

ST. FRANCIS^{OF} ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 19th, 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAY



“Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you.”

MATTHEW 5:44

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

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Friday

8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

8 a.m., 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7 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

The Stigmata of a Christian's Moral Life (Part 1)

The moral life is the true stigmata of the Catholic Christian. Let me explain...

Throughout the history of the church there have been stigmatists: men or women who've received the marks of Jesus Christ on their bodies. A stigmata is the wounds of Christ found on a holy person, born in imitation of Jesus Christ. Such persons have holes in their hands, their side, and their feet. At times, they even have the wounds of the thorns of Jesus's crown. For example, Padre Pio was a stigmatist who during Mass would experience blood coming from his body. So too, Saint Francis of Assisi, our own patron saint, received the stigmata. Even Saint Paul himself said, *"I have received the marks of Christ into my body."* (Gal 6:17)

But, I would argue that the true stigmata of the Christian is not holes in the hands and the feet but the visibility of a truly moral life. Moral living is difficult. It is challenging. It is a type of wound. It is difficult to learn patience, meekness, and kindness. It is difficult to learn chastity and obedience. It is difficult to learn honesty and deference. **But the moral life is the true stigmata of a Christian because it is the way EVERY Christian can visibly witness to the "marks of Jesus Christ" in their life.**

Jesus' first public word was, **"repent."** Jesus Christ has called us to live the fullness of the Ten Commandments. As He himself said, He did not come to get rid of the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them. But Jesus Himself gives us, not the prohibitions of the Ten Commandments, but the Eight Beatitudes. Rather than, *"Thou shalt not..."* He gives us, *"Blessed are they..."* These Eight Beatitudes are visions of inspirations unto the fullness of life.

We need to remember that the outcome of the moral life is true happiness and joy. However, that is not what the world tells us. The world says that if you live a good life then, somehow, you're going to be sad and depressed. The world teaches that the really fun kind of life is whenever you break all of the rules.

But the true vision of happiness and holiness that Jesus lays out before us is marked by this first word: *blessed*. That Greek word "blessed" literally means happiness

- the fullness of a life well lived here in this life and in the world to come. Rather than enumerating ten "nots" he enumerates eight "visions," beautiful ideas to inspire our soul.

Blessed are the poor in spirit. Have you ever wondered what that means? It means the person understands that we are limited creatures who depend upon God for everything. We've heard the phrase "but for the grace of God there goes I." In other words, everything we do and everything we have received is a blessing given to us by God. Therefore, we must be poor and humble to realize that, without God, we have nothing. My poverty, my limitation, is an explicit request to the Lord to receive from Him every good thing. It's an act of humility before the face of God. This is the virtue of religion by which we put God first before all things and recognize that without Him I am nothing.

Blessed are they who mourn. This should strike us as odd yet it's a truth of our reality. We live in a broken world. But as Christians, we are not called to be blind optimists: we cannot pretend like everything's okay. Nor, however, are we called to be pessimists: pretending like everything is horrible. Rather, we must recognize that in a broken world there are true things to be sorrowful about. And that sorrow motivates us to action. It motivates a parent to form a child... for a spouse to have a hard conversation with another spouse about living a better life... for a priest to preach a homily for the salvation of the souls... or for a nun to pray for the good of the souls and the conversion of hearts. God has called us to serve and not to be served. To see a broken world is to be sad about the brokenness but to be motivated to fix the brokenness.

Blessed are the meek. This world celebrates people who are arrogant. It celebrates the people with loud mouths who love to bang their fists and draw attention to themselves. Meekness is just the opposite. Meekness is not weakness! It is affability, friendliness, openness, and kindness. It allows people to be invited into a relationship. It is the approachable person, the kind person. It's a person of conviction but still invites other people into a reception of kindness, treating other people with dignity and respect. They themselves bring forth respect and dignity out of that meekness. It is the meek who will inherit the land - not the loud, the boisterous, or the arrogant. The meek are those who are truly affable and caring and kind and look to the needs of others.

(To be continued next week...)

-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.



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 **TODAY 2/19**.

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

2/22 - Spy Wednesday | 3/1 Game Night

[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 Feb-March, 2023

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 Feb-March, 2023.

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

ADORERS NEEDED

Jesus waits for you in perpetual adoration at SFA! Spend an hour with your Lord. The following hours are currently in need of adorers. If you are able to cover one of the hours listed, please contact Jenny Morgan at mollyshome@att.net.

• Friday, 12:00-1:00 p.m.



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.



Knights of Columbus Council #4118

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Friday March 10, 2023 & Friday March 24, 2023
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

**Pre-orders for carryout are welcome by calling or texting
316-993-7144. Pre-orders end at 4pm of event date**



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

As we approach the Lenten season, we reflect on our spiritual life.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three basic tenets of our faith.

Let us, as good stewards, pray, fast and give of our treasure generously.

It is always the right season to turn to our Lord with humble and contrite hearts.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

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.

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.

SAINT JOSEPH OST GERMAN DINNER MARCH 5TH, 12 - 6 PM FOR DINE-IN 2-5 PM FOR DRIVE-THRU

Come and join St Joseph, Ost, for our German Dinner! Serving their famous fresh bierocks, rope sausage, pie for miles! The Basket Raffle will be at 6:00 pm in the gym; winners do not need to be present to win.
12917 E. Maple Grove Road, Mount Hope KS 67108

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 19

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 20

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m.
LEGION of MARY Bonaventure, 8:30-10:15 a.m.
BOOK CLUB Bonaventure, 10:15 a.m.-1:00p.m.
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY Bonaventure, 4:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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.
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.
FINANCIAL PEACE U. Bonaventure, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
WILDFIRE Clare Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | ASH WED.

