

ST. FRANCIS^{OF} ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 11th, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN JOY, WE WAIT



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

Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer, 7:40 a.m.

Daytime Prayer, 3:10 p.m.;

Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Mon - Fri 4:45-5:25 p.m.

Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.

During all Saturday Vigil
& Sunday Masses

Father's Focus

Thank You for Your Tithes -----

I would like to thank you for your tithes. Financially speaking, our parish operates on a \$5.6 million dollar budget, \$107,000 dollars weekly, through our collection. Collectively, over the last ten years, you have gifted this parish \$52 million dollars. Because of your generosity, even though we see yearly increases in wages, raises, and inflation, we have incurred no debt and we have kept current on all bills for the past seven years. This is due to your generosity. You should be very proud of that. I am, personally, very grateful for that.

Clearly, you care about this parish. Your faithfulness proves a simple truth: People financially invest in what they find valuable. This parish matters to you; therefore, you have taken care of it. This care manifests the fact that we have a need to give. In the end, the gift of your treasure is nothing less than an act of being honest with God, in whom you place all your trust. The truth is this: God will not be outdone in generosity. Time and again, testimony after testimony, witnesses to the truth that faithful tithing is met by God's, often unexplainable, blessings.

Your tithes show that you believe in the mission of this parish. This parish has a job to do: to celebrate the Eucharist, to preach the Word, to forgive sins, and much more. And our parish does this well. Confession lines are only getting longer. Our PSR...Catholic school...Catechesis of the Good Shepherd...adult education...prayer, healing, and intercessory groups are all supported by your generous gift of treasure.

Your tithes are an act of ownership in this parish. Like an owner investing in his or her own business, a tithes lets us invest in the very community from which we benefit. You have invested in this parish so that you may, likewise, receive from the benefits of this parish: its preaching, teaching, and pastoral care.

Myself, Pat Burns, Mary Carter, and all of our administration, staff, and faculty work very hard to be frugal and properly use your gifts for true essential needs of our large parish. We have the necessary protections in place for the proper use of your gift. We have overseen, and stayed within, our budget every year. If you ever have questions about our finances, Pat Burns is more than happy to speak with you on questions you may have.

It is important to realize that every year sees a new financial increase due to just wages and raises. Particularly regarding the school, much pressure has been put on the Catholic School system by an increasing disparity in salaries compared to the public school system over the last four years. We hope to, again this year, respond to the need for just wages and raises. Therefore, I am appealing to you to consider your tithes in view of this increased need. This will allow us to proportionally provide for our Catholic School teachers and staff who, already, knowingly financially sacrifice to serve the mission of our parish.

Ultimately speaking, your tithes are the recognition that God is the "giver of every good gift and perfect gift" (James 1:17). Our ultimate salvation will not come from our 401K! It will come from the grace of Jesus Christ given to us by belief in Him. The tithes subjugates earthly desires below heavenly desires; and it prioritizes trust in God over money.

The goal of the tithes is a true 10% of gross income: 8% given to the parish and 2% given to charities. For those not yet tithing, or those tithing under the goal of 10%, please consider, each year, increasing your tithes slightly until that goal is achieved. I realize that, for some, tithing, or tithing at a higher level, may well be a challenge. But there is an undeniable blessing in tithing: the full functioning of a parish carrying out its mission.

This is YOUR parish. Please continue to invest in the very thing that has the mission to save souls.

Thank you for your tithes. Thank you for your trust.

- Father Jarrod Lies, Pastor

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.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We'd love to have you join our faith community! Start the registration process by going to stfranciswichita.com or by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Saturdays 4:00 p.m., Sundays after 1:00 p.m. Mass. Schedule with the church office.

Matrimony: Call a priest 9 months prior to desired wedding date.

Parish Office

(316) 722-4404
stfac@stfranciswichita.com
www.stfranciswichita.com

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

What's Happening at our Parish:

JOY OF GIVING TREES



Please visit our Respect Life Joy of Giving Trees located in the front walkway, Clare Hall walkway, and outside the Adoration Chapel. Take one or more "need" ornament and return your donations to the FRONT walkway Christmas tree on or before Sunday, Dec. 18. and attach the ornament to your unwrapped donation. Gifts are collected

for A Better Choice, Birthline, Guadalupe Clinic, Center of Hope, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Anthony Family Shelter, Adult Day Services, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry and Harbor House Domestic Violence Shelter. Your generosity to these agencies is greatly appreciated!

