

ST. FRANCIS^{OF} ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 29th, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you
when they insult you
and persecute you
and utter every kind
of evil against you
falsely because of me.”
- Mt 5:11

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Day of Giving

January 31st, 2023

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SCAN ME

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

Sacrament - More Than Sacramental: Part Two

With all this in mind, I desire to recall the great beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. How beautiful is this sincere gift of oneself in humble love to another!

Marriage, real marriage, in real circumstances, between real human people, is indeed a most beautiful gift. It is a statement of faith, hope, and love. **LOVE** because it sanctifies the entire romantic movements of the heart, beginning with that first realization that, "This one person has the capacity to enthrall my heart every day of my life." **HOPE** because it steels the resolve that, "This one person will accept me, for all my faults, in the courage of an unbreakable gift." **FAITH** because Jesus himself raised marriage to a Sacrament, because a real world brings real pain, real sorrow, and real disappointments.

Marriage must be a Sacrament because the bond demands a supernatural help to overcome the machinations of the world and the assaults of the devil. Marriage itself is like an icon of the love of the Father for the Son in the Holy Spirit. Just as an icon makes an invisible event visible, marriage itself makes the Trinity's love visible in human form. As the Father loves the Son in the Holy Spirit, so marriage imitates the Trinity in the husband's love for his wife made manifest in the gift of children.

Even if children were not given to some marriages, marriage is an like icon of Christ's love for his Church. As St. Paul says, **"Husbands love your wives even as Christ loves the Church: he handed himself over for her" (Eph 5:25)**. Marriage is the mutual self-sacrifice of one for another in a true outpouring of love. Real sacrifice. As Christ died on the Cross for the Church, husbands and wives pour themselves out for one another and for their children in a true act of sacrifice. It is this sacrifice that makes Christ's sacrifice visible to each spouse, and to visible to children. Children witness the various sacrifices of both mother and father. And because they visibly see these sacrifices, they can say to themselves, "If this is how much my parents love me, then how much more must the Father have loved me through the sacrifices of Christ."

But even though marriage is *like* an icon, it is more than an icon. Marriage is a Sacrament. It is a source of Grace. It is a participation in the life of the Trinity. It is a visible representation of the Love of Christ for the Church. It is a lived experience of Triune Love engulfing and enveloping the family. It is for all of these reasons that marriage seeks to be blessed by God.

If my first experience of recognizing that I was ordained came through with the blessing of an object... I find so much more of my identity and joy in the blessing of marriages. Marriage is not a mere *sacramental*. It is not simply an icon. Sacramentals and icons or reminders of grace, not sources of grace. But marriage itself is a **SACRAMENT**. Christ raised marriage to the dignity of a Sacrament so that Matrimony remains a daily well-spring of Grace. Not only does this grace give the couple strength to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil; but also to be a true fountain of grace for themselves and their children. Blessing a marriage is not like blessing a Sacramental: marriage is not merely set a part as a reminder. Rather, blessing a marriage is an act of God, Himself, through the ministry of a priest. As the rite says, **"What GOD has joined, let no human being separate."** Through Matrimony - God Himself imparts the life of the Trinity upon the couple so that they have his power to overcome the myriad challenges of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Marriage is not a dead institution... indeed it is not an "institution" at all... it is a Sacrament - a living participation in the life and grace of the Trinity won for us by Jesus Christ. Neither is marriage a rose-colored reality, as if the Sacrament takes all the challenges of life away. **No, marriage must be a Sacrament precisely because it is lived out in a broken world, shared between weak people, who need a grace bigger than this world to survive!** That is why marriage can be considered the performance art of forgiveness. Nor is marriage a mere ideology... Rather it is the living manifestation of God's Triune love and the true participation in the sacrifice of Christ given up for his bride the Church.

For all these reasons I rejoice in blessing marriages. I rejoice in witnessing this most beautiful Sacrament that a man and woman contract between themselves in a generous act of Faith, Hope, and Love. The blessing of a Marriage wrestles the love of husband and wife away from the machinations of the devil and makes it a Holy-of-Holies: a temple of Love, human and Divine.

