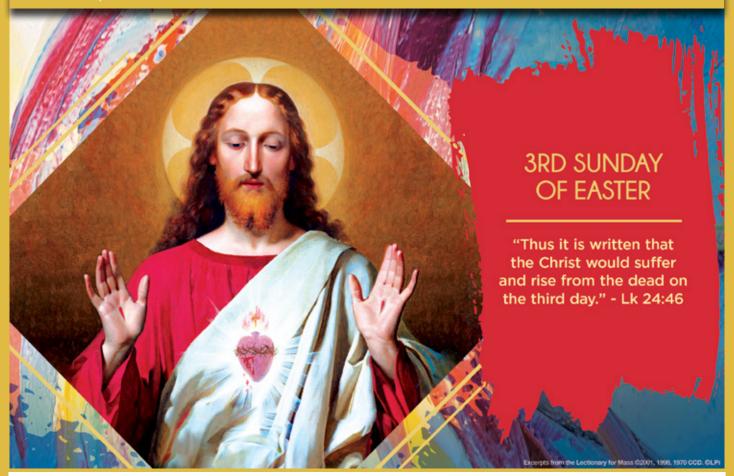


**APRIL 14, 2024** 

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER** 



#### **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

Morning Prayer: Mon. - Sat. at 7:40 a.m. Evening Prayer: Mon.-Fri. at 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**

#### PART II

#### AN IDEAL PARISH IS CHRISTOLOGICAL

This is Part 2 of a 15-part series called "The Vision of an Ideal Parish" based on an article by Dr. Peter Williamson in 2016.

This series is intended to return us to our original Faith Forward Vision.

I like dipping bread in oil. It's yummy! Especially if the bread is fresh and the oil has some seasoning in it. So, it struck me the other day: our parish should be like bread dipped in oil. Sure, I know that sounds kind of weird, but let me explain.

Bread is made with wheat and water. Wheat itself goes through the process of maturing, dying, falling, and sprouting. The farmer harvests the grains of wheat and takes it to the miller. The miller grinds the wheat into flour. The flour is then mixed with water to make dough. The dough is placed in the oven and the bread (yes, unleavened) is baked. Oil, too, like bread, is made from individual olives. The olives are gathered and pressed to produce the oil. In both cases it takes hundreds and thousands of individual pieces to produce one piece of bread or ounce of oil.

So it is with our parish. You see our parish is made up of 7,500 souls. Each of us are like the grains of wheat. We ourselves must go through a process of maturing, dying to self, and rising to new life. Each of us, as we experience the pressures and anxieties of daily life, are



"ground" into refined people. Then, passing through the waters of baptism, we are united to one another as the one Body of Christ, the Church. Then we were confirmed by oil literally being placed on our foreheads. Our confirmation has anointed us all in the Holy Spirit. Thus, we are one body in Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. In other words, we are like bread dipped in oil. *Ta-da!* 

Okay, so this was just a long way for me to make a simple point: an ideal parish is Christological.

Bread and oil are images of the body of Christ. Jesus himself is the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies so that it can bear much fruit (John 12:24). Like the life cycle of wheat, Jesus himself became man, lived as one of us, suffered on our behalf, died, was buried and rose. We, his disciples, imitate both his life and his suffering. Just as wheat goes through violence to become flour for bread, we too, as his disciples, share in his sufferings which unite us as one body.

Still more, Jesus was also anointed by the Holy Spirit. After he was baptized in the Jordan the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. In fact, Jesus' entire ministry was a collaboration with the Holy Spirit (CCC 485).

So what does it mean for our parish to be Christological? It means that each of us must imitate Jesus Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. Then, washed in the waters of baptism and united in through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are formed into one body: our parish ... like bread dipped in oil.

- Fr. Jarrod Lies, Pastor

# **STEWARDSHIP** IN ACTION

# **TIME & TALENT**

#### **ADORER NEEDED**

Help us keep our perpetual adoration flourishing! Below are the current adoration hours we are needing a parishioner to attend.

To sign up, email Jenny Morgan at mollyshome2@protonmail.com.

Thank you!

Sundays ... 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday..... 5-6 p.m.



# PARISH WORK DAY | APRIL 20, 8:30 A.M.

Help us paint our exterior concrete! If you have your own painting equipment such as paint brushes/rollers please bring them with you.

