

ST. FRANCIS^{OF} ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 8th, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



NEXT WEEK'S 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

Playing Hide and Seek with God

Hide and Seek is a fascinating game! It is utterly simple and yet never gets boring. The rules are simple: one person has a set amount of time to hide, after which, another person has endless amounts of time to find them. I remember as a child hiding in closets, cabinets, under beds, behind curtains, and even (and this dates me) in the dryer! I even enjoyed the subterfuge that went with the game. Like taking my shoes off and poking them out from under a curtain to make the 'seeker' think they found me.

Hide and seek is a permanently valid game because it speaks directly to the desires of the human heart: humans desire to both seek as well as to be found. Furthermore, the joy of this game is in *the game itself*: once one game finishes, another game begins. "Ready or not... here I come!" Like the "never-ending song" this seems to be the "never-ending game."

Indeed, hide and seek is even the whole intrigue of young love: at a particular point in a young person's life the game shifts from hide and seek to... dating. It's as if, suddenly, a young person's heart opens to the possibility of romantic love and a whole new game of hide and seek begins.

Here's how it works: young persons become distinctively aware of the beauty and attractiveness of others, and simultaneously have an anxious concern that others won't see them in the same way. Shy, they hide from the embarrassment of being turned down. Enamored, they overcome their shyness and break the barrier of fear to venture into a relationship. And once found, Oh my! It's like their whole world has found a new center, like the sun to the solar system. Head over heels, their thoughts are consumed, their plans change, their conversations are modified, and even their relation to their parents becomes redefined.

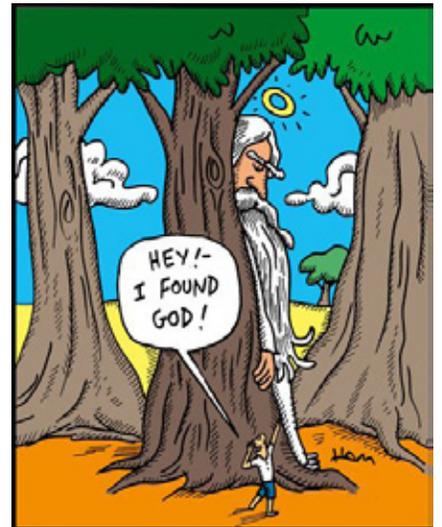
Often (or sometimes) ... they break up - their solar system crumbles as their new 'sun' got extinguished. Hearts are crushed. Tears flow. And a sense of being 'lost' arises in the heart. The deep question is then asked, "Will anyone ever love me?" Weeks, and months, pass - a roller coaster of self-recrimination, finger-pointing, sorrow, healing, hurt, hope, anger, self-righteousness, pessimism, and optimism are finally followed by a tenuous sense of stability.

And then... a new attraction is found; and a new game of hide and seek begins again until they find the one partner with whom they play a modified version of hide and seek together for the rest of their lives.

Who is this seeking partner? For some, it is a spouse, but for everyone, spouse or not, it is always God himself. Whether married, single, or professed celibate - God is always the central player in life's game of hide and seek. It is He, ultimately, for whom our hearts yearn. And it is Him from whom we feel such roller coaster feelings of fluctuating hope and confusion when He hides His face from us. I challenge you to read the book of the Song of Songs, work hard to understand its analogy based on human love, and come to the understanding that the human person was made for this game of Divine hide and seek. Sometimes we are found by God. Sometimes we find God, Himself. Sometimes we hide from God. Sometimes God seems to hide from us. But in the end, God knows that the deepest desire of the human heart is found in *the game itself* - the exchange of relationships in which we dynamically engage in a love-life with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

So, this Epiphany, when we celebrate God "showing his face," know this: God desires to start a new game of hide and seek with you. Now... go to the chapel, put your hands over your eyes, and start counting to ten. Then say, "*Ready or not... here I come!*"

- 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
sfac@stfranciswichita.com
www.stfranciswichita.com

Parish Office Hours

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

What's Happening at our Parish:



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

Join our priests and parishioners on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje! Stay with Visionary Marija Pavloc Lunetti and have access to her daily apparitions. Marija shares her experience and knowledge of the Blessed Mother in the beautiful countryside of Medjugorje.

Scan the QR code or visit url www.medjugorjepilgrimage.life for more information.

Contact Aaron Crisler with questions and details at 316.712.3338.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER - JAN. 15th



HARVEST HOUSE LUNCH & BINGO | JAN. 19TH

Join us for lunch, meeting, and card bingo, Thursday, January 19th at 12:00 (noon)-2:00pm in Clare Hall. RSVP Rita 722-7631 by January 14th.

MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE JAN. 19, 12-6pm

Saint Francis is hosting a mobile blood drive to help save lives! To schedule your appointment please call 800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: **stfranciswichita**

ST. FRANCIS SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Starts Jan. 22, 9:45 – 11:15 am in Stewardship Hall.

The spring session will be Lectio: Mary, The Bible and Mother of God by Dr. Brant Pitre. There are 8 sessions including video and study guide. Material costs will be \$10 per person. **Please RSVP by January 13th to Lori Hamel at dlhamel@cox.net or 316-208-4703**

BASKETBALL CLASSIC FOR VOCATIONS: PRIESTS VS. KNIGHTS! SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 2023.

The Blue Knights team has an opening for a couple more players (must be a #4118 Council member).

Support the game! Donations as low as \$50 will grant you and your family attendance to the game. If you would like to sponsor please mail your donation to Knights of Columbus #4118

Attention Larry Damm

12219 W 14th St N, Wichita, KS 67235.

The Council uses funds to provide direct support to seminarians and other religious vocations projects.

Thank you for your support and attendance!

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

1/11: Lip Sync Battle | 1/18: Open Gym

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



STEWARDSHIP • MINISTRY • EMPLOYMENT

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 at Saint Francis of Assisi! Please join us in our parish mission of perpetual adoration.

The hours currently in need of adorers are listed below. If you are able to sign-up, please contact Jenny Morgan at mollyshome@att.net.

- Tuesday 3-4 am - **URGENT**
- Saturday, 2:00-3:00 a.m.
- Sun. 2:00-3:00 a.m.



What's Happening Cont.

WHAT IS CALLED & GIFTED? COME & SEE NIGHT:

Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. in Clare Basement

- Learn about the spiritual gifts we all have
- Meet and hear testimony from others who discerned their gifts and are using them more intentionally
- Meet others with similar gifts to yours and get ideas from them of how to discern them more fully

This is for you! This evening is free, and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Becky at 316-655-2396 or calledandgiftedsfa@protonmail.com.



Women's:
Jan. 26-29

Men's:
Feb. 23-26

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP & CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

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.

NEW YEAR, NEW REBUILD!

This year is filled with great anticipation as The Rebuild My Church Capital Campaign plans to hit the ground running, this coming spring.



As mentioned before, to-date we have incurred no debt for what we have accomplished, and we continue to pledge no debt in the future! Your generosity ensures our continuous progress. To avoid construction schedule halts our campaign needs to remain fully funded throughout its duration. To fulfill this objective, we ask that you bless our parish this new year with a donation to the campaign. Your financial gifts and support are a constant inspiration, and we are beyond excited to see the fruits of your generosity through the impressive updates to our beloved church and school, this year.

God Bless You and Your Dedicated Support!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OPERATIONS COUNCIL

As we begin a new year,
we are thankful and look forward.

Many improvements and blessings lie ahead for us as a parish family. Your continued sacrificial gifts make many of these dreams a reality.

May the Lord continue to bless us and keep us in His care.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

Our School



APPLICATIONS TO OPEN SOON FOR 2023-2024!

Save the date and shout it out loud! On January 18 prospective new families will be welcomed to visit our website & submit their application for the 2023-2024 school year! Please contact Pat Burns, Director of Stewardship and Finance, at 316-722-4404 or pburns@stfranciswichita.com to learn more about our incredible Stewardship Way of Life and all student families that support it!

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF GIVING, JAN. 31ST

Save the date for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School's 2023 Day of Giving! This fundraiser will be held for 24 hours starting on Tuesday, January 31st at 11:00 a.m. Please follow along on social media and eblasts and consider making a gift to SFACS to commemorate this occasion and support Catholic education, here at SFA!

Around the Diocese

SERIES: CREATOR, CREATION, & COSMOS

JANUARY 10TH, 17TH, 24TH, & 31ST; 7PM - 8:30PM

This four-part series led by Dr. Brungardt of Newman University will delve into the theology of Thomas Aquinas and how his understandings of the created universe relate to modern scientific discoveries. Kick off the new year with the SLC during these evening meetings! \$40 per person - see www.slcwichita.org for more information.

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

LOVING THROUGH LOSS: COUPLES' WORKSHOP

JANUARY 21ST; 9AM - 5PM

Red Bird Ministries is a non-profit Catholic grief support ministry serving people who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. Heal together as they guide you through the complexity and trauma that happens with a loss of a child. \$50 per couple - see www.slcwichita.org for more details.

TOPEKA MARCH FOR LIFE – JANUARY 24, 2023

IGNITE – RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE KANSAS

The Respect Life and Social Justice Office of the Diocese will be carpooling to Topeka for the Rally and the March to the Capital.

Scan the QR code to register, or visit

archkck.org/prolife/activities/ksmass-marchforlife for more information and event schedule.



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th | EPIPHANY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ROSARY GROUP Church, 5:00 p.m.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL School Gym, 5:00 p.m.

