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JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Marai Gras CASINO ROYALE

FEB. 10TH • 7 P.M. \$35/ADULT • \$250/TABLE

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WELCOME!

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.

<u>Sunday</u> 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

Time is Precious



I snapped this pic the other day. I couldn't help myself. This is the clock that I have in the confessional. It reads 1:23 pm on 12/31/23... Do you notice the repition? 1-2-3-1-2-3. How unique it that? That combination of numbers won't happen again for 100 years!

Honestly, I was a bit of a spiritual moment for me. It made me stop an realize, not only the uniqueness of that unrepeatable moment, but the unrepeatability of every moment. Time, like a river, is passing; every moment never to be repeated again. Once a river passes, that water will never go backwards. In the same way, once a moment passes, it will never be repeated.

Why was this a spiritual moment for me? Because it reminded me to appreciate the "NOW".

I so often get lost in stress and anxiety that either I: one - miss the value of the current moment, or, two - I'm so frantically 'future-forecasting' that I don't even notice the joy of the present. Joker could ask of me what he asked of Batman, "Why so serious?" Sometimes I am disappointed in myself because everything seems to be a such flutter of activity and concern that I am unable to appreciate the NOW.

My point is this: There is no gratitude without recognizing the preciousness of the current moment. There is no peace in being so focused on the uncertain future that we don't notice the immanently certain present moment.

My mind is filled with Scripture passages:

- "Now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (1 Cor 6:1).
- "If today you hear the voice of the Lord, harden not your hearts" (Heb 3:15).
- "Do not worry about tomorrow, enough for one day is its own evil... Therefore do not be concerned about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be concerned for its own self" (Matt 6:34).
- "Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday, and forever" (Heb 13:8).

So in the end, I offer you this: Appreciate the present moment... it's unrepeatable.



I also took this pic.
I like it better because I took it at the 23rd second, even though seconds don't appear on this clock...
12:31:23 12/31/23...
1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-3

- Father Jarrod Lies, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

TIME & TALENT

BECOME A LEADER IN OUR PARISH!

Our parish is supported through many dedicated members of our Parish Council. These council groups consist of areas such as Stewardship, Communications, Operations, Youth Formation, and many more! We are always looking for new members with new perspectives and passions.

For more info or to sign up, contact Stu at Smeether@stfranciswichita.com or 316-722-4404.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

Our parish operations and facilities are assisted by the help of our many talented members, sharing their gifts with us. Whether you are an electrician, carpenter, graphic designer, or have a love for lawn care, organization & MANY MORE our parish needs you!

To share your gift with the parish contact Stu at Smeether@stfranciswichita.com or 316-722-4404.



Cultivating a Community Within Our Parish!

Grab & Go Breakfast Next Cafe Weekend: Jan. 20, 21

SCAN THE QR CODES & SIGN UP TO HELP! >>



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Help us keep our perpetual adoration flourishing! Below are the adoration hours we are needing a parishioner to attend.

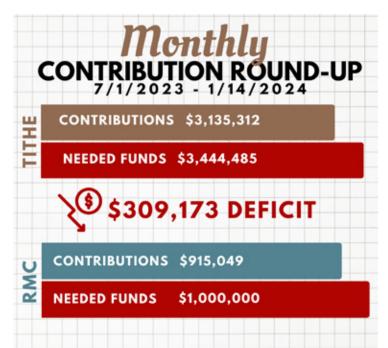
To sign up, email Jenny Morgan at mollyshome@att.net. *Thank you!*

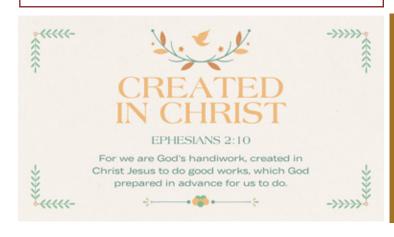




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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH



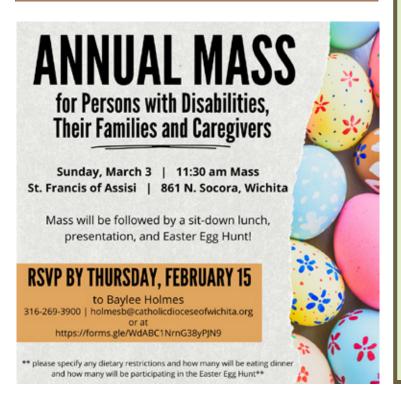
BOY SCOUT CHILI FEED

FEB. 4 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | CLARE HALL

Enjoy Troop 762's Famous Chili and spend time with family & friends! Free will donations accepted. This Annual Chili Supper is one of their biggest fundraisers.