Contact Stu Meether to sign up! smeether@stfranciswichita.com 316-722-4404



# Cultivating a Community Within Our Parish!

Grab & Go Breakfast Next Cafe Weekend: April 20–21

SCAN THE QR CODES & SIGN UP TO HELP! >>



#### **DONATE REFRESHMENTS**



OR Contact Julie Morgan at 316-210-6992 or SFACC.SUG@gmail.com

#### **VOLUNTEER AT OUR SCHOOL!**

It takes a village to operate a school of over 590 students and we could use your help! Our school has many stewardship opportunities, such as EDP monitors (after-school program), lunchroom helpers, classroom stewards, resource room workers, and more!

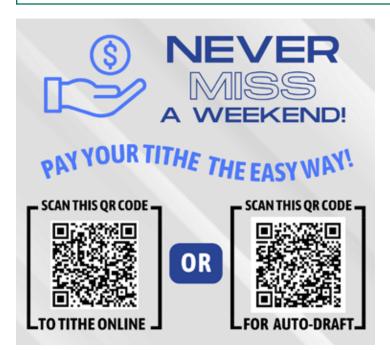
To learn more please contact our school office at etoups@stfranciswichita.com or call 316-722-5171.

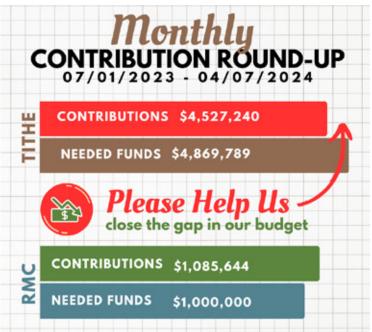
### **TREASURE**

#### A MESSAGE FROM OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Tithing shows you trust God to take care of you. Your faith in God is shown when you make your tithe a priority and not what is left after all the other bills have been made. Be amazed at the goodness that comes from answering Gods call to generosity!

"Bring the tithes in full to the treasury...and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you and pour out an abundant blessing for you." Malachi 3:10





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH

#### **KOC LIFE SAVER SUNDAY** | APRIL 21

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Life Saver Sunday, a benefit for A Better Choice, on April 21st. They will be collecting donations and handing out candy after Mass. A.B.C. is a Catholic pregnancy resource center that offers free services for all mothers and non-judgmental, life-affirming support for women considering abortion.

To learn more, please visit PregnancyWichita.com.







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NEW PARISHIONER EVENT SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM ST. BONAVENTURE HALL

Our New Parishioner Welcoming Committee and Community Cafe invite all new parishioners to attend a campus tour where they will show you the grounds and answer any questions. Enjoy fellowship with other new members and become informed about your new spiritual home. We are excited that you are here!



# **VIKING NEWS**



# A SCHOOL like no other!









#### **NOW HIRING! FULL-TIME SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

Now hiring a Student Support Services/Guidance Counselor for the 2024-2025 school year.

Requirements: Master's degree and a KS teaching license endorsed for secondary school counseling.

Duties and Roles: Child Study Team member, Monthly Classroom Visits, Personal Counseling,

Student Advocacy, Coordinate testing program, Communication, additional tasks, as needed.

SCAN THE OR CODE or visit www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers for full info!



# **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

#### MIDWEST WINEFEST SUPPORTS THE WORKING POOR

#### Thursday, April 25th and Saturday, April 27th

Midwest Winefest is back in 2024 with the Old Town Walkabout on Thursday, April 25th and the Reserve Room on Saturday, April 27th. Proceeds benefit the Guadalupe Health Foundation whose primary beneficiary is the uninsured patients of Guadalupe Clinic. The Clinic has provided compassionate health care to people without health insurance in our community for almost 40 years.

Purchase tickets at www.MidwestWinefest.org

# SEEKING SIDEWALK ADVOCATE FOR LIFE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking a part-time individual to serve as an Advocate for Life Program Coordinator for the Office of Respect Life and Social Justice. You will be responsible for the oversight of recruiting, scheduling, training, mentoring and supporting sidewalk advocates and prayer partners. Accompany and provide ongoing training for advocates as they encounter individuals present at abortion facilities and offer a loving, life-affirming alternative. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For info visit https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/

#### THE ROSARY: PROMISES AND GRACES

Tuesday, April 30, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Spiritual Life Center Join us for a wonderful presentation on the power of the Rosary. During this 10 to 2, Fr. Edmond Kline will discuss the promises, fruits, and graces of praying the Rosary. Participants will hear about the true stories of the Rosary and learn about how it can be effective in their lives! \$25; lunch is included. Visit www.slcwichita.org or call 316-744-0167.

