



ST. FRANCIS^{OF} ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 5th, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Mission

Surge of the Heart

TWO EVENINGS | ONE MISSION | TOTALLY CATHOLIC

FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH, 6:30 PM

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MARDI GRAS 2023

DENIM & Diamonds

FEBRUARY 18TH 7:00-11:30



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ADULTS ONLY, BYOB

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

Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer, 7:40 a.m.

Daytime 3:10 p.m., Evening 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

Fight to Repent: Part One

"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (Matt 3:2)."

This was the first proclamation of Jesus Christ in his public Ministry; and of everything that the Second Person the Trinity could have said in His human nature, the most important word for Him to say was, **'repent.'** Repent from what? Repent from sin...

We live in a world that has robbed sin of its meaning. Outside the Christian faith people who say that there is 'an act by which you can lose your salvation' are ridiculed. Sin is of no account to many people as if it's just the opinion of some but carries no real weight for each individual person. Yet the proclamation of Jesus Christ begins with this one word: Repent. Jesus stands against sin; because sin is against the happiness of the human person.

Why should I repent? The answer is because sin can rob us of eternal life! The world has also worked to quiet words about hell as if it's not a place that really exists. Yet Jesus Christ himself came to establish eternal life. Life that could be lost if we do not follow Jesus in faith. Therefore, we repent from sin so that we can lay hold of eternal life.

Yet, we as Christians do not believe that our reward is somewhere distant, as if it's only after this life ends. Because if that's the case, how can I be patient for that? But if you heard the full sentence of Jesus opening proclamation he said not to simply "repent." He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." In other words, we can even now participate in the joys of the Eternal Kingdom that is to come. Sin stands in the way of that Joy. God intends us to be happy in this life and in the next! For us to lay hold of the happiness that Jesus Christ has set aside for us we have to separate ourselves from sin. This means that each day we need to ask ourselves - *are we standing forward on the path of holiness?* Ask yourself the question - *does it matter to you if you're holy? Does your holiness matter?*

Every time that a priest celebrates the Mass, he has the option right before he receives Communion to recite one or two silent prayers. Every day before I receive Communion, I can say this prayer *"May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me judgment and condemnation but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and healing remedy."* It's kind of dark, isn't it? That right before I receive Communion I think to myself *"may this Communion not bring me judgment and condemnation."* Wow! Except that's just a quote from Saint Paul inside the Bible. Saint Paul says in the Bible, *"Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves (1 Cor 11:28-29)."* An unworthy reception of Communion, without reflecting whether or not we're prepared to commune with the Lord's Flesh and Blood, such a reception can lead to our condemnation.

Jesus wants us to live in that sincere communion with him. This shouldn't be a surprise to us! For example, what husband after offending his wife thinks that he can be romantic with her

without saying, *"I'm sorry?"* So also for us. When we prepare for Communion, we should think to ourselves - am I worthy to receive the sacrament? Or - Do I need to go to confession before I receive Communion?

There is another teaching of the Church that strikes us as odd and it comes from the Precepts of the Church. It says that, to be a Catholic good standing, one is to receive Communion at least once a year. Really? Most people receive Communion every time they go to Mass. So why is the Church teaching that a person must receive Communion at least once a year?

Well, the answer is because of a heresy four hundred years ago called Jansenism. It taught that no one was pure enough to receive Communion and it started in a Convent in France. These French nuns would go to Mass every day, but they would never receive Communion because, according to this teaching, no one was pure enough. So, the only way that one could receive Communion is after fasting for long periods of time, after examining yourself to the 'nth degree, and then going to Confession. Then only right after confession you could receive Communion. And to this idea, the Church said, *"no."*

You see, on one level we can't have a lax conscience that says sin doesn't matter. On another level, however, we're not being counseled to scrupulosity either. God has come in Mercy to heal our soul and He's not wanting us to be oppressed by a sense of self-deprecation, hatred, or depression. He still wants us to come into Communion but we have to do so with a healthy and well-balanced conscience.

