



ST. FRANCIS^{OF} ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 12th, 2023

6th 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

A LIVE TWO EVENING DEEP-DIVE INTO THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF CATHOLICISM WITH RENOWNED SPEAKER AND AUTHOR JON LEONETTI. DESIGNED TO CREATE MEANINGFUL MOMENTUM IN OUR PARISH FOR JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Join us for a parish mission where you will laugh, grow, be inspired, and never forget!

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 Two

The second commandment we're supposed to hold up is the honor and glory that's proper to His name. *Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain...* but how many of us flippantly use the name of the Lord in one way or another? While not every time that name rolls off our tongue is it a serious sin it's always a sin to the dignity of the Father - who should be honored and respected at every moment. We protect the dignity the name of the Lord.

That third commandment to *Keep Holy the Lord's Day* is not a suggestion - it's a commandment. Worship is essential to the life of a Christian. We are made to worship the Living God. And when we worship, we fulfill our human identity. We worship, not only on Sunday, but we also worship on those holy days of obligation where we recall serious and important mysteries of our faith... every so often having to go to Mass during the week.

The greatest of the second tablet is to *honor your father and your mother*. You watch any Disney television show, and the parents always look like idiots and buffoons, do they not? It's kind of like the kids have the wisdom but the parents don't. We live in a world that denigrates mother and father and tries to get children to think that they need no formation and that they've been imparted a wisdom that needs no other intelligence, whatsoever. It stands against the good of the family as if the family is an outdated or an outmoded concept. Even political philosophies being put in the place that try to destroy family life. Yet, as Christians we honor our parents, we honor family, and we recognize that marriage is a Sacrament that is sanctified and works in the world. We believe that marriage is a good thing, and that people can live in a committed marriage even when those marriages are on the rocks. That, through the grace of God and forgiveness, they can still persevere because it's a sacrament.

We don't kill. This is not just simply about murder; but we as Catholic Christians stand firm on the fact that abortion is always and everywhere wrong and that human life begins at conception. Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. At the moment of conception an eternal soul is created. Even if that conceived human person exists for only four minutes - that human person never stops existing. So, we protect life from conception all the way until natural death. Therefore, we do no surgeries or chemical procedures that can impede conception and we honor people even to their natural death. Even if those natural deaths include some kind of suffering. Christ, Himself, redeems suffering. He who did not deserve to suffer, suffered, so that we who do suffer know we're not alone. God, Himself, can sanctify our own suffering and our sufferings can be offered on behalf of another person. Therefore, we do not uphold euthanasia or any kind of act that commits or assists suicide of another person.

We do not commit adultery; and yet so many movies produced in the world today (in some way or another) either denigrate the family or uphold a type of adultery. In addition, pornography is running rampant alongside masturbation and all these

human acts are standing against the true purity of the human person. We have got to be angry, *with a deep anger*, that human trafficking is taking place and growing exponentially in our world. We live in a hypocritical society that proclaims human rights but is not doing enough to stop the trafficking of men, women, boys, and girls that is happening - even here in the city of Wichita. The human person is greater than what their body can give. Their soul is dignified with an eternal dignity. And the act of married love precisely belongs to the marriage of one man and one woman in a sacramental marriage. That is the *only* place where that act can take place. A person who is looking forward to marriage is called to remain chaste even if that is a sacrifice; because the virtue that saves marriage is sacrifice. Therefore, chastity before marriage is a training ground for sacrifice precisely because it's hard.

We do not steal, and yet we're in a society that has created structures of horrible financial scandals. Not just simply tax evasion (which many people do); but beyond that how many phishing schemes are you seeing coming through your emails? For example, my cell phone number has, again, been hacked and now people are getting text messages from "Father Jarrod" so that they can get Amazon gift cards that you send a picture after you scratch it off. All of these different things are taking place to try and rob vulnerable people through schemes just to get money out of their pockets.

We're not called to bear false witness we are called to be people of our word. Not to lie for our own personal gain. Not to hide the truth but to stand in integrity. That then the person who I am on the inside is the person you know on the outside. So that you can trust my words to get back to a society where a handshake should be good rather than a contract signed seven thousand times.

We don't covet our neighbor's wife and we don't covet our neighbor's goods. Envy and jealousy are the root of all division. Division stands directly against the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A divided Church is not what Jesus Christ has set up for us. Therefore we, through forgiveness, maintain unity inside the body of Christ and inside our family - which, oftentimes, is the hardest place to maintain unity.