#### IRISH CATHOLIC SOCIAL HOUR

#### Saturday, April 20th at 11:30 to 1:30 pm

ARE YOU IRISH—-CATHOLIC—MALE? You are invited as our guests to our social hour at Emerson Biggin's Sports Grill—2330 N. Maize Rd, Wichita, KS. Learn about a new division of Hibernians opening in Sedgwick County, KS.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is the largest Irish, Catholic, and American Fraternal Organization in America. Join a group of men who are interested in their Irish history, culture, and their Catholic faith.

RSVP to Denny Dennihan: djdennihan@gmail.com



Join one of our ministries and give action to your stewardship.

Contact Stu Meether in our parish office at 316-722-4404 or smeether@stfranciswichita.com for information regarding parish ministries.

#### MINISTRY & GROUP HIGHLIGHTS



Please join the SFA Book Club for for great discussions, fellowship, and lunch!

3rd Monday/month | 10:30 a.m. | St. Bonaventure April: This House Of Brede by Rumer Godden

Contact the Parish Office for Suzanne Simpson's contact information to sign-up.



Our committee has a new dedicated mission to greet and welcome new parishioners to SFA as well as invite all parishioners to fully participate in the Stewardship Way of Life through our ministries.

Please consider joining us every 3rd Wednesday of the month in Stewardship Hall! Our next meeting will be April 17 at 7 p.m. Contact Lori Hamel at dlhamel@cox.net or 316-208-4703 with questions.

# HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Join us in outreach to our homebound parishioners! Sign-up to write letters or send cards to a few parishioners and help them feel connected to our community!

Contact Monica Peter to volunteer! 316-619-9579 or pete72383@aol.com

#### MINISTRY & GROUP EVENTS

Mentions for monthly events, new details, events open to the public and/or new ministries.

ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB LUNCHEON Monday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. Saint Bonaventure Hall

MARY'S MOMS Monday, April 15 from 9 - 11 a.m. Clare Hall Nursery

THE LORD'S DINER VOLUNTEERS Monday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. The Lord's Diner

KOC MEMBERSHIP MEETING Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Cana Hall

WILDFIRE Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. Saint Agnes Room

UNBOUND Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Saint Joseph Room

HARVEST HOUSE Thursday, April 18 at12:00 p.m. Saint Bonaventure Hall

> CALLED & GIFTED Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Cana Hall



April 21 at 3:00 pm in Clare Hall.

All members, both regular and auxiliary, are welcome to attend!

#### THE MESSINESS OF DIVORCE

In all my years of ministry, teaching junior high, high school, college, and adult formation, it has been my experience that the Catholic teaching on divorce is one of the most misunderstood teachings. Both in the practical teaching of the subject and the pastoral care, divorce quite simply, is messy.

First and foremost, the Catholic Church holds marriage in high regard, viewing it as a sacred covenant between a man and a woman, which mirrors the union between Christ and His Church (cf. Ep 5:32). This covenant is indissoluble, meaning that once validly entered, a marriage cannot be broken by any human authority or for any reason other than death.

"The Lord Jesus insisted on the original intention of the Creator who willed that marriage be indissoluble" (CCC 2382).

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This emphasizes that marriage, from a Catholic perspective, is not merely a legal contract but a spiritual unbreakable bond.

However, the Church knows that we are in a fallen world, there are situations where separation may become unavoidable. There are conditions under which the separation of spouses while remaining married is considered acceptable, such as cases of adultery or abuse (cf. CCC 2383, 2384). It is crucial to understand that while physical separation may be allowed, the marriage bond remains valid unless an annulment is granted, indicating that the marriage was void from the beginning due to specific circumstances.

Annulment is a declaration by the Church that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union (cf. CCC 2386). Unlike divorce, which falsely claims to dissolve a marriage, an annulment is a recognition that a valid marriage was never actually consummated.

The Catholic Church's teaching on divorce seeks to uphold the sanctity of the marriage covenant, emphasizing reconciliation and healing within the Sacrament of Marriage whenever possible. While acknowledging the complexities and challenges that couples may face, the Church encourages spouses to work towards forgiveness and unity, reflecting the forgiving love of Christ.