A lot of people speak pejoratively about "Catholic guilt." You know what? Catholic guilt's a good thing, guys! Why? Because it means that we know enough about living life well to sit there and say "I did something wrong." And this is practical. What kind of architect do you want building your building? One who knows whenever he makes a mistake or one who ignores the mistakes?

Living a Christian life of holiness requires that we can admit our own's mistakes. Jesus Christ wants us to proclaim ourselves sinners so that we can have Him as a savior. If there's no sin, then I don't need a savior! That's why people leave the Church; because they lose a sense of sin. We need to remember that God has brought this healthy conscience to us so that we can live in holiness and fulfilled happiness - even here in this life don't believe in Tarot cards, or soothsayers, or palm readers. We don't work with Ouija boards, or occult magic, or even horoscopes which try to replace the word of God - from where there we are supposed to receive our hope.

So, we pay attention, even now, to the Ten Commandments which are still relevant and valid. The first commandment is that we should have no other gods before God himself. We believe in the Father the Son of the Holy Spirit. We don't believe in Tarot cards, or soothsayers, or palm readers. We don't work with Ouija boards, or occult magic, or even horoscopes which try to replace the word of God - from where there we are supposed to receive our hope.

(...To be Continued...)

-Father Jarrod Lies, Pastor

What's Happening at our Parish:

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Tuesdays Now – 3/28 in Clare Hall

2023 is the year to take control of your finances and change your financial future! Financial Peace University provides a road map to financial freedom and is for everyone in any finance situation! To sign up contact Greg at 250-3155 or email saintfrancisofassisifpu@gmail.com or sign up directly at Ramsey Solutions using the code fpu.com/1158900.



STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE 2023

This summer, St. Francis CYM will be attending Steubenville Mid-America the weekend of July 7-9, 2023 at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

Steubenville is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens.

For information and/or to register please contact Emily Savage at esavage@stfranciswichita.com or 316-722-4404.

Registration ends Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

HARVEST HOUSE LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 16th in Clare Hall at 1 pm

Come meet and learn from our guests speaker, Father Bhaskar Mendam! Light lunch and refreshments to follow.



Fiat Ministries will host two Mother/Daughter events March 4-5, 2023 at Saint Francis of Assisi!

Girls from the kindergarten to 8th grade are invited to a luncheon and afternoon of activities from 11:00am to 2:00pm, to encounter religious sisters from various religious communities. Mothers and/or other influential women in the girls' lives are asked to participate. Space is limited to the first 50 families for each event.

Register at <https://fiatministries.org/mother-daughter>.

Registration will close 2/19 or when spots fill up.

Cost: \$10 a person or up to \$30 per family.

We are so excited to host these events again this year and would love to see you there! *God Bless!*

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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

2/8: Trivia Night | 2/15: Holy Hour

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



STEWARDSHIP • MINISTRY • EMPLOYMENT

NOW HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS MANAGER

Contact Travis Pearson at tpearson@stfranciswichita.com for job description, requirements, and to send resume. Interviews will be conducted on February 9th and 10th, 2023. Application deadline Feb 7th.

NOW HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

Contact Travis Pearson at tpearson@stfranciswichita.com for job description, requirements, and to send resume. Interviews will be conducted on February 23rd and 24th.

Please pray for us as we try and fill these positions!

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What's Happening Cont.

THANK
for your gift
YOU
♥ our priests

FATHER JARROD, FATHER MENG, AND FATHER MENDAM WANT TO SAY THANKS!

This past Christmas our priests received a monetary gift given through the loving contributions of many parishioners. They want to send you all their most sincere gratitude as this gift was truly appreciated and they all feel truly blessed by our caring community, here at SFA!

Our School



PRESCHOOL SHADOW DAY!

