



ST. FRANCIS^{OF} ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our bulletin of parish life & faith formation

MARCH 10TH, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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1977

THE DEDICATION OF THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ALTAR

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.

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

Morning Prayer: Mon. - Sat. at 7:40 a.m.

Evening Prayer: 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

The Solemnity of THE DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR OF ST. FRANCIS CHURCH - March 13 -

I remember as a child reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and coming to that fateful moment of the book when Azlan was slain on the Altar. I also remember my teacher telling us that that was a symbol of Jesus being slain on the altar in our church. That image never left me – seeing such a magnificent, strong creature be sacrificially offered up and connecting it to the majesty of Christ, who himself was slain for us. **Powerful.**

Did you know that there is a stone in our altar called the “Altar Stone”? The stone was placed in our altar on March 13, 1977, at the dedication of the altar, which was also the blessing of our current church. Like Azlan slain on the stone, that was the first time the sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb slain for our sins, was offered on our altar stone.

Can you imagine being at the very spot where the blood of Jesus dripped to the ground on Calvary? Sacramentally, the stone in our church, upon which the sacrifice of the Mass is offered daily, IS the same place where Jesus was sacrificed 2,000 years ago.

Did you also know that Mass is a participation in that very same sacrifice that happened 2,000 years ago? It is not a new sacrifice. Nor is it an empty “recollection” of a past, ended event. No, as the book of Hebrews says, Jesus was sacrificed “once and for all” – one time, for all people. Mass is itself a full participation in the one-time unrepeatable event.

How? As Hebrews goes on to explain, “*Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself ... now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice*” (Hebrews 9:24,26). In other words, Christ’s sacrifice not only happens on earth but also in heaven. As such, being a heavenly sacrifice, His “once and for all” sacrifice is present to all times and peoples, just as heaven is present to all times and people.

For this reason, the date of the dedication of the altar marks an historic moment in our parish church – March 13, 1977 – when the altar was for the first time a location

upon which the sacrifice of Christ, our Lion of Judah, was offered for the salvation of souls and remission of sin.

This is why this date is set apart as a solemnity for our parish family, one of three such solemnities:

1. Oct. 4 – Our “Titular” solemnity on the date of our namesake, St. Francis.
2. July 1, 1959 – Formal establishment of our parish in the Diocese of Wichita.
3. March 13, 1977 – Dedication of the altar of our current parish church.



So, I strongly encourage you to go to church on Wednesday, March 13. Holy Mother Church also encourages this because she adds a plenary indulgence to any parishioner of St. Francis parish who celebrates Mass that day at the church: “*A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit, and there devoutly recited an Our Father and the Creed in a church or an altar on the day of its dedication*” (Manual of Indulgences, p. 102).

- Fr. Jarrod Lies, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

TIME & TALENT

ADORER NEEDED

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

To sign up, email Jenny Morgan at mollyshome2@protonmail.com.

Thank you!

Fridays ... 11 p.m. - Midnight



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.

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CASTING NETS MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

In the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina & St. Maximilian Kolbe, join Father Jarrod Lies with Casting Nets Ministry for an incredible pilgrimage to Poland!

Sept. 2-12 *(Sept. 15 for extended package) • Price: \$4,950 • **Registration Deadline: March 25**

- Mass at the Cross of Pope St. John Paul II
- Visit Zakopane, a John Paul II hiking/camping spot
- Visit the convent and hometown of St. Faustina
- Mass and tour at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine
- See St. Maximilian's cell in Auschwitz
- Spend the day at the Shrine of Divine Mercy
- *Optional 3-day extension to Vienna
- And much more!



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INFO PACKETS AVAILABLE IN OUR BROCHURE RACK

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH

LENTEN GOD SQUAD

Sundays - 3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Daytime and Evening Prayer

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Sat - 8:00 pm
Devotional Prayers, reflection on Soul of the Apostolate, and Night Prayer

Fridays 6:45 in Bonaventure Hall
Working through "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory"

God Squad is a spiritual training program that operates much like a sport's season; but is focused on spiritual skill rather than athletic skill. We will be focusing on the book ***Soul of the Apostolate***.

"Come as you can." No need to attend all dates.

33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY *A Eucharistic Consecration*

Fridays from Feb. 16 - April 5
6:45 pm, Bonaventure Hall (after Stations of the Cross)

Over the next thirty-three days you will learn how great saints and others lived in Eucharistic Glory. Review profound truths, historical facts, inspiring stories, prayers, and practices - all in an easy-to-follow format.