When this does not happen the annulment process can be requested, and a civil divorce can occur. A civil divorce resolves many of the practical issues of separation, such as asset ownership, financial responsibilities, and child custody.

Without an annulment for a previous marriage an individual would not be allowed to enter into a marriage. This is a heavy burden for many, which brings us to the second area of messiness - the pastoral care of the divorced.

I come from a broken home. The chances that you have been affected personally by a divorce are extremely high. If divorce has not touched your parents, your own, your spouse's parents, siblings or your children's marriages then you should count yourself among rarefied air in today's culture.

Divorce among Catholic couples is statistically about as common as it is in the general population. And yet I have found that at Catholic parishes across the country our churches would score very low in outreach and ministry to those in this state of life.

Going through a divorce is usually one of the lowest points of a person's life. The emotions can vary greatly but many can experience a sense of failure, depression, extreme anxiety, financial hardships, overwhelming concern for the children, lost friendships, crisis of faith, and fear of being judged.

This is why, we as the People of God, must do a better job of walking with those going through this very difficult time. Reaching into the messiness we must make available our time, talent and treasure to let them know that they are not alone. They are loved and have a family that loves them.

Just has marriage or baptism can be moment for individuals to encounter the Church, so to, amazingly enough, separation and divorce can be a moment to encounter the Church. Jesus came to heal the broken. Jesus does not run from our messiness. The messiness of our lives is precisely where the Lord desires to meet us, love us, forgive us, heal us, and make us new again and again.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### **Weekday Liturgical Stewards**

Monday, April 15, 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Students

**Altar Servers** E. Megee / Rylee Berry / S. Landon / G. Enders

Monday, April 15, 5:30 p.m.

**Lector** Renee Means

Tuesday, April 16, 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Students

Altar Server S. Pirtle / E. Whiteley / A. Pham / B. Guinn

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 p.m.

**Lector** Patty Bluml

Wednesday, April 17, 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Heather Gregg

Altar Server D. Schuster / J. Schawe / C. Woydziak / M. Morgan

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m.

**Lector** Diana Smith

Thursday, April 18, 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Students

Altar Server C. Steindler / H. Faber / C. Steindler / Han Le

Thursday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

**Lector** Marcia McAnarney

Friday, April 19, 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Students

Altar Servers S. Weber / V. Richards / E. Arnold / A. Mijares

Friday, April 19, 5:30 p.m.

**Lector** Nancy Kelley

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Mary Treinen

#### **ELIJAH CUP**

April 20-21: Sally Stump Lubbers Family

Please check in with the priest before Mass.

To sign up, call Nan at 721–3727



#### OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Aaron Leiker

7:00 p.m. Adam & Meghann Zarchan

#### Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Michael & Emily Knee

10:00 a.m. Steven & Milissa Graham

11:30 a.m. Clinton & Jamie Kissling

1:00 p.m. Nick & Mary Nguyen

#### **Weekend Liturgical Stewards**

Saturday, April 20 | 5:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Chase Kenton **Commentator:** Robert Renteria

Master Server: Luken Becker

Servers: M. Zimbelman / S. Horvat / C. Lies EMHCs: G. Kelley / N. Kelley / K. Renteria

#### Saturday, April 20 | 7:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Suzanne Buchanan **Commentator:** Maria Douglas

Master Server: Cooper Steindler

**Servers:** M. McClure / C. Schawe / N. Schawe **EMHCs:** A. Brugman / A. Harter / B. Pracht

#### Sunday, April 21 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: John Hermann Commentator: Jennifer Bauer

Master Server: SERVER NEEDED

**Servers:** L. Wasinger / E. Saville / M. Musa

EMHCs: J. Bahr / P. Meyer / S. Seiler

### Sunday, April 21 | 8:30 a.m.

**Lector:** Joan Hampton **Commentator:** Dani Seckfort

Master Server: Tyler Young

**Servers:** C. Young / A. Burt / M. Burt

**EMHCs:** G. Morgan / J. Morgan / S. Hudspeth

#### Sunday, April 21 | 10:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Jenny Stephenson **Commentator:** Catherine Bitting

