

APRIL 21, 2024

Good Shepherd Sunday

4TH 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. <u>Evening Prayer:</u> Mon.-Fri. at 6:00 p.m. <u>Divine Mercy Hour:</u> Sunday 3:00 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 III AN IDEAL PARISH IS COMMUNAL

This is Part 3 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.

It's kinda like four-year-old soccer.

I'm referring to our instinct for community. I'm sure most people have seen four-year-old soccer. It's cute. Tedious, but cute. All the kids know is that the game has something to do with a ball, a net, and an opposing team. Outside of that, it's pretty much a mosh-pit of little legs, distracted looks, random kicks, and the occasional pouting lip. But I'm not focused on all those things. The instinct that I am referring to is that when kids get together, they naturally congregate. Perhaps it's the feeling of strength in numbers, perhaps it's the comfort in closeness, perhaps it's the basic desire for connectedness. Whatever it may be, the human person is communal by nature; especially in four-year-old-soccer.

In the same way that a human person is communal by nature, so too, a parish is communal by nature. After all, this is what it means to be created in God's image (Gen 1:27). God Himself is a community of persons: Father,



Son, and Holy Spirit – Three in One. Recall that an ideal parish is Trinitarian: a community of persons. But today, in saying that an ideal parish is communal by nature, I am referring to the inner workings of a parish.

You see, Christianity has nothing to do with the rugged individualism typified by James Bond. (Side note: Bishop Olmsted once said it's ironic a man named 'Bond' could never keep a stable relationship. So true!) An ideal Catholic parish recognizes its fundamental identity is communal in three ways:

- First, it gathers as a whole in "celebration," as at Sunday Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the Easter Triduum, or Parish Gatherings.
- Second, it forms mid-sized "congregations" gathered by common interest or activity such as various stewardship groups like PSR, CYM, Catholic School, adoration, Tobit's ministry, etc.
- Third, it forms small groups or "cells" that tend to be focused on education, formation, or friendship. These can be Bible Study, adult study groups, OCIA, or simply the regular gathering of friends for cards or dinner. The most important "cell" is the family, also called the "domestic Church." This is the fundamental communal gathering of the Church upon which the whole community is founded; the healthier the family, so too, the healthier the parish.

So we are basically like a four-year-old soccer team: communal to the core. Whether in "celebration," "congregation," or "cells" God has made the human person social. Just as the bible described the early Church as "devoted to the communal life" (Acts 2:42), so too the modern parish is intrinsically communal like the Trinity. But please—no pulling hair or kicking shins!

- 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.





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.

THE LORD'S DINER NEEDS YOU!

Join St. Francis groups to volunteer at The Lord's Diner in downtown Wichita. If you would like to know more or sign-up to volunteer, please contact Jackie Burns at pjldg1@gmail.com or 316-655-0865.

TREASURE

A MESSAGE FROM OPERATIONS COUNCIL

St. Francis is a community, a family. We are not a business. A community takes care of each other. What do you do outside of attending Mass every Sunday? Those who choose to bury their talents, tithe, or time rely on others to provide a service for them when we are all called by God to be a servant for others. Our parish does not run without everyone's involvement. Place your trust in God and become an active steward of all the gifts God has bestowed on you.

1 Peter 4:10 says: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH











VIKING NEWS



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

FREE INNER HEALING TALK + PRAYER MINISTRY

May 3rd at 7:00pm Pastoral Center of St. Anne Catholic Church
The Encounter School of Ministry of Wichita invites you to
join us for our upcoming Transformation Night, where the
goal is the renewal of our minds and hearts through praise,
teaching, and prayer ministry (optional)! Deacon Keith Strohm
recently presented at our diocesan clergy conference, and
we are excited to have him teach about Inner Healing and the
Transformation in Jesus that is possible.

Visit encounterschool.org/wichita for more information.

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 event, 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 how it can be effective in their lives! \$25; lunch is included. Visit www.slcwichita.org or call 316-744-0167.

THEOLOGY ON TAP WITH JASON EVERT

Friday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

SALT + LIGHT, Wichita Catholic Young Adults, hosts Theology On Tap with Jason Evert discussing gender and the theology of the body. Jason is a bestselling author of more than fifteen books, and has brought the message of chastity to more than two million people on six continents.

Visit www.wichitacya.com or scan the QR code for tickets.



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



"To recognize Christ, to love one another, to share life, 'in the breaking of the bread'."

THE LORD'S DINER

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

3rd Monday/month | 10:30 a.m. | St. Agnes May: With God In Russia by Father Walter Ciszek

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



JOIN OUR NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE!