I encourage you to be witnesses to the great message of the beauty of a Sacrament of Matrimony. People need to see beautiful marriages, faithful marriages, sacrificial marriages. People need to feel the same sudden surprise I felt when my hand first blessed an object: it is filled with grace. The Sacrament of Matrimony too, is filled with grace, and itself becomes a source of blessing showering the family and the world with God's love.

- 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.

A BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER FOR A LONG TIME PARISHIONER

Help us show our love for a previous long-time parishioner, JoAnn Telford on her 85th birthday on Feb. 4th. Mail your greetings to 2125 Beltline Newton, KS 67114



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

2/1: Bunko | 2/8: Trivia Night

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

PARISH SUPPORT

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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Parish Mission

Surge of the Heart

TWO EVENINGS | ONE MISSION | TOTALLY CATHOLIC

FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH, 6:30 PM

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

What's Happening Cont.

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

34th BASKETBALL CLASSIC for VOCATIONS between The Padres (Priests of the Diocese) and Knights of Columbus Council #4118 is scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2023 at the Bishop Carroll High School Activity Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tip-off at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Suggested Donation Adults \$5.00, Kids \$3.00, Family Pass \$15.00. PROCEEDS SUPPORT RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS!

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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!



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 year with a pledge of continued contribution to the campaign. We are beyond excited to see the fruits of your generosity through the continued updates to our beloved church and school, this year.

God Bless You and Your Dedicated Support!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Year to date Contributions	\$2,735,848
Year to date Ordinary Income	\$225,004
Year to date Extraordinary Income	\$19,866
Total Receipts - Year to date	\$2,980,718
Total Budget - Year to Date	\$3,480,000

SFA Building (Rebuild My Church) Fund

YTD Contributions	\$1,041,051
YTD Budgeted Funds	\$900,000

As you can see from the financial report, we were blessed by the receipts to date for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2022. However, you can also see that our current budgeted receipts are at a shortfall in ordinary giving of \$500,000. This happens when we do not meet our 2022 pledge amount or tithe at 8%. Please be generous to make up any shortfall on your pledge or tithing percentage. *Thank you!*

Our School



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR 2023-2024!

BECOME A VIKING! Prospective new families can now 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. Call the school office for all other application questions at 316.722.5171.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! JAN. 30 - FEB 3

Saint Francis of Assisi will celebrate our Catholic School identity all week with Masses, an incredible youth worship event, dedicated social content, and lots of other activities for the students, teachers, and parents to get involved in. Stay tuned for details!

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

MAKING SENSE OF THE SENSES OF SCRIPTURE FEBRUARY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH; 7PM - 8:30PM

This three-part series on the senses of scripture will guide you through methods of biblical interpretation. Dr. Umbarger will lead informative lectures and provide guided time to put your new-found skills to practice. You will come away with both more confidence in interpreting scripture and a deeper appreciation for the divine inspiration of God's Word. \$30 per person.

Visit www.slcwichita.org for more details

NIGHT OF ROMANCE | FEBRUARY 11TH, 2023

Join in on a great evening of fun, food, wine and music. . The evening will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Peter Schulte Catholic Church. Those attending are invited to a vigil Mass at the parish at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register online: <https://2023nightofromance.eventbrite.com>

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.slcwichita.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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** School, 1/29 - 2/4
- 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, JANUARY 30

- 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 31

- 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.
- SFA DAY OF GIVING** Virtual Campaign, starts 11:00 a.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 1

- 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.
- 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 2

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** Bonaventure, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

ELIJAH CUP | FEB. 4-5 LARRY DOSTERT 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 4

- 5:00 p.m. David & Gail Becker
- 7:00 p.m. Gina Gutierrez

Sunday, February 5

- 8:30 a.m. Jenna & Kyle Loomis
- 10:00 a.m. Jacob & Rachel Leland
- 11:30 a.m. Linda Keiser
- 1:00 p.m. Molly Voth & Brent Baker