Master Server: Parker Bluml

Servers: H. Le / A. Raine / M. Stephenson

EMHCs: L. Feldkamp / R. Feldkamp / L. Chandler

#### Sunday, April 21 | 11:30 a.m.

**Lector:** Joe Wescott **Commentator:** Marcia McAnarney

Master Server: DJ Hauge

**Servers:** T. Nola / A. Baker / K. Reynaga **EMHCs:** S. Cerre / Z. Cerre / J. Morgan

#### Sunday, April 21 | 1:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Kyril Wolfe **Commentator:** Mary Treinen

Master Server: Austin Tran

**Servers:** H. Borrego / L. Kelly / J. Petersen **EMHCs:** L. Faber / K. Henke / S. Logsdon

#### **Music Schedule**



#### Saturday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Julie Reidlinger / Sacred Emsemble

7:00 p.m. Carole Pracht / Piper Pirtle

#### Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Teresa Spencer / Seth Oakleaf 10:00 a.m. Matt Ho / Men's Ensemble

11:30 a.m. Matt Ho / Emily Danler

1:00 p.m. Elias Iseman / Sam Goebel

#### THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

ROSARY GROUP Church, 5:00 p.m.
YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 7:00 p.m.
SACRED ENSEMBLE CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 8:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 15

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m.
MARY'S MOMS Clare Hall Nursery, 9:00 a.m.
LEGION OF MARY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m.
SFA BOOK CLUB St.Bonaventure, 10:30 a.m.
LORD'S DINER VOLUNTEERING Lord's Diner, 5:30 p.m.
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Church, 6:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m.
ROSARY GROUP St. Joseph's, 1:00 p.m.
KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING Cana Hall, 6:30 p.m.
WILDFIRE St. Agnes, 7:00 p.m.
IMMAC. HEART OF MARY ROSARY GP. Church, 7:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP St. Joseph, 6:30 a.m. UNBOUND St. Joseph, 6:30 p.m. BIBLE STUDY Bonaventure Hall, 6:30 p.m. PSR Cana Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TRAD. MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 7:00 p.m WELCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING Stewardship Hall, 7:00 p.m MEN'S ENSEMBLE PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 8:00 p.m CYM Meet in Holy Hallway, 8:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

MORNING ROSARY GROUP St. Agnes, 10:00 a.m. HARVEST HOUSE LUNCHEON St. Bonaventure, 12:00 p.m. PRESCHOOL LITERACY NIGHT Stewardhip Hall, 5:30 p.m. LITTLE FLOWERS Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. CALLED & GIFTED Cana Hall, 7:00 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

PARISH WORK DAY Church vestibule, 8:30 a.m.
PARISH GAME NIGHT Stewardship Hall, 6-11 p.m.





Monday, 15	8:00 a.m.	† Fred & Teresa Kuestersteffen			
<b>,</b>	5:30 p.m.	Garrett Seiler Special Intention			
Tuesday, 16	8:00 a.m.	† Duane Bergkamp			
	5:30 p.m.	† Sonja Reida			
Wednesday, 17	8:00 a.m.	† Victor Rohling			
	5:30 p.m.	Doug Kempkes special intention			
Thursday, 18	8:00 a.m.	† Cynthia Dunmire			
	5:30 p.m.	† Alfred Walters			
Friday, 19	8:00 a.m.	† Barry Bird			
	5:30 p.m.	† Fulgence Jude Schroeder			
Saturday, 20	8:00 a.m.	† Theresa John			
	5:00 p.m.	William McKinney Spec. Int.			
	7:00 p.m.	Elaine Reichenberger spec. int.			
Sunday, 21	7:00 a.m.	† Ralph Landwehr			
	8:30 a.m.	† Rita Rausch			
	10:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish			
	11:30 a.m.	† Jean Quilty			
	1:00 p.m.	† Christopher Bui			

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# **Prayer**

God, give me the words I need. I want everyone I know to follow you.

#### Mission for the Week

Send a letter to the missionaries your church supports. Ask them how your family can help them spread God's love with other people.

# **Sharing the Gospel**

When Jesus came to his friends after Easter, they could hardly believe he was real. Jesus told his friends it was okay to touch him. Jesus had bones. He had muscles. He had scars from the cross. Jesus even ate a piece of fish to show that his stomach worked okay. Yes, they had all seen Jesus die, but God raised him to life. Moses and King David and the prophets had all written about the Savior. The Scriptures all came true through Jesus. He really is alive. If you believe in Jesus, don't keep it a secret. Tell your friends that Jesus is their savior, too.

Now color the picture!



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