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 May 15 at 7 p.m. Contact Lori Hamel at dlhamel@cox.net or 316-208-4703 with questions.

MINISTRY & GROUP EVENTS

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

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME EVENT Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 a.m. Saint Bonaventure Hall

LEGION OF MARY CURIA MEETING Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. Clare Hall

MARY'S MOMS Monday, April 22 from 9 - 11 a.m. Clare Hall Nursery

CYM (CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY)
Wednesday, April 24 at 8 p.m.
St. Ambrose Room (Meet in "Holy Hallway")

GOLDEN YEARS FELLOWSHIP Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. Saint Bonaventure Hall

CAREGIVER SUPPORT Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Saint Joseph



WANT YOUR EVENT/MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BULLETIN?

Contact our Communications Director,
Jessie Nielsen with your request.
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THE LOSS OF THE DIGNITY OF SEX

Sex is difficult to speak about, and that makes sense. Not because sex is something to be ashamed of but because sex has lost its dignity. A loss of dignity occurs when something with inherent value is perceived as having little or no value and is treated as such. This is what has happened to sex in our culture.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2362, quotes Gaudium et Spes, the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World. In it, there is a statement within the section on Fostering the Nobility of Marriage:

"the acts in marriage by which the intimate and chaste union of the spouses takes place are noble and honorable; the truly human performance of these acts fosters the self-giving they signify and enriches the spouses in joy and gratitude."

Let us look at some key phrases within this paragraph and see where our culture has strayed so that we may restore, to the extent we can, the dignity inherent in marital sex.

The Intimate and Chaste Union

Sex is no longer intimate but is public and displayed. The line between art, expression, and pornography has become so blurred that it seems to have been eliminated, leaving only a spectrum from sexual innuendo to graphic content. Media and marketing moguls have exploited our concupiscence to sell products, tempting us against our Christian morality. And with this assault against modesty, the ability to be chaste becomes increasingly distant. The model is thusly degraded from the sanctity found in marriage to the perversion found on the cover of a magazine.

Of the Spouses

The dignity of sex has been further damaged by the "sexual revolution," hook-up culture, and open relationships. The concept of sex reserved for marital monogamy is nearly gone. Further, what constitutes marriage has been dissolved into a meaningless legal formality in our culture. Marriage has been reduced to "common law," and live-in partners are increasingly the norm. This is not to mention the "marriages" between same-sex couples, confusing the nature of marriage to a far more grave degree.

Self-Giving

Sex is meant to be a mutual giving of one's self. Instead, our culture has made sex about how much one can get or take. When sex becomes about taking instead of giving, it turns the spouse into nothing other than an object of gratification. Objectification is necessarily contrary to love, which is to will the good of the other. Furthermore, the proliferation of pornography and the promotion of masturbation by modern psychology and the porn industry has eliminated the spouse altogether and reduced sex to an isolated and withdrawn act of temporary satisfaction instead of the pure gift of total self to the spouse as intended.



Enriches the Spouses in Joy and Gratitude

Lastly, sex within the context of marital fidelity should build an appreciation for the other. Intimately sharing oneself is meant for none other than one's spouse uniquely joining them as "one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Unfortunately, our society has worked to build contempt between spouses and separate this union, convincing married couples that their spouse is the obstacle to their joy and not the source. This can be seen in advertisements like the scandalous "life is short, have an affair" campaign run by a prominent online dating app.

So what can be done about this? As Christians, we are called to be the "light of the world" and to "let our light shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven" (Matt 5:14-16). This means we must cleave to our Christian morality and share it with others, particularly our family and, most importantly, our spouses. In this way, we may reclaim the dignity of sex and be the counterpoint to the destructive image of sex that the world has created.

Chris Stewart
Theologians Guild

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

Monday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers J. Zarchan / Ella Cox / H. Plank / Emily Kilian

Monday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Justin Comeau

Tuesday, April 23, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Server D. Berry / M. Lezniak / E. Rumback / R. Provines

Tuesday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Julia Schauf

Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Dave Carter

Altar Server P. Bluml / K. Betzen / D. Lies / H. McAninch

Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Eric McCabe

Thursday, April 25, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Server I. Dalbom / L. Hay/ O. Gil / B. Estrada

Thursday, April 25 5:30 p.m.

Lector Sue Willey

Friday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Students

Altar Servers I. Gorges / C. Zogleman / X. Rice / T. Kotrba, Jr.

Friday, April 26, 5:30 p.m.

Lector Thomas Baalmann

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.

Lector Justin Comeau

ELIJAH CUP

April 27-28 Michelle Taylor Family

Please check in with the priest before Mass.