Mass Intentions | Jan. 30 - Feb 5, 2023

Monday, 30	8:00 a.m.	† Rebecca Beebe
	5:30 p.m.	† Taylor Chrisman
Tuesday, 31	8:00 a.m.	Becky Special Intention
	5:30 p.m.	Kathy Richards Special Intention
Wednesday, 1	8:00 a.m.	† Dorita Guymon
	5:30 p.m.	† Ray Overlie
Thursday, 2	8:00 a.m.	† Marilyn Dugan
	5:30 p.m.	Mike Goebel Special Intention
Friday, 3	8:00 a.m.	† Leonard Borland
	5:30 p.m.	† Don Brugman
Saturday, 4	8:00 a.m.	Suzanne Meeker & Family Spec. Int.
	5:00 p.m.	Mary & Mark Wilcox
	7:00 p.m.	† Marcelo Gonzalez
Sunday, 5	7:00 a.m.	For the People
	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Ketterer Family Spec. Int.
	10:00 a.m.	† Margaret Murillo
	11:30 a.m.	† Addison Jack Dugan
	1:00 p.m.	† Joseph Lac Ho

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, January 30, 8:00 a.m.

- Lector** SFA Students
- Altar Servers** C. Brand / I. Dalbom / M. Seiler / W. Simon

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

- Lector** Julie Schoenberger

Tuesday, January 31, 8:00 a.m.

- Lector** SFA Students
- Altar Servers** T. Farley / I. Duke / J. Steinert/ O. Toups

Tuesday, January 31, 5:30 p.m.

- Lector** Daniel Schoenberger

Wednesday, February 1, 8:00 a.m.

- Lector** Dave Carter
- Altar Servers** I. Gorges / I. Dalbom / A. Veith / B. Woydziak

Wednesday, February 1, 5:30 p.m.

- Lector** Maria Douglas

Thursday, February 2, 8:00 a.m.

- Lector** SFA Students
- Altar Servers** C. Lang / M. Frank / E. Brown / A. Burt

Thursday, February 2, 5:30 p.m.

- Lector** Patty Bluml

Friday, February 3, 8:00 a.m.

- Lector** SFA Students
- Altar Servers** E. Megee / B. Lubbers / K. Carpenter / E. Chandler

Friday, February 3, 5:30 p.m.

- Lector** Renee Means

Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, February 4 | 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Beth Caruthers
Master Server: Ronan Berry
Servers: D. Berry / C. Lies / S. Pirtle
EMHCs: Ta. & Te. Gray / J. Yager

Saturday, February 4 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Mike Buchanan
Master Server: John Rongish
Servers: B. Prichard / C. Schawe / N. Schawe
EMHCs: L. Cless / S. Cless / A. Schuckman

Sunday, February 5 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: Jennifer Bauer
Master Server: Christopher Seiler
Servers: C. Brand / S. Domebo / S. Weber
EMHCs: J. Bauer / S. Bennett / J. Ward

Sunday, February 5 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Helen Cole
Master Server: Luke Burns
Servers: S. Barnes / A. Burt / M. Burt
EMHCs: E. Meether / S. Meether / S. Baalman

Sunday, February 5 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Kian Farley
Master Server: Zane Rosales
Servers: P. Bluml / C. Graham / K. Graham
EMHCs: J. Burns / P. Burns / A. Rohleder

Sunday, February 5 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Annette Paronto
Master Server: Graham Petersen
Servers: M. Petersen / B. Mitchell / C. Petersen
EMHCs: L. Depperschmidt / J. Morgan / D. Trujillo

Sunday, February 5 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Sondra Garvey
Master Server: Austin Tran
Servers: L. Tran / K. Hays / L. Lubbers
EMHCs: L. Mainzer / J. Phelps / R. Phelps

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 4

5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Sacred Ensemble
7:00 p.m. Carole Pracht / Talia Powers

Sunday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Teresa Spencer / Kennedi McClure
10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers / Cheryl Scott
11:30 a.m. Elias Iseman / Emily Danler
1:00 p.m. Julie Reidlinger / Clare Morgan

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.