ADULT BASKETBALL School Gym, 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

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, JANUARY 10TH

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure, 9:00–10:30 a.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, JANUARY 11TH

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP Clare Basement, 6:30–7:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY Clare Basement, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPP. Bonaventure, 7:00-8:30 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.

TRAD. CHOIR PRACTICE Clare Music Rm, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

CYM Meet in "Holy Hallway", 8:00-9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH

MORNING ROSARY GROUP Bonaventure, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

CALLED & GIFTED Clare Basement, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE Bonaventure, 9:00–11:30 a.m.

ELIJAH CUP | JAN. 14-15

IRA & RUBY DALBOM FAMILY

Please check in with the priest before Mass.

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



Offertory Schedule

Saturday, January 14th

5:00 p.m. Jacquelyn Biedron

7:00 p.m. Mike & Suzanne Buchanan

Sunday, January 15th

12:00 a.m. Matthew & Jeanne Melillo

8:30 a.m. Afton & Ira Lopez

10:00 a.m. Becky McPeak

11:30 p.m. Mario & Victoria Navarro



Mass Intentions | Jan. 9th - Jan. 15th, 2023

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| Monday 9 | 8:00 a.m. | † Brian Pastovich |
| | 5:30 p.m. | † Eloy Pando |
| Tuesday 10 | 8:00 a.m. | † Joyce Kerschen |
| | 5:30 p.m. | † Charles Evenson |
| Wednesday 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Corey Rozean Special Intention |
| | 5:30 p.m. | † JoAn Becker |
| Thursday 12 | 8:00 a.m. | Elaine Aaron & Family |
| | 5:30 p.m. | † Isaac Sandoval |
| Friday 13 | 8:00 a.m. | Marci Englert |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Clara Weber |
| Saturday 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Larry Wolf |
| | 5:00 p.m. | † Hannah Metcalfe |
| | 7:00 p.m. | † Ron Bowring |
| Sunday 15 | 7:00 a.m. | † Levi Ward |
| | 8:30 a.m. | † Don & Alice Hunt |
| | 10:00 a.m. | † Maureen Bogner |
| | 11:30 a.m. | † Amparo Pando |
| | 1:00 p.m. | † Anna Huong Le |

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, January 9th, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers I. Dalbom / S. Domebo / Z. Erwin / J. Feist

Monday, January 9th, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Renee Means

Tuesday, January 10th, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers L. Becker / K. Hays / S. Kluge / A. McAninch

Tuesday, January 10th, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Daniel Schoenberger

Wednesday, January 11th, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Marilyn Holloway

Altar Servers I. Dalbom / W. McGreevy / D. Megee / L. Misasi

Wednesday, January 11th, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Maria Douglas

Thursday, January 12th, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers R. Berry / B. Mitchell / J. Sladek / M. Stephenson

Thursday, January 12th, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Patty Bluml

Friday, January 13th, 8:00 a.m.

Lector SFA Students

Altar Servers I. Duke / I. Adams / A. Anderson / S. Barnes

Friday, January 13th, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Mary Treinen

Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, January 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Katherine Lohnes
Master Server: Caden Zimbelman
Servers: D. Berry / J. Sladek / M. Zimbelman
EMHCs: D. Becker / P. Freeman / C. Stump

Saturday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Maria Douglas
Master Server: John Rongish
Servers: B. Prichard / N. Schawe / C. Schawe
EMHCs: L. Cless / S. Cless / D. Wendling

Sunday, January 15th at 7:00 a.m.

Lector: Jason Wasinger
Master Server: Christopher Seiler
Servers: J. Pearson / C. Brand / L. Wasinger
EMHCs: J. Bauer / S. Bennett / J. Ward

Sunday, January 15th at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Emily Simon
Master Server: Tyler Young
Servers: L. Burns / A. McAninch / N. Pham
EMHCs: G. Morgan / J. Morgan / J. Oliver

Sunday, January 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Sauber
Master Server: Ira Dalbom
Servers: C. Lang / C. Konecny / H. Le
EMHCs: A. Lubbers / B. Lubbers / M. Hammer

Sunday, January 15th at 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Marcia McAnarney
Master Server: DJ Hauge
Servers: M. McElhiney / S. McElhiney / W. McGreevy
EMHCs: L. Dostert / M. Dostert / J. Morgan

Sunday, January 15th at 1:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Treinen
Master Server: Luke Tran
Servers: A. Tran / L. Lubbers / L. Misasi
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, January 14th
5:00 p.m. TBD
7:00 p.m. TBD
Sunday, January 15th
12:00 a.m. TBD
8:30 a.m. TBD
10:00 a.m. TBD
11:30 p.m. TBD

Parish Directory

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4118 316.461.6481

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