CHECK OUT THE SFA LIBRARY!

Come visit the St. Anthony of Padua Library here at St. Francis! Check out one of the over 1500 items from DVDs, CDs, to books for all ages, in support of growing in our Catholic faith. You may also check out items by filling out a form on the library website under the resources menu tab. Now until 12/31 all who check out items will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of the book *In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart* by A Benedictine Monk!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLOTHING DRIVE

The Knights are collecting new socks, gloves, caps and gently used winter clothing for the Lord's Diner. Donation boxes are located in the walk way at the back of church.

MOM'S DAY OUT!

Tuesdays thru Dec., 9a.m.-2p.m.

For Moms who need a break! Hosted in the nursery of Clare Hall at St. Francis, volunteer one Tuesday a month with a team of moms and get the other 3 Tuesdays off! For more information, email sfamdo@gmail.com or call/text Liz at 316-619-6313 or Christina at 316-655-5734.

HARVEST HOUSE LUNCHEON

The Harvest House committee invites you to a catered Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 15th, 11:30 am-2:00pm in Clare Hall. Enjoy fellowship and festivities while singing and listening to Christmas carols to get you into the holiday spirit! RSVP to Rita at 722-7631 by December 5th.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 3/17-3/24, 2023

The Medjugorje Pilgrimage Tour spends one week in the peaceful mountain hamlet where the Virgin Mary has been appearing since June 25, 1981. After arriving in Dubrovnik, Split, or Sarajevo, a local guide from Medjugorje will tour you the village recounting the story of Our Lady's first apparitions along the way. We will also have the chance to attend meetings and talks with the visionaries, themselves. Scan the QR code or visit our website's homepage under "What's Happening" to register.



SCAN ME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

CYM

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school students are invited to join us for CYM on Wednesday nights! Throughout the year, we participate in activities that allow us to meet new people, grow in our faith, and serve our community. We have students from five different high schools who attend on a regular basis.

Join Us Every Wednesday Night, 8:00-9:30pm

12/14: Holy Hour | 12/21: Christmas Party!

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



HELP CLEAN OUR CHURCH

The church is cleaned every Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass until noon. They need more help! If you can help in any way with this stewardship opportunity, please contact **Dolores Weber** at 316-992-7140.

SCHOOL AND PARISH CUSTODIAN NEEDED

St. Francis of Assisi is hiring a full-time custodian position for immediate start! Please contact Travis Pearson at tpearson@stfranciswichita.com for inquiries.

ADORERS NEEDED

Jesus waits for you in perpetual adoration at SFA! Hours currently in need of adorers listed below.

If you are able to sign-up, please contact Jenny Morgan at mollyshome@att.net.

- Saturday, 2:00-3:00 a.m.
- Sun. 2:00-3:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Christmas: The Adoration chapel will close for Christmas on Friday, Dec. 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. and reopen after 8:00 a.m. Mass on, Monday, Dec. 26th.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: The chapel will close as normal on Saturday, Dec. 31st at 3:00 p.m. and open on Monday Jan. 2nd after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



What's Happening Cont.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE PRIEST

We invite you to contribute to our annual collection of a cash gift to the SFA priests, faculty, and staff. As a token of our gratitude we hope that this monetary gift makes this busy season easier and honors these important people. Donations will be accepted at the school office until Dec. 19th.



**Women's:
Jan. 26-29**

**Men's:
Feb. 23-26**

EXPERIENCE A LIFE-CHANGING WEEKEND!

Location: Spiritual Life Center. Cost: \$200.
Information and registration brochures are available in the church vestibule or online at stfranciswichita.com under "What's Happening." If you have questions, please e-mail actssfa@gmail.com.

'TIS THE SEASON TO REBUILD!

The Rebuild My Church Capital Campaign is about to make great strides, this coming spring. To-date we have incurred no debt for what we have accomplished! (We will not incur debt in the next phase of the project either.)

In order to guarantee a successful construction schedule without multiple "start & stops" we ask that you please consider an extraordinary gift to the campaign, this Christmas season. To make this happen, each gift, each pledge, and each display of sacrifice is an inspiration and ensures consistent progress. We are beyond excited to see the fruits of your generosity through the updates on our school and church grounds. God Bless You!