To sign up, call Nan at 721–3727



OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. David & Dana Leivian 7:00 p.m. Sean & Sarah Erwin

Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Spencer & Sarah Landers

10:00 a.m. Adam & Renee Hein 11:30 a.m. Evan & Devona Lies

1:00 p.m. Randy & Judy Phelps

Weekend Liturgical Stewards

Saturday, April 27 | 5:00 p.m.

Commentator: Joe Molina **Lector:** Mason Fouguet

Master Server: Sam Pirtle

Servers: Piper Pirtle / Amelia Veith / Sophia Veith **EMHCs:** Jill & Roger Kerschen / Heather Gregg

Saturday, April 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Commentator: Juli McClure **Lector:** Fey Barles

Master Server: Bryer Nuessen

Servers: C. Steindler / S. Nuessen / M. Barles

EMHCs: M. Buchanan / S. Buchanan / B. Spaulding

Sunday, April 28 | 7:00 a.m.

Commentator: Don Betzen **Lector:** Patty Bluml

Master Server: Canon Brand

Servers: S. Weber / M. Musa / E. Saville **EMHCs:** G. Graf / S. Bennett / J. Bauer

Sunday, April 28 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Steve Hermann Commentator: Justin Schuster

Master Server: Deacon Schuster

Servers: E. McGill / P. Harrison / N. Pham **EMHCs:** D. Hamel / L. Hamel / R. Dix

Sunday, April 28 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Corey Scott **Commentator:** Mary Atkins

Master Server: Bode Lubbers

Servers: Q. Farley / E. Reetz / J. Toups **EMHCs:** K. Farley / S. Farley / B. Mies

Sunday, April 28 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Teagan Scherer **Commentator:** Devona Lies

Master Server: Caden Meier

Servers: T. Munk / W. McGreevy / B. Mitchell **EMHCs:** J. McAnarney / M. McAnarney / D. Trujillo

Sunday, April 28 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Sondra Garvey **Commentator:** Marilyn Holloway

Master Server: Branton Nauyen

Servers: K. Hays / L. Lubbers / L. Misasi

EMHCs: M. Nguyen / C. Wellbrock / L. Faber

Music Schedule

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. Melissa Seiler / Madelyn Seiler 7:00 p.m. Julie Reidlinger / Gabrielle Hinson

Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Julie Reidlinger / Talia Powers

10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers / Traditional Choir

11:30 a.m. Matt Ho / Young Adult Ensemble

1:00 p.m. Matt Ho / Jeff Rosales

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH



SUNDAY, APRIL 21

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LIFE SAVER SUNDAY After Mass
NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME St. Bonaventure, 8:00 a.m.
LEGION OF MARY CURIA MEETING Clare Hall, 3:00 p.m.
DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR Church, 3:00 p.m.

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 22

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. FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Church, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m.
ROSARY GROUP St. Joseph's, 1:00 p.m.
IMMAC. HEART OF MARY ROSARY GP. Church, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP St. Joseph, 6:30 a.m. OCIA St. Joseph, 5:45 a.m.
TRAD. MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 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 25

GOLDER YRS FELLOWSHIP St. Bonaventure, 10:00 A.m. MORNING ROSARY GROUP St. Agnes, 10:00 a.m. SEUSSICAL JR. School Gym, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP St. Joseph 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m. SEUSSICAL JR. School Gym, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

PARISH GAME NIGHT Stewardship Hall, 6-11 p.m.



Monday, 22	8:00 a.m.	† Judy Thimesch			
-	5:30 p.m.	† Adrian Martin			
Tuesday, 23	8:00 a.m.	Richard George & Family Spec. Int.			
	5:30 p.m.	† Martha Kerschen			
Wednesday, 24	8:00 a.m.	† Janet Johnson			
	5:30 p.m.	† Erma Lee Walters			
Thursday, 25	8:00 a.m.	Kim Kempkes Spec. Int.			
	5:30 p.m.	† Esther Warner			
Friday, 26	8:00 a.m.	† Louis Saville			
_	5:30 p.m.	† Marjorie Sanburn			
Saturday, 27	8:00 a.m.	† Kay Martin			
_	5:00 p.m.	Donald J. Trump Spec. Int.			
	7:00 p.m.	Ella Schroeder Spec. Int.			
Sunday, 28	7:00 a.m.	† Jeff Rumbley			
•	8:30 a.m.	Kathleen Timmermeyer Spec. Int.			
	10:00 a.m.	† Robert Higgins			
	11:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish			
	1:00 p.m.	Anthony Thang Nguyen			

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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!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

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