This year they are also offering Chili To-Go!!

"We appreciate your continued support of our Scouting Adventure!"



HIRING FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

- Part-Time or Full-Time
 Sunday Collections
- - Deposits and Incomes Church & School Budgets
- SAGE Software
- Accounts Payable & More

APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 26!

Contact Stu Meether smeether@stfranciswichita.com

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI IS HIRING A PARISH FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

First, a big, "thank you," to Janet Shurtz who has served our parish as the financial controller for the past several months. We wish her and her husband well as she moves more fully into retirement. Our prayers and gratitude go with her as she joyfully embraces a new pattern of life.

With her transition, St. Francis of Assisi is now hiring the position of Parish Financial Controller with the possibility of full-time or part-time hours. This position works directly with the Pastor, School Principal, and Parish Operations (Finance) Council in an atmosphere of stewardship and transparency to the parish. The Key Responsibilities of this position include: Deposits and Incomes, Accounts Payable, Overseeina Daily Bank Balance and more.

Tasks would include overseeing Sunday Collections and Deposits, recording weekly deposits (regular, online, and ACH), overseeing manual cash and checks, working with SAGE software, preparing financial statements, tracking campaign finances, running monthly financial statements, and creating annual budgets for our parish and school.

Salary is negotiable and based on experience.

Email resume's to Stu Meether smeether@stfranciswichita.com

APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 26!









8-8:45 A.M. • GRADES 7 & 8 9-9:45 A.M. • A.M./ALL DAY PRE-K, K, & 6 10-10:45 A.M. • GRADES 3, 4, & 5 2:15-3 P.M. • GRADES P.M. PRE-K, 1, & 2







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FOR CASH/CHECK CONTRIBUTIONS, PLEASE DELIVER TO THE SFA SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU!



DEVELOPING WARRIOR MINDSET FOR SPIRITUAL COMBAT

An aspect of Christianity that does not get spoken of enough is that Christians are at war. Ignoring this has created a dangerous state of complacency, which has and will continue to sustain many casualties. Christians are at war on two fronts, and we must acknowledge this. First, with an unseen, ancient enemy intent on our destruction and second, with our sinful inclinations. St. John the Apostle reminds us in Revelation 12:17 that Satan "went off to make war... on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus," and Paul recognized the force at "war" with his mind that made him "captive" to sin (Romans 7:23).

The reality of war is that it does sustain casualties. We will lose family, neighbors and friends when we fight under the standard of Christ. Jesus warned of this in Matthew 10:34, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father and a daughter against her mother."

Whether or not our family become casualties in this war, however, can be mitigated if we become, as Paul said, "good Soldiers of Christ" (2 Tim 2:3). But how do we begin to become combat-effective so that we can survive and help others survive as well? We must develop a warrior mindset for the spiritual combat.

We will discuss some aspects of the warrior mindset, but first, if you are hesitant, remember, "The Lord is a man of war" (Exodus 15:3). So let us proceed to three fundamental things for developing a warrior mindset: training, fortitude and vigilance.

Training

First, a good soldier understands that training keeps him alive in combat, so train like your life depends on it because it will. Remember Psalm 144:1: "Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle." As a soldier exercises his body with his unit, exercise your spirit with your unit, the Church. Pray the liturgy of the hours, which "is intended to become the prayer of the whole people of God" (CCC 1175), and attend Mass and the sacraments frequently.

Train with your weapon, the rosary. As St. Padre Pio has said: "The rosary is the weapon for these times." Draw your weapon

from the armory at least once daily and learn it intimately; it draws us closer to the life of Christ.

Just as soldiers prepare to endure austere conditions, we must also train our bodies to be uncomfortable to resist the temptations of the flesh. Take a cold shower, fast from a meal, and abstain from meat on Fridays outside Lent. Paul reminded us in Romans 8:13: "If you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live."

Increase your skill set. Learn new techniques and skills on the battlefield, learn about and use a new sacramental, learn a novena, read about the saints, continually increase your knowledge of your faith, and read the Catechism and scripture as much as possible.