YEAR END CONTRIBUTION REMINDER

In accordance with the IRS regulations, all contributions received in the parish office on or by 12/31 will be credited as a 2022 contributions on your contribution statement, regardless of the check date. All contributions received in the parish office after this date will be credited as a 2023 contribution. The offertory collection received on Sunday, 1/01/23 will be considered a 2023 contribution.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OPERATIONS COUNCIL:

Advent is a season of reflection. Reflecting on our blessing and our gifts that we have received.

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2023 stewardship forms. If you have not, please turn them in this week.

As a Reminder: To enroll children in catholic education in 2023 we need your forms on file this week.

Our School



STEWARDSHIP FORMS ARE DUE

Please remember that in order to pre-enroll your child(ren) in school, we must have your form by December 16.

APPLICATIONS TO OPEN SOON FOR 2023-2024!

Save the date and shout it out loud! January 18, 2023 is our Pre-K-8th grade application roll-out! Prospective new families will be welcome to visit our website & submit their application for the 2023-2024 school year. We urge you to consider Catholic education for your children. Please contact Pat Burns, Director of Stewardship and Finance, at 316-722-4404 or pburns@stfranciswichita.com to learn more about how student tuition is provided through our incredible Stewardship Way of Life and all student families that support it!

Around the Diocese

FILL SANTA'S WORKSHOP SHELVES & MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR SHELTERED FAMILIES

Many of those at Harbor House and St. Anthony Family Shelter are unable to provide Christmas gifts for their families. The reality of being in a shelter during the holidays adds additional stress for parents and children alike, making it difficult for them to enjoy what should be a cheerful celebration. You can help fill the shelves for Santa's Workshop, allowing parents to select gifts for their children, while children choose gifts for their parents. **To view the wish list or to learn how to donate items or make a cash gift, scan this QR code or visit CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/Christmas.**



REVIVE - MARRIAGE RETREAT JANUARY 6TH; 7:00PM - 8TH; 12:00PM

This weekend retreat will super-charge your marriage. Featuring talks by Jim and Meg Beckman, this retreat will create a rejuvenating and spiritual experience where you will be able to spend time with other couples in discussion and prayer, and one-on-one time for you and your spouse to grow in fellowship. Jim and Meg will speak on the critical role that marriage and family life will play in renewing the Church and the world today. Retreat costs apply. **For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167**

CORE IMPACT MINISTRY LEADERS' RETREAT JANUARY 11TH; 4:30PM - 13TH; 11:30AM

This retreat is designed to speak to the very core of who you are as a ministry leader. Put together by ministers who know what you are going through and who can personally relate to the challenges you face every day, this retreat is intended to speak to your divine purpose and calling and empower you not just in your ministry, but in your daily life. Rediscover and renew your calling, your mission in the Church today, and your primary vocation. Retreat costs apply.

For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

ROSARY GROUP Church, 5:00-5:30 p.m.
ADULT VOLLEYBALL School gym, 5-7 p.m.
ADULT BASKETBALL School gym, 7-9pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m.
LEGION of MARY Bonaventure, 8:30-10:15 a.m.
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY Bonaventure, 4:15 p.m.
LITTLE FLOWERS Clare Hall, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
MOM'S DAY OUT Clare Hall, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
SHEKINAH MUSIC PRAC. Clare Hall Music Rm, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
IMMAC. HEART OF MARY ROSARY GP. Church, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP Clare Basement, 6:30-7:00 a.m.
BIBLE STUDY Clare Basement, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
OCIA Clare Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
PSR Cana Hall, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
SHEKINAH Church, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
TRAD. CHOIR PRACTICE Clare Music Rm, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
CYM Meet in Holy Hallway, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
MENTAL HEALTH SUPP. GRP. Bonaventure, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

MORNING ROSARY GROUP TBD, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
HARVEST HOUSE LUNCHEON Clare Hall, 11:30-2:00 p.m.
LITTLE FLOWERS Clare Hall, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

NO EVENTS

Offertory Schedule

Saturday, December 17th

5:00 p.m. Sarah & Sean Erwin
 7:00 p.m. Darrell & Maria Douglas

Sunday, December 18th

8:30 a.m. John & Shannon Pirtle
 10:00 a.m. Don & Judy Meiergerd
 11:30 a.m. Erica Morgan
 1:00 p.m. Janet & Nicholas Dash