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ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

~~Friday February 23, 2024~~ & Friday March 15, 2024

at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Cana Hall

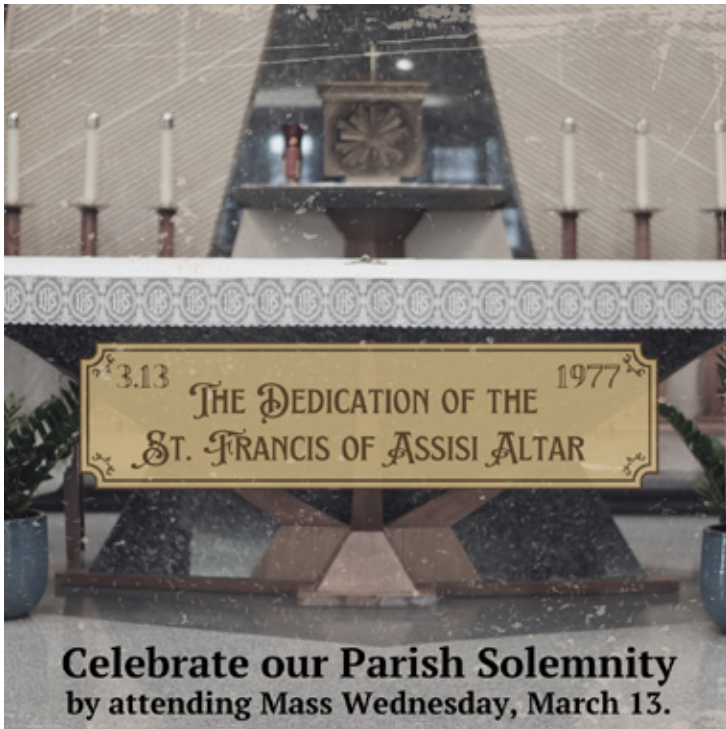
Meals will be available from 5-8pm, dine in or carryout

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.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Our food drive to benefit Catholic Charities' "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry is underway and runs through Palm Sunday. Please help the less fortunate by donating canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups, dried pasta, and condiments.

Place your donation in the bags provided (extras in Clare hallway) or attach our flyer (available in the parish office) to your own grocery bag. Food drive drop-off is located on the table in Clare Hallway.

MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 14 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. located in Clare Hall parking lot. Scan the QR codes below or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.



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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Our volunteer parish nurses will be taking blood pressure checks after all Masses this weekend, March 9-10 in the *Viewing Area (glass wall walk-through before Clare Hallway)*.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday during Lent! **In the Church at 6:15 p.m.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE



ESCAPE ROOM

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ADVENTURE!



DATE: Friday, March 15 • **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.



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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!

MONTHLY PARISH RECORDS

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Florence O'Neal
Michael Mooney

Alex & Ashlee Kretz
Jonathan & Erin Miller

*Welcoming you as a Member of the Body of Christ;
The Church, and as a Child of God!*

PARISH PASSINGS

Martha Ann Suter
Ralph Pete Landwehr

Lazaro Efren Vasquez

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH BAPTISMS

Emma Elizabeth Endress
Daughter of Christopher & Maria Endress

Knox Michael Gutierrez
son of Joseph & Emalie Gutierrez

Theodore William Mills
son of James & Erika Mills

Lucia Fatima McCabe
daughter of Eric & Emmi McCabe

A'Niyah Shari Muhammad
daughter of Maik & Kyla Muhammad

Connell Jack Cannady
son of Jordan & Mary Cannady

Jesse Adam Vodopest
Son of John & Mary Vodopest

Grennan Brandon Dooley
son of Brandon & Kristin Dooley

Dylan Douglas Stone
son of Christopher & Katie Stone

James Alan Moore
son of Steven & Jessica Moore

May God protect and watch over your children as His own, guiding them toward a life of faith and love.

DYING TO SELF

"...yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20)

St. Paul's teachings and his life vividly exemplify a boundless truth: to the extent that Jesus' life within me mirrors the very essence of Christ Himself, I must willingly surrender and let those aspects "of me" that fall short of Christ's perfection fade away. In short, I must die to myself.

I must lay to rest those facets of myself that are not in harmony with the Jesus living within me, so that I may be continually renewed and transformed to resemble Christ more closely. This process does not entail the annihilation of my identity; instead, it involves a purposeful letting go of the parts of me that miss the mark, those elements that require pruning, so that my true identity can fully embrace and reflect the essence of my Lord and Savior.