This is what we're supposed to repent from. To be Christian means we recognize sin as sin, and we understand that holiness matters, because holiness now is equal to happiness now. This is a happiness that participates in the Kingdom of Heaven that will last for all eternity.

Now let the final word be **Mercy**. God spoke to St. Therese, the Little Flower, saying:

"I am Thrice Holy, and I detest the smallest sin. I cannot love a soul which is stained with sin; but when it repents, there is no limit to My generosity toward it. My mercy embraces and justifies it. With My mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me. I forget the bitterness with which they fed My Heart and rejoice at their return (Diary, 1728)."

No one said Christianity was going to be easy. But it will be filled with happiness if you fight to repent.

-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.

HARVEST HOUSE WITH FR. MENDAM

Thursday, February 16th in Clare Hall at 1 pm

Come meet and learn from our guests speaker, Father Bhaskar Mendam! 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.

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.



BECOME AN EVEN BETTER HUSBAND, FATHER, MAN, & FOLLOWER OF CHRIST!

The Men's ACTS Retreat has spots remaining for you to have a weekend of encounters with the Holy Spirit. This is a weekend spent in Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service at the Spiritual Life Center.

It begins Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. and continues through the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, February 26. You can register online at stfranciswichita.com under "What's Happening."

If you have questions, please contact retreat director Aaron Leiker at (316) 302-8000.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - LENT

Join us starting February 28 from 9 to 10:30a.m. for a presentation of a 5 week Lenten special called NO GREATER LOVE: A Biblical Walk Through CHRIST'S Passion" by Edward Sri. All are welcome to join!

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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

2/15: Holy Hour | 2/22 - Ash Wednesday

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



STEWARDSHIP • MINISTRY • EMPLOYMENT

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 this position!

ADORERS NEEDED AT SFA!

If you are able to cover an adoration hour listed, please contact Jenny Morgan at mollyshome@att.net.

- Friday. 12:00-1:00 p.m.



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What's Happening Cont.

MOM'S DAY OUT: FEBRUARY - MAY

Attention moms of young children:

Do you dream of running errands by yourself, taking an adoration hour, or a much-needed mommy nap or cleaning time? Then you NEED Mom's Day Out!

Drop off & pick up between 9am-2pm in the nursery in Clare Hall. You will sign up to volunteer in the nursery one Tuesday a month with a team of moms and get the other 3 Tuesdays off! (And yes, we can accommodate preschool drop off times.)

For more information, email sfamdo@gmail.com or call/text Liz at 316-619-6313 or Christina at 316-655-5734.



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MARDI GRAS 2023

DENIM & Diamonds

FEBRUARY 18TH 7:00-11:30

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' section of the homepage.**



HELP SAVE LIVES IN WICHITA!

Vigil location: Public sidewalk of Planned Parenthood: 2226 E Central Ave, Wichita, KS 67214

- **Vigil hours:** 7 AM-7 PM daily from Feb. 22 – April 2
- **Local Contact:** Sue Willey, 316-617-5660 or PrayFastForLife40Days@mail.com
- **Get involved!** Sign up for prayer times at www.40daysforlife.com/Wichita and join us to peacefully pray in front of Planned Parenthood.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OPERATIONS COUNCIL

The Rebuild My Church campaign continues to transform our parish facilities!

Plans are in place to begin work this summer on our sanctuary, Bonaventure, parish offices, and new gathering space.

We have collected over \$4,400,000 (74%) of the \$6,000,000 that has been pledged. RMC pledges are to be completed this year or next.

Thank you for generously giving to this effort to transform our parish facilities for decades to come!

Our School



PRESCHOOL SHADOW DAY!

We are offering a Preschool Shadow Day on February 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!*

Around the Diocese

MAN FULLY ALIVE: MARCH 4TH

Join this Diocesan men's conference on Saturday, March 4th at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Wichita, with international speakers set to bring the house down! The main event features renowned evangelist and co-founder of Encounter Ministries FATHER MATHIAS THELEN, UFC Hall of Famer, 4-time World Champion, and actor BAS RUTTEN, as well as Mass with Bishop Carl Kemme. Join a thousand men seeking to engage life to the fullest. \$49 for adults, and bring your high school or college age son for only \$29! **Registration at catholicmensconference.com.**

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. **Visit slwichita.org for 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 **Visit slwichita.org for more details.**

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION MARCH 9TH; 8:30AM - 12:00PM

The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites all adults to a Lenten Day of Reflection. Fr. Nicholas Jurgensmeyer and a TBD speaker will give the reflections. Following their talks, there will be a celebration of Mass, a luncheon, recitation of the rosary, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. \$22. **Visit slwichita.org for more details.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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 13