Fortitude

Fortitude follows in developing the warrior mindset. The Catechism describes fortitude as "the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations" (CCC 1808). As Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:11, "Fight the good fight." Commit to this early, understanding that you must follow through with this mission.

Training will be challenging, but the battle will be even more brutal if you neglect your training because of a lack of fortitude. When you are tired and tempted to put aside your training, you must persevere and rely on scripture to overcome this, knowing that scripture is "profitable for ... training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16).

Vigilance

Lastly, be vigilant. Never forget, as Peter warned us, "Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Pet 5:8). You must be ready at all times to engage in battle so that you can "resist him, firm in your faith" (1 Pet 5:9).

That said, we must not worry, because we do not fight alone. "The Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble, they will not overcome me" (Jer 20:11).

- Matthew Weller Theologians Guild



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 Jan. Topic: Acts of the Apostles

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

Current Topic: Prophets Ezekiel and Sirach

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!

Jan. Book: By the Waters of Babylon

Feb. Book: Rescued by Father John Ricardo

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

SFA SPRING BIBLE STUDY

COMING SOON!

Sundays starting January 21, 2024 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. | Stewardship Hall

Study: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

by Bishop Robert Barron. 9 sessions. Material costs: \$20

Please RSVP by January 7th to Lori Hamel Email: dlhamel@cox.net Text: 316-208-4703



Wednesdays 8-9:30pm Clare Hall

1/24: THEME TBD

[Text "SFACYM" to 84576 to receive our txt alerts]

MARY'S MOMS HAS RETURNED! JAN. 8, 22, 29 • FEB. 5, 12, 26

Mondays | 9:00 a.m. | St. Francis Nursery (next to Clare Hall)

Modeling after Blessed Mary's motherhood, this ministry is a place of fellowship & support for all Mothers. Enjoy prayer, storytime, songs, and fellowship with each other and your children.

Sign-up is not required. Contact Hanna Lutz with questions or for more information at 316-617-9694 or alutzfamily@gmail.com.

JOIN THE CHARITIES COMMITTEE

This committee sponsors blood drives, collections for St. Anthony Family Shelter, food & pantry drives, and collections for local charities througout the year. We are in need of more members to help us with our important charity work here at SFA!

For info contact Dianne at dianneathh@cox.net



Enabling Women to know Christ through Scripture



TO REGISTER Scan this QR code or contact the Parish Office.

WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY | WALKING WITH PURPOSE: ROOTED AND RADIANT

Sundays: Feb. 18 -Mar. 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Walking With Purpose is a transformational Bible study for women that uses Scripture to deepen our relationship with the Lord and root us in our identity as daughters of God the Father. Rooted and Radiant is a six-week study being offered on Sunday nights during lent of 2024, Registration closes Jan. 28.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, Jan. 22, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers S. Pirtle / Q. Le / L. Riggs / C. Schuster

Monday, Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Rick Black

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers D. Schuster / S. Domebo / M. Musa / N. Veith

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Julia Schauf

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Heather Gregg

Altar Servers C. Steindler / E. Chandler / N. Buckles / K. Hauserman

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Steve Hermann

Thursday, Jan. 25, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers S. Weber / S. Horvat / M. Hein / H. Hoffman

Thursday, Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Julie Schoenberger

Friday, Jan. 26, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers J. Zarchan / B. Forbes / G. Kraft / K. Leasher

Friday, Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Thomas Baalmann

Saturday, Jan. 27, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Justin Comeau

Mass	Intentions	Jan. 22 - Jan. 28
Monday, 22	8:00 a.m.	† Mary & John Beat
	5:30 p.m.	Jonathan & Diane Scrafford Spec. Int.
Tuesday, 23	8:00 a.m.	† Donna Linenberger
	5:30 p.m.	† Mike Salber
Wednesday, 24	8:00 a.m.	† Louis Saville
	5:30 p.m.	† Rueben Bouvet
Thursday, 25	8:00 a.m.	Vi Schuckman Special Intention
	5:30 p.m.	† Son Le
Friday, 26	8:00 a.m.	Mary Carter Special Intention
	5:30 p.m.	† Esther Warner
Saturday, 27	8:00 a.m.	† Tim Herl
	5:00 p.m.	† Don Brugman
	7:00 p.m.	† Yvonne Bosken
Sunday, 28	7:00 a.m.	For the People
	8:30 a.m.	† Duane Bergkamp
	10:00 a.m.	† Fr. Nicholas Ast, OSB
	11:30 a.m.	† Robert Higgins
	1:00 p.m.	† Ryan Summers