Mass Intentions | Dec. 12 - Dec. 18, 2022

Monday 12	8:00 a.m.	† Kenneth McGregor
	5:30 p.m.	Ray & Marge Overlie Special Intention
Tuesday 13	8:00 a.m.	† Martha Ferguson
	5:30 p.m.	† Joyce Adamson
Wednesday 14	8:00 a.m.	Huong Hoang Special Intention
	5:30 p.m.	† James Spencer
Thursday 15	8:00 a.m.	† Bernard Wells
	5:30 p.m.	Joan Hampton
Friday 16	8:00 a.m.	† Leonard & Shirley Mainzer
	5:30 p.m.	† Laurie Gooding
Saturday 17	8:00 a.m.	John & Marilyn Dugan
	5:00 p.m.	† Fr. Joachim Spexarth
	7:00 p.m.	Sharon Trujillo Special Intention
Sunday 18	7:00 a.m.	Jane Cavallaro
	8:30 a.m.	† Marian Schulte
	10:00 a.m.	For the People
	11:30 a.m.	† Barry Metz & Chris Canaday
	1:00 p.m.	† Ginny Faltermeier

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

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

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers I. Dalbom / H. Tierney / V. Bailey / B. Blasi

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

Lector Thomas Baalmann

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

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers J. Toups / J. Borrego / M. Burt / I. Cox

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

Lector Julie Schoenberger

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

Lector Beth Caruthers

Altar Servers I. Dalbom / B. Cunningham-Ward / K. Gorges / C. Hatcher

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

Lector Eric McCabe

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

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers L. Becker / V. Hinson / B. Niedens / A. Raine

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

Lector Julia Schauf

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

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers R. Berry / D. Schuster / M. Seiler / W. Simon

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

Lector Nancy Kelley

Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Winston Kenton
Master Server: Ronan Berry
Servers: D. Berry / M. Zimbelman / C. Zimbelman
EMHCs: Ta. Gray / Te. Gray / M. McCormack

Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Renee Means
Master Server: Hiepson Nguyen
Servers: J. McClure / C. Steindler / H. Nguyen
EMHCs: L. Cless / S. Cless / N. Bell

Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 a.m.

Lector: Jill Ward
Master Server: John Pearson
Servers: C. Seiler / C. Brand / L. Wasinger
EMHCs: S. Bennett / P. Meyer / S. Seiler

Sunday, December 18th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Tamara Toombs
Master Server: Isaac Duke
Servers: L. Burns / A. Burt / M. Burt
EMHCs: J. Hampton / M. Rosenboom / S. Scott

Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Adam Hein
Master Server: Bode Lubbers
Servers: D. Stephenson / C. Graham / K. Graham
EMHCs: L. Feldkamp / R. Feldkamp / M. Martin

Sunday, December 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Evan Lies
Master Server: Graham Petersen
Servers: M. Petersen / V. Allmond / B. Blasi
EMHCs: L. Dostert / M. Dostert / L. Depperschmidt

Sunday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Tom Olivier
Master Server: Caden Meier
Servers: G. Huerta / B. Nguyen
EMHCs: K. Henke / M. Nguyen / S. Logsdon

Please note: The bulletin is sent to print prior to schedules being finalized. **Liturgical ministers, please consult the schedules emailed to you by Harriet Rosa for the most up-to-date information.**

Music Schedule

Saturday, December 17th

5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Sacred Ensemble
 7:00 p.m. Melissa Seiler / Mallory Borland

Sunday, December 18th

8:30 a.m. Teresa Spencer / Emily Danler
 10:00 a.m. Matt Ho / Men's Ensemble
 11:30 a.m. Melissa Seiler / Grace Rosa
 1:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Cara and Elizabeth Bailey

Parish Directory

PARISH STAFF

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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LIBRARY

Hours: Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Call 706–7185 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY? CALL 1.800.848.LOVE

WANTING TO ADOPT? Contact the Adoption Assoc. of KS Catholic Charities: Peggy Crippen 785 825-0208 pcrippen@ccnks.org

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Those interested in attending NFP classes may contact the diocesan office at 316–685–5240. Website: www.nfpwichita.org

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

SOCIAL MEDIA Email any social post request and/or photos from events to jnielsen@stfranciswichita.com.

ELIJAH CUP | Dec. 17-18: David Carter Family

Please check in with the priest before Mass.

To sign up, please call Nan at 721–3727 to be scheduled.