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.
PARISH MISSION Church, 6:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure, 9:00–10:30 a.m.
MOM'S DAY OUT Clare Hall Nursery, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
PARISH MISSION Church, 6:30 a.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 15

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP Clare Basement, 6:30–7:00 a.m.
BIBLE STUDY Clare Basement, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
UNBOUND Bonaventure, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
OCIA Clare Hall, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
PSR Cana Hall, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
CALLED & GIFTED Stewardship Hall, 7:00-10:00 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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

MORNING ROSARY GROUP Bonaventure, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
HARVEST HOUSE TALK Clare Hall, 1:00 p.m.
LITTLE FLOWERS Clare Hall, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MARDI GRAS PARTY Cana Hall, 7:00-11:30 p.m.

ELIJAH CUP | FEB. 18-19 COLBY DRESHER 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 18

5:00 p.m. Jason & Meghan Landwehr
 7:00 p.m. LeAnn & Mark Simon

Sunday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Sarah & Spencer Landers
 10:00 a.m. Kyle & Lisa Lang
 11:30 a.m. Erin & Marc Haneberg
 1:00 p.m. Jolene Senter



Mass Intentions | Feb 13 - Feb. 19, 2023

Monday, 13	8:00 a.m.	† Kenneth McGregor
	5:30 p.m.	† Robert Hermreck
Tuesday, 14	8:00 a.m.	Susan McCoy Special Intention
	5:30 p.m.	† Bill Sanders
Wednesday, 15	8:00 a.m.	† David Mader
	5:30 p.m.	† Jean Wohler
Thursday, 16	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Holloway Special Intention
	5:30 p.m.	Mike Weber
Friday, 17	8:00 a.m.	† Rick Koch
	5:30 p.m.	† Martha Ferguson
Saturday, 18	8:00 a.m.	† Mary Fisher-Elms
	5:00 p.m.	† Fr. Joachim Spexarth
	7:00 p.m.	† Raquel Salgado
Sunday, 19	7:00 a.m.	† Troy Evans
	8:30 a.m.	† Arlo Bauer
	10:00 a.m.	For the People
	11:30 a.m.	† Paul Lopez
	1:00 p.m.	† Sat Tran

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, February 13, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers J. Zarchan / I. Dalbom / J. Buckles / S. Domebo

Monday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Julie Schoenberger

Tuesday, February 14, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers P. Bluml / M. Frank / Z. Erwin / J. Feist

Tuesday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Mary Treinen

Wednesday, February 15, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Marilyn Holloway
Altar Servers I. Gorges / I. Dalbom / K. Hays / S. Kluge

Wednesday, February 15, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Eric McCabe

Thursday, February 16, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers C. Brand / B. Lubbers / C. Konecny / L. Lubbers

Thursday, February 16, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Rick Black

Friday, February 17, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers T. Farley / J. Mull / A. McAninch / W. McGreevy

Friday, February 17, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Nancy Kelley

Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, February 18 | 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Aaron Leiker
Master Server: Connor Hatcher
Servers: R. Renteria / C. Hatcher / M. Seiler
EMHCs: B. Walden / P. Walden / D. Becker

Saturday, February 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Suzanne Buchanan
Master Server: Julian McClure
Servers: C. Andrews / C. Schawe / N. Schawe
EMHCs: L. Cless / S. Cless / A. Brugman

Sunday, February 19 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: Patty Bluml
Master Server: Christopher Seiler
Servers: J. Pearson / S. Domebo / E. Saville
EMHCs: M. Flynn / R. Landwehr / P. Meyer

Sunday, February 19 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Kristin Martin
Master Server: Tyler Young
Servers: L. Burns / P. Harrison / A. McAninch
EMHCs: P. Harding / J. Hampton / S. Hudspeth

Sunday, February 19 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Ryan Farley
Master Server: Ben Kluge
Servers: Q. Farley / T. Farley / S. Kluge
EMHCs: A. Lubbers / B. Lubbers / V. Schuckman

Sunday, February 19 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Gared Preisser
Master Server: DJ Hauge
Servers: A. McDaniel / M. McElhiney / S. McElhiney
EMHCs: L. Dostert / M. Dostert / J. McDaniel

Sunday, February 19 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Sondra Garvey
Master Server: Caden Meier
Servers: A. Grotts / K. Hays / L. Lubbers
EMHCs: L. Faber / K. Henke / 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 18

5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Sacred Ensemble
7:00 p.m. Melissa Seiler / Sam Goebel

Sunday, February 19

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

Parish Directory

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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.

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.