventbrite)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, Feb. 12, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers C. Young / J. Zarchan / K. Reynaga / L. Riggs

Monday, Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Rebecca Dugan

Tuesday, Feb, 13, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers J. Buckles / D. Berry / C. Schuster / A. Sosa

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Patty Bluml

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Heather Gregg

Master Server: Parker Bluml

Servers: I. Gorges / C. Lang / E. Megee

EMHCs: School Staff

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 12:00 p.m.

Lector: Mike Fuhrman

Master Server: Teagan Farley

Servers: S. Pirtle / D. Schuster / C. Steindler EMHCs: N. Bell / Vi Schuckman / M. Nguyen

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Diana Smith

Master Server: Ira Dalbom

Servers: T. Farley / Q. Farley / R. Dalbom EMHCs: L. Ubert / J. Yager / S. Farley

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Sally Stump-Lubbers

Master Server: Carson Graham

Servers: C. Steindler / SERVERS NEEDED

EMHCs: D. Wendling / N. Kelley / A. Brugman

Thursday, Feb. 15, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers B. Forbes / S. Weber / A. Steinert / R. Valdois

Thursday, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Eric McCabe

Friday, Feb. 16, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Dave Carter

Altar Servers C. Graham / M. McClure / SERVERS NEEDED

Friday, Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Nancy Kelley

Saturday, Feb. 17, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Mary Treinen

Weekend Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, Feb. 17 | 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Joe Molina **Commentator:** Chase Kenton

Master Server: Luken Becker

Servers: A. Veith / S. Veith / K. Leasher

EMHCs: M. McCormack / E. Voegeli / P. Freeman

Saturday, Feb. 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Kathryn Torres **Commentator:** Renee Means

Master Server: Isaac Gorges

Servers: T. Hay / H. Nguyen / C. Andrews **EMHCs:** A. Brugman / S. Hinson / D. Wendling

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: Kathy Robben **Commentator:** Greg Peter

Master Server: Canon Brand

Servers: E. Saville / M. Musa / SERVERS NEEDED

EMHCs: P. Meyer / J. Bauer / M. Carter

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Dani Seckfort **Commentator:** Joan Hampton

Master Server: Tyler Young

Servers: H. Stuchlik / D. Schuster / C. Young

EMHCs: G. Morgan / J. Morgan / S. Hudspeth

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Catherine Bitting **Commentator:** Erica Toups

Master Server: Dustin Stephenson

Servers: M. Stephenson / O. Toups / P. Bluml

EMHCs: D. Carter / D. Carter / M. Martin

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Evan Lies **Commentator:** Emily Riggs

Master Server: Jacob Lezniak

Servers: T. Munk / A. Baker / W. McGreevy **EMHCs:** L. Dostert / M. Dostert / D. Trujillo

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Sondra Garvey **Commentator:** Mary Treinen

Master Server: Branton Nguyen

Servers: K. Hays / L. Misasi / J. Petersen

EMHCs: K. Henke / S. Logsdon / SUB NEEDED

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, Feb. 11

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Stewardship Hall, 9:45 a.m. ROSARY GROUP Church, 5:00 p.m. YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 7:00 p.m. SACRED ENS CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 12

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m. LEGION OF MARY Clare Hall, 9:00 a.m. MARY'S MOMS Nursery, 9-11 a.m. FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Cana Hall, 6:30 p.m. PARISH MISSION Church, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Catherine's, 9:00 a.m. ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 1:00 p.m.-Canceled FINANCIAL PEACE U. Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. IMMAC. HEART OF MARY ROSARY GP. Church, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP Clare Hall, 6:30 a.m. SHEKINAH Clare Hall, 6:30 - 8 p.m. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT Off Campus, 7:00 p.m. TRAD. MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 7:00 p.m MEN'S MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 8:00 p.m

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

MORNING ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 10:00 a.m. HARVEST HOUSE MEETING Clare Hall, 1:00 p.m. LITTLE FLOWERS Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. CALLED & GIFTED Cana Hal, 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Catherines, 9:00 a.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS Church, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB 17

FAMILY GAME NIGHT Stewardship Hall, 6-11 p.m.

Elijah Cup | Feb. 17-18 Justin Schuster Family

Please check in with the priest before Mass. To sign up, call Nan at 721–3727



OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 17

5:00 p.m. James & Mary Bortnick 7:00 p.m. Michael & Juli McClure

Sunday, Feb. 18

8:30 a.m. Michael & Diane Cooke 10:00 a.m. Jerry & Lisa Chandler 11:30 a.m. Nicholas & Janet Dash

1:00 p.m. Johan Guerra

Mass	Intentions	Feb. 12 - Feb. 18
Monday, 12	8:00 a.m.	† Yolanda Taylor
_	5:30 p.m.	Elaine Reichenberger Spec. Int.
Tuesday, 13	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth & Robby Prager Spec. Int.
	5:30 p.m.	William McKinney Spec. Int.
Wednesday, 14 ASH WEDNESDAY	8:00 a.m.	† Judy Thimesch
	12:00 p.m.	For the People
	5:00 p.m.	† Kay Martin
	7:00 p.m.	Bernadette Sanders Spec. Int.
Thursday, 15	8:00 a.m.	† Dennis Seiwert
	5:30 p.m.	† Mike Weber
Friday, 16	8:00 a.m.	Madison R. Special Int.
	5:30 p.m.	George & Nancy Kelley Spec. Int.
Saturday, 17	8:00 a.m.	Rita Schroeder Spec. Int.
	5:00 p.m.	† Patricia Zeiss
	7:00 p.m.	Areisha Mendoza Spec. Int.
Sunday, 18	7:00 a.m.	Sharon & Chuck Carr Spec. Int.
	8:30 a.m.	† Duane Bergkamp
	10:00 a.m.	† Charles Morgan
	11:30 a.m.	† Jean Quilty
	1:00 p.m.	Bonaventure Hong Ho

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