At first glance, this task may appear daunting. However, as St. Paul reminds us in Galatians, such a release is attainable when we act in faith of our Lord, acknowledging that He has our utmost well-being at heart and that His love for us surpasses our understanding. This realization encourages us so that we might hold onto Him evermore. For example, the Sacrament of Marriage, which is a sacrament of service and mission, calls for a self-sacrificial love. The role of a spouse is fundamentally ordered toward assisting their partner on their journey to heaven. This requires us to set aside our selfish desires and deliberately pursue the good of our spouse. We can achieve this by remaining attentive and seeking out opportunities to serve, love, and show mercy within the marriage.

"Man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself." (Gaudium et Spes)

The essence of dying to oneself is inherently oriented towards "the other." This act of self-sacrifice is a profound gesture of giving oneself either to God or to one's neighbor. As highlighted in the above quote, the very nature of humanity is crafted for self-gift; we are designed to seek the good of others as a means to fulfill our greatest happiness.

Identifying the parts of ourselves that fall short of Christ's example and require refinement can begin with a straightforward question: "What impedes my ability to serve or love others and God?"

Could my excessive phone usage be detracting from time better spent offering my full and undivided attention elsewhere? Do I neglect or deprioritize tasks requested by my spouse, such as household projects, vehicle maintenance, or overly indulge in watching television? Do I make it a priority to express love in the way that resonates most deeply with my spouse? Am I steadfast in my prayer life? Do I regularly immerse myself in Scripture?

There are numerous areas where we might seek improvement, and engaging in prayer is the most effective way to address them. I encourage you to invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate the aspects of your life that require refinement. Rest assured, He will answer your call.



"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

In this Lenten season, I invite you to reignite your desire to more closely mirror Christ. Dedicate time for a sincere reflection on your habits, priorities, and how you allocate your time, and embark on the transformative journey of self-denial. Remember, Jesus has your utmost well-being at heart, and He will not lead you astray. Trust in the promise that this path will bring you to your deepest joy. May you embrace the precious opportunity Lent offers to cultivate virtuous habits and a renewed sense of death to self.

Jeremy Lezniak
Theologians Guild

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MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



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.

MINISTRY & GROUP HIGHLIGHTS



JOIN OUR CYM!

Open to all high school-aged teens, Catholic Youth Ministry is an opportunity for life-long friendships, faith formation and LOTS of fun!

Contact Dir. Emily Savage: Esavage@stfranciswichita.com
[Text "SFACYM" to 84576 to receive our text alerts]



MINISTRY & GROUP EVENTS

Mentions for monthly events, new details, events open to the public and/or new ministries.

LEGION OF MARY
Monday, March 11, 9:00 a.m.
St. Agnes

BIBLE STUDY
Every Tue. & Fri., 9 a.m.
Bonaventure Hall

CYM
March 13
Returned to the CYM Room

Youth ministry & fellowship for highschool-aged teens
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SHEKINAH
ADORATION, PRAISE & WORSHIP
Wednesday, March 13
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. **in Church**
Now offering childcare in the nursery!

CALLED & GIFTED
Thursdays, 7 p.m. in Cana Hall

WANT YOUR EVENT/MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BULLETIN?

Contact Jnielsen@stfranciswichita.com with your request.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, March 11, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Juli McClure

Altar Server Ira Dalbom

Monday, March 11, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Justin Comeau

Tuesday, March 12, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Dave Carter

Altar Server Christian Konecny

Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Julia Schauf

Wednesday, March 13, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Dave Carter

Altar Server Carson Graham

Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Diana Smith

Thursday, March 14, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Juli McClure

Altar Server Ira Dalbom

Thursday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Eric McCabe

Friday, March 15, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Juli McClure

Altar Servers Carson Graham

Friday, March 15, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Marcia McAnarney

Saturday, March 16, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Mary Treinen

Weekend Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, March 16 | 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Julia Schauf

Commentator: Katherine Lohnes

Master Server: Luken Becker

Servers: K. Leasher / S. Barnes / **SERVER NEEDED**

EMHCs: J.Kerschen / R. Kerschen / H. Gregg

Saturday, March 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Mike Fuhrman

Commentator: Suzanne Buchanan

Master Server: Isaac Gorges

Servers: B. Prichard / M. Barles / V. Hinson

EMHCs: A. Brugman / S. Hinson / D. Wendling

Sunday, March 17 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: John Hermann