We are offering a Preschool Shadow Day on February 10th and 24th from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. This event will give you the valuable opportunity to see one of our Preschool classes in action! To sign up scan the QR code or call the school office at 316.722.5171 or email us at sfac@stfranciswichita.com.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

We want to take a moment to thank all who contributed during our Day of Giving, on Jan 31st. Your valuable donation makes a large impact in funding our school activities and needed updates. *THANK YOU!*

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY GOURMET PANCAKE & GERMAN SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 12, 2023 - 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All proceeds are used to help fund essential projects at Bishop Carroll! Cost: Adults \$7 & Children (ages 2-12) \$5. Immediate Family \$25. Questions? Email Damian Carrillo at damiancarrillo@sbcglobal.net

Around the Diocese

INTERIOR SANTUARY RETREAT FEBRUARY 17TH - 18TH

Come and explore the question of how to surrender your heart to Jesus Christ in "a genuine dialogue of love" with the Divine. This call to deep prayer is offered and asked of each person; a most necessary stronghold of grace from which we weather the attacks of this secular age. Facilitator Fr. Boniface Hicks will guide retreatants to their interior refuge where God speaks to each of us most clearly. Retreat costs apply. *Live Stream Available!* See www.slwichita.org for more details

DIR. OF MINISTRY W/PERSONS W/DISABILITIES

The Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking a new Director of Ministry with Persons with Disabilities. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon February 10, 2023. For more info check the job posting at www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE - MASS & DINNER FEBRUARY 21ST; 5:30PM - 8:00PM

Come help us celebrate Holy Mass for the priests of our Diocese! On February 21st, the feast of St. Peter Damian, join the Seven Sisters Apostolate for Mass and dinner at the Spiritual Life Center. This meeting is open to all who are currently Seven Sisters and Assistants. Mass will be at 5:30pm and dinner will begin following Mass, around 6:00pm. The cost to attend is \$16.50. See www.slwichita.org for more details

INTRO TO LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS FEBRUARY 27TH; 6:00PM - 9:00PM

This presentation is open to all as the impact of divorce and family brokenness affects virtually all of us: the children, all the adults involved, and the wider community. \$30 See www.slwichita.org for more details

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JOIN US AT MARDI GRAS! FEB. 18TH, 7-11:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night out for a great celebration to kick off lent! This year's theme is Denim and Diamonds so dress in your best western flair to impress! Adults only, BYOB. **RSVP by February 10th. To register - scan the QR code or visit stfranciswichita.com and view our 'What's Happening.'**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OPERATIONS COUNCIL

All that we have is a gift from God.

A faithful steward makes a grateful response in recognition of that gift. A proportional, sacrificial gift, as a disciples response, is all that is asked of each of us.

Count our blessings and in turn gratefully return to God of our time, talent and treasure.

Make we continue to be blessed with a parish of grateful stewards, walking ever closer with our Lord.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BIBLE STUDY Stewardship Hall, 9:45 - 11:30 a.m.
ROSARY GROUP Church, 5:00 p.m.
ADULT VOLLEYBALL School Gym, 5:00 p.m.
ADULT BASKETBALL School Gym, 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
MOM'S DAY OUT Day Care Room, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
FINANCIAL PEACE U. Clare Hall, 6:00-8:00 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, FEBRUARY 8

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, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
PSR Cana Hall, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
SHEKINAH Church, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
CALLED & GIFTED Stewardship Hall, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
MENTAL HEALTH SUPP. GP. Bonaventure, 7:00-8:30 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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MORNING ROSARY GROUP Bonaventure, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
CALLED & GIFTED Clare Basement, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

NO EVENTS

ELIJAH CUP | FEB. 11-12 DARRELL DOUGLAS FAMILY

Please check in with the priest before Mass.
 To sign up, please call Nan at 721-3727 to be scheduled.