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.
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.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MORNING ROSARY GROUP Bonaventure, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
CALLED & GIFTED Clare Basement, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
CAREGIVER SUPPORT Bonaventure, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

ELIJAH CUP | FEB. 25-26 ZACH FABER 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 25

5:00 p.m. Barb & Pat Walden
 7:00 p.m. Lucas & Melissa Seiler

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Vicki Keller
 10:00 a.m. Jacob & Michelle LaMunyon
 11:30 a.m. Jeffrey & Megan Cotter
 1:00 p.m. Lidia Sanchez



Mass Intentions | Feb 20 - Feb. 26, 2023

Monday, 20	8:00 a.m.	† Caroline Dyche
	5:30 p.m.	† Gary Weber
Tuesday, 21	8:00 a.m.	† Valeria Pelzel
	5:30 p.m.	Michelle Medlin Special Intention
Wednesday, 22 ASH WEDNESDAY	8:00 a.m.	† Marian Schulte
	12:00 p.m.	† Harry Noetzel
	5:30 p.m.	† Joe Murillo
	7:00 p.m.	† Jane Jackson
Thursday, 23	8:00 a.m.	† Charlene Jayamanne
	5:30 p.m.	† Reagan Smith
Friday, 24	8:00 a.m.	† Billy Scheer
	5:30 p.m.	† Marjorie Himmertzheim
Saturday, 25	8:00 a.m.	† Dave Betzen
	5:00 p.m.	† Pat Salber
	7:00 p.m.	† Francisco Campos-Guerrero
Sunday, 26	7:00 a.m.	For the People
	8:30 a.m.	† Joseph Sanchez
	10:00 a.m.	† Tom Schippers
	11:30 a.m.	† Eliseo & Clara Hernandez
	1:00 p.m.	† Khang & Con Tran

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, February 20, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Chase Kenton
Altar Servers I. Gorges / I. Dalbom / R. Dalbom

Monday, February 20, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Thomas Baalmann

Tuesday, February 21, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers C. Lang / J. Toups / P. McPeak / D. Megee

Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Daniel Schoenberger

Wednesday, February 22, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Dave Carter
Altar Servers E. Megee / I. Dalbom / L. Misasi / B. Mitchell

Wednesday, February 22, 12:00 p.m.

Lector Joe Molina
Altar Servers D. Berry / R. Berry / B. Lubbers / B. Nguyen

Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m. (See next pg. for more details)

Lector Maria Douglas

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. (See next pg. for more details)

Lector Sally Stump-Lubbers

Thursday, February 23, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers S. Pirtle / L. Becker / H. Nguyen / O. Perry

Thursday, February 23, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Mike George

Friday, February 24, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students
Altar Servers A.Sauer / R. Berry / A. Sacks / E. Saville

Friday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Renee Means

Liturgical Stewards

Wednesday, February 22 | 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Maria Douglas
Servers: C. Graham / K. Graham / **SERVERS NEEDED**
EMHCs: P. Freeman / G. Morgan / J. Morgan

Wednesday, February 22 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Sally Stump-Lubbers
Servers: **SERVERS NEEDED**
EMHCs: D. Wendling / M. Treinen / A. Brugman

Saturday, February 25 | 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Joe Wescott
Servers: C. Zimelman / L. Becker / S. Horvat / S. Veith
EMHCs: G. Kelley / N. Kelley / M. McCormack

Saturday, February 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Mike Fuhrman
Servers: H. Nguyen / H. Nguyen / S. Nuessen / B. Prichard
EMHCs: M. Buchanan / S. Buchanan / A. Schuckman

Sunday, February 26 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: John Hermann
Servers: J. Pearson / C. Brand / L. Wasinger / S. Weber
EMHCs: J. Bauer / S. Bennett / J. Ward

Sunday, February 26 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Hampton
Servers: N. Tajchman / E. McGill / KJ McGill / D. Schuster
EMHCs: D. Hamel / L. Hamel / S. Scott

Sunday, February 26 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Teagan Farley
Servers: I. Dalbom / R. Dalbom / G. Plank / J. Plank
EMHCs: K. Farley / S. Farley / M. Martin

Sunday, February 26 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Jeff Cerre
Servers: G. Petersen / V. Allmond / P. McPeak / B. Mitchell
EMHCs: J. McAnarney / M. McAnarney / L. Depperschmidt

Sunday, February 26 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Mason Fouquet
Servers: L. Tran / A. Tran / L. Misasi / H. Borrego
EMHCs: J. Phelps / R. Phelps / C. Wellbrock

Music Schedule



Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Sam Goebel
7:00 p.m. Carole Pracht / Steffanie Hinson

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Julie Reidlinger / Kennedi McClure
10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers / Cheryl Scott
11:30 a.m. Matt Ho / Young Adult Ensemble
1:00 p.m. Elias Iseman / Hailey Faber

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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

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN! Ad space can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting worthy causes, community service organizations or even memorials. If you are interested or would like more information, please call our rep., Tim, directly at 785-418-2875.

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.