Commentator: Jennifer Bauer

Master Server: Canon Brand

Servers: E. Saville / M. Musa / **SERVER NEEDED**

EMHCs: S. Seiler / M. Carter / G. Graf

Sunday, March 17 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Sally Stump-Lubbers

Commentator: Steve Hermann

Master Server: Tyler Young

Servers: A. McAninch / C. Young / **SERVER NEEDED**

EMHCs: K. Goodnight / L. Goodnight / S. Scott

Sunday, March 17 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Natalie Hein

Commentator: Dave Carter

Master Server: Simon Kluge

Servers: J. Toups / G. Plank / J. Plank

EMHCs: L. Feldkamp / R. Feldkamp / Vi Schuckman

Sunday, March 17 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Annette Paronto

Commentator: Evan Lies

Master Server: Caden Meier

Servers: M. McElhiney / S. McElhiney / S. McElhiney

EMHCs: L. Dostert / M. Dostert / J. Morgan

Sunday, March 17 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Jessica Buchanan

Commentator: Sondra Garvey

Master Server: Austin Tran

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

EMHCs: K. Henke / S. Logsdon / L. Faber

ELIJAH CUP

March 16-17: Rita Shaner Family

Please check in with the priest before Mass.

To sign up, call Nan at 721-3727



Music Schedule



Saturday, March 16

5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Sacred Ensemble

7:00 p.m. Carole Pracht / Piper Pirtle

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Teresa Spencer / Monica Simon

10:00 a.m. Matt Ho / Men's Choir

11:30 a.m. Matt Ho / Sam Goebel

1:00 p.m. Elias Iseman / Katie Frangenberg

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16

5:00 p.m. Patrick Horvat

7:00 p.m. Kelby & Rita Schawe

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Clarence & Wanda Flynn

10:00 a.m. Mark & Laura Davis

11:30 a.m. Brent & Lisa Holman

1:00 p.m. Paul & Elena Misasi



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Stewardship Hall, 9:45 p.m.
FIRST COMMUNION MASS Church, 3:00 p.m.
ROSARY GROUP Church, 5:00 p.m.
WALKING WITH PURPOSE Stewardship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 7:00 p.m.
SACRED ENS CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m.
LEGION OF MARY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m.
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure Hall, 8:30 a.m.
ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 1:00 p.m.
IMMAC. HEART OF MARY ROSARY GP. Church, 7:00 p.m.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

SOL. OF ST. FRANCIS ALTAR DEDICATION
MEN'S PRAYER GROUP St. Joseph, 6:30 a.m.
OCIA Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m.
SHEKINAH Church, 6:30 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure Hall, 6:30 p.m.
MENTAL HEALTH SUPP. GP. Stewardship Hall, 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.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.
CYM Meet in Holy Hallway, 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

MORNING ROSARY GROUP St. Agnes, 10:00 a.m.
MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE Clare Parking Lot, 12 - 6 p.m.
CALLED & GIFTED Cana Hall, 7:00 p.m.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure Hall, 9:00 a.m.
KOC FISH FRY Cana Hall, 5 - 8 p.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS Church, 6:15 p.m.
GOD SQUAD Bonaventure Hall, 6:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

FIAT MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT Church, 1 - 4 p.m.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions | March 11 - 17

Monday, 11	8:00 a.m.	† Cynthia Dunmire
	5:30 p.m.	† Dean Martin
Tuesday, 12	8:00 a.m.	† Theresa John
	5:30 p.m.	† Gerald & Abegale Lange
Wednesday, 13	8:00 a.m.	† Carol Ward Special Intention
	5:00 p.m.	† Norman Dale Rajewski
Thursday, 14	8:00 a.m.	For the Ladies of the Parish
	5:30 p.m.	† Fulgence Jude Schroeder
Friday, 15	8:00 a.m.	† Duane Bergkamp
	5:30 p.m.	† Marjorie Sanburn
Saturday, 16	8:00 a.m.	† Larry Linenberger
	5:00 p.m.	Sue Smith Special Intention
	7:00 p.m.	Elaine Reichenberger Spec. Int.
Sunday, 17	7:00 a.m.	Dennis Seiwert Family Spec. Int.
	8:30 a.m.	† Rita Rausch
	10:00 a.m.	Kaul Family Special Intention
	11:30 a.m.	† Tracy Sweetman
	1:00 p.m.	For the People

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