Offertory Schedule

Saturday, February 11

5:00 p.m. Ashley & Joe Wescott
 7:00 p.m. Mike & Suzanne Buchanan

Sunday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Silvia Hernandez Lange
 10:00 a.m. Hong-Loa T Le
 11:30 a.m. Brent & Lisa Holman
 1:00 p.m. Peter & Sarah Lagaly



Mass Intentions | Feb 6 - Feb. 12, 2023

Monday, 6	8:00 a.m.	† Dec. Memory of Chuck R. Family
	5:30 p.m.	Kathleen Timmermeyer Spec. Int.
Tuesday, 7	8:00 a.m.	Blake Scott Special Intention
	5:30 p.m.	Stacy Bennett & Her Intentions
Wednesday, 8	8:00 a.m.	† Lucille Schulte
	5:30 p.m.	† James Spencer
Thursday, 9	8:00 a.m.	Sr. Roselma Marnell, ASC
	5:30 p.m.	† Michelle Stephens
Friday, 10	8:00 a.m.	† Mary Ann Conroy
	5:30 p.m.	† Tom & JoAnne Vonderbrink
Saturday, 11	8:00 a.m.	Maria Novak Special Intention
	5:00 p.m.	Chris & Alice Helser
	7:00 p.m.	† Jose Wis Gonzalez-BaHierra
Sunday, 12	7:00 a.m.	† Levi Ward
	8:30 a.m.	Ian Hatheway Special Intention
	10:00 a.m.	† Delbert Hughbanks
	11:30 a.m.	For the People
	1:00 p.m.	† Que Tran Family

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, February 6, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers S. Pirtle/ I. Dalbom / P. Iaccopelli / P. Landers

Monday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Rebecca Vodola

Tuesday, February 7, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers A. Sauer / J. Mull / H. Borrego/ B. Forbes

Tuesday, February 7, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Mary Treinen

Wednesday, February 8, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Dave Carter
Altar Servers D. Schuster / I. Dalbom / C. Graham / K. Graham

Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Marcia McAnarney

Thursday, February 9, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers C. Steindler / J. Toups / T. Hay / M. Lentz

Thursday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Julia Schauf

Friday, February 10, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers S. Weber / L. Becker / R. Berry / A. Raine / M. Zimbelman

Friday, February 10, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Steve Hermann

Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, February 11 | 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Slade LaMunyon
Master Server: Mitchell Frank
Servers: C. Zimbelman / J. Sladek / M. Zimbelman
EMHCs: J. Kerschen / R. Kerschen / E. Voegeli

Saturday, February 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Mike Fuhrman
Master Server: Bryer Nuessen
Servers: C. Steindler / J. Zarchan / I. Gorges
EMHCs: N. Bell / B. Pracht / D. Wendling

Sunday, February 12 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: Jason Wasinger
Master Server: John Pearson
Servers: E. Saville / L. Wasinger / C. Brand
EMHCs: S. Seiler / J. Bahr / J. Daniels

Sunday, February 12 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Justin Schuster
Master Server: Jonah Toups
Servers: N. Tajchman / J. Buckles / J. Feist
EMHCs: G. Morgan / J. Morgan / M. Rosenboom

Sunday, February 12 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Lisa Chandler
Master Server: Michael Bitting
Servers: E. Chandler / B. Forbes / N. Hein
EMHCs: D. Carter / D. Carter / B. Mies

Sunday, February 12 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Tim Fox
Master Server: Jacob Lezniak
Servers: V. Allmond / A. Baker / B. Blasi
EMHCs: J. McAnarney / M. McAnarney / Z. Cerre

Sunday, February 12 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Teagan Scherer
Master Server: Branton Nguyen
Servers: C. Meier / L. Misasi / H. Borrego
EMHCs: K. Henke / S. Logsdon / M. Nguyen

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, February 11

5:00 p.m. Melissa Seiler / Sam Goebel
7:00 p.m. Carole Pracht / Steffanie Hinson

Sunday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Julie Reidlinger / Jeff Rosales
10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers / Traditional Choir
11:30 a.m. Melissa Seiler / Kaitlyn Frangenberg
1:00 p.m. Julie Reidlinger / Hailey Faber

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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

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.