Weekend Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, Jan. 27 | 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Karla Renteria Commentator: Dave Becker

Master Server: SERVER NEEDED

Servers: C.Lies / R. Damm / K. Leasher **EMHCs:** B. Walden / P. Walden / L. Ubert

Saturday, Jan. 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Maria Douglas **Commentator:** Mike Buchanan

Master Server: Hiepson Nguyen

Servers: H. Nguyen / C. Andrews / S. Nuessen

EMHCs: L. Cless / S. Cless / B. Pracht

Sunday, Jan. 28 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: Don Betzen **Commentator:** Lisa Wyatt

Master Server: Sebastian Weber

Servers: L. Wasinger / M. Simon / W. Simon EMHCs: J. Bauer / M. Carter / S. Seiler

Sunday, Jan. 28 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Steve Hermann **Commentator:** Kristin Martin

Master Server: Nathan Tajchman

Servers: D. Schuster / A. McAninch / E. McGill EMHCs: R. Dix / J. Hampton / P. Harding

Sunday, Jan. 28 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Adam Hein **Commentator:** Kian Farley

Master Server: Bode Lubbers

Servers: H. Le / R. Dalbom / C. Schuster **EMHCs:** P. Burns / L. Chandler/ B. Mies

Sunday, Jan. 28 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Jeff Cerre **Commentator:** Marcia McAnarney

Master Server: DJ Hauge

Servers: B. Blasi / C. Martinez / L. Riggs EMHCs: L. Dostert / M. Dostert / H. Rosa

Sunday, Jan. 28 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Arlene Salazar **Commentator:** Teagan Scherer

Master Server: Branton Nguyen

Servers: H. Borrego / K. Hays / SERVER NEEDED **EMHCs:** J. Phelps / R. Phelps / M. Nguyen

Music Schedule



Saturday, Jan. 27

5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Piper Pirtle7:00 p.m. Carole Pracht / Gabrielle Hinson

Sunday, Jan. 28

8:30 a.m. Julie Riedlinger / Talia Powers

10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers / Traditional Choir

11:30 a.m. SFA Choirs

1:00 p.m. Elias Iseman / Clare Morgan

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

BIBLE STUDY Stewardship Hall, 9:45 a.m. SINULOG MASS & RECEPTION Church/Cana Hall, 1:00 p.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, JAN. 22

PROTECTION OF UNBORN ALL-SCHOOL MASS Church, 8a.m. 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. BOOK CLUB St. Catherine's, 10:00 a.m. MEDJ. PRAYER MEETING Church/Cana Hall, 6:15 p.m. HOLY LAND TRIP DISC. Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Church, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP Clare Hall, 6:30 a.m. OCIA Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. PSR Cana Hall, 6:30 p.m. BIBLE STUDY Stewardship Hall, 6:30 p.m. TRAD. MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 7:00 p.m. MEN'S MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 8:00 p.m CYM Clare Hall, 8:00 p.m

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

MORNING ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 10:00 a.m. **SHEKINAH PRAYER GP.** Stewardship Hall, 6:30 p.m. **CAREGIVIER SUPPORT** Off-Campus, 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Catherines, 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

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

Elijah Cup | JAN. 27-28 Kelby Schawe Family

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

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 27

5:00 p.m. David & Gail Becker 7:00 p.m. Darrell & Maria Doualas

Sunday, Jan. 28

8:30 a.m. Chris Buckles

10:00 a.m. Sam & Amv Arnold 11:30 a.m. Mark & Anne Baker

1:00 p.m. Zachary & Lindsey Faber

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Contact Maria Stewart for guidance & support mstewimi@amail.com

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Sign-up for NFP classes: 316-685-5240

Website: www.nfpwichita.ora

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BULLETIN NOTICES Must be submitted to church office no later than 9:00 a.m. Monday.

PRAYER REQUESTS: sfaprayerchain@amail.com







Prayer

Jesus, thank you for inviting me to spend time talking with You. Please open my ears to hear Your words.

Mission for the Week

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

Sharing the Gospel

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

Now color the picture!



Copy the picture square by square

