

"I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE VINE GROWER." —JN 15:1

5<sup>TH</sup> 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**

<u>Monday - Friday</u> 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. <u>Saturday</u> 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. <u>Sunday</u> 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

#### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

<u>Morning Prayer:</u> 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

### A MIRACULOUS HEALING IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

A parishioner recently emailed me the following experiences. Such experiences remind us of God's care for us and Mary's powerful intercession.

Dear Fr. Jarrod,

Early in February you requested names to be carried with you to Medjugorje so that you might lay those intentions at the feet of Mary and pray for them. I submitted my daughter and my brother for you to take.

My daughter was suffering from end stage liver failure (Budd Chiari syndrome). She was facing death without a liver transplant surgery or other miraculous healing. After your visit to Medjugorje, she went to an Organ Transplant Center to be evaluated as a potential candidate for a liver transplant. About mid-March the organ transplant team decided to place her name on the list of patients waiting for a liver transplant. This is usually a long wait; many patients wait a year or more for a liver, and some even die before a liver is found for them. Unbelievably my daughter was notified five days after being placed on the list than there was a liver available for her. Soon after the surgery was performed successfully, and she is now recuperating well and rapidly. I cannot adequately express the euphoria I feel about her healing.

My brother suffers from myasthenia gravis, which is an immunological disorder in which attacks the body's muscles and weakens them severely. Early 2024 he experienced a severe flareup of the disease. He collapsed on the floor of his home and could not get up. In the hospital he stopped breathing twice, but the doctors and nurses caught it and put him on a respirator. As it turned out there was a doctor at the hospital who specialized in myasthenia gravis patients, and he knew exactly what to do. My brother is now out of the hospital, undergoing physical therapy, and recovering well.

Additionally, there is a third instance of incredible healing in our family, but this, I believe, is from the Miraculous Medal. Last year my eldest son suffered a major heart attack. He suffered extreme chest pain and was taken to the hospital. Within 24 hours of his arriving at the hospital the surgeon performed successful triple bypass surgery on him. Our whole family was again praying to Mary and Jesus for healing. The incredible thing was that after his surgery, the surgeon said that, inexplicably and despite the severity of the attack, there was no permanent damage to his heart. He now is completely healed and functions normally. Another gift to us from Mary and Jesus.

For decades I have worn the blessed Miraculous Medal of Mary around my neck. Mary promised the following: "All who wear it will receive great graces; they should wear it around the neck. Graces will abound for persons who wear it with confidence." Within my prayers for healing, I humbly reminded Mary of her promise that graces would abound, and to please include the requested healing among those graces.

I and my whole family feel incredibly blessed for these healings which have been given to us. Thanksgiving to you, Mary, and Jesus for the healing of our loved ones.

> Peace, Father Jarrod Lies

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

## A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: PARISH WORK DAY

Well, we started with some coffee, donuts, and a prayer, then we handed out workorders for the painting areas and dispersed into groups. Our parishioners were gracious enough to bring a great deal of supplies and we augmented those supplies prepared here at the parish office.

17 separate areas that needed to be painted inside and out, over 80 volunteers aged from 5 to well ... let's just say significantly older, and 35 + gallons of paint applied in just over 2 hours.

Everyone of the volunteers did a fantastic job. True stewardship in action. Every spot identified was painted and painted well. We had some younger volunteers that seemed to really relish the idea of helping, supporting the parish alongside family and friends.

As I walked around the work area, I heard a lot of joking and a lot of fun being had - to the degree that several asked if there was a coffee pot that contained Baileys. There was not!. However that goes to show that when people come together for a common goal they often leave as friends.



We ended the morning with some pizza, more coffee, and a few cold waters. I could not have been prouder of being a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Thank you all for your gracious support – God Bless you all!

TREASURE

-Stu Meether, Dir. of Stewardship and Parish Life

## TIME & TALENT

### **ADORER NEEDED** NEVER 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. ORY YOUR TITHE THE EASY WAY Thank you! Sundays ... 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. SCAN THIS OR CODE -SCAN THIS OR CODE -It's Back! ST. FRANCIS<sup>or</sup>ASSISI OR DONATE TREATS **HELP SETUP/SERVE** OR ALITO, DRA Commu

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH



Men's: July 18 - 21

Women's: June 20 - 23

## **EXPERIENCE A LIFE-CHANGING WEEKEND!**

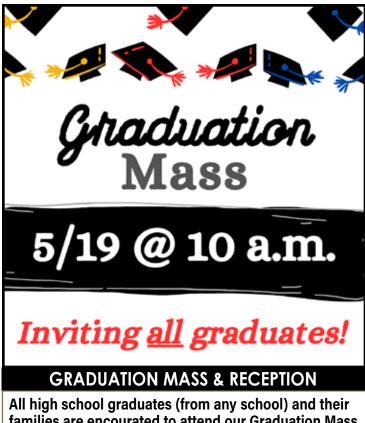
Encounter the Holy Spirit during our Summer ACTS retreat. These life-changing retreats center on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.

SCAN THE OR CODE >>> FOR INFO & TO REGISTER



OR visit our website home page at stfranciswichita.com under "What's Happening."

### QUESTIONS? E-MAIL ACTSSFA@GMAIL.COM



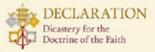
families are encourated to attend our Graduation Mass on May 19 at 10:00 a.m. wearing their cap and gowns. There will be a reception following Mass in our "Holy Hallway" with refreshments.



Registration Coming Soon!

# DIGNITAS INFINITA

on Human Dignity



July 7-11 | 6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.n

**ADULT EDUCATION BY FR. JARROD LIES** 

MAY 15, 7 P.M. - CHURCH | MAY 22, 7 P.M. - ST. BONAVENTURE Father Jarrod Lies is holding an adult education presentation explaning the newly released declaration, Dignitas Infinita by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Please come and learn about this publication and its significance, declaring the infinite dignity for every human person.





## **VIKING NEWS**



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

### Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 AM in front of Trust Women

The Respect Life and Social Justice Office invites you to participate in the First Saturday Rosary on May 4 in front of Trust Women abortion facility (5107 E. Kellogg Dr.). Join us in praying all 20 mysteries of the rosary with pro-life meditations to pray for an end to abortion, for healing of all who have been impacted by abortion, and for conversion of heart and mind of those working in the abortion industry.

### 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.



### 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, training, and supporting sidewalk advocates and prayer partners as they encounter individuals present at abortion facilities and offer a loving, life-affirming alternative.

Visit https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/

### THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY

Wednesday, May 15, 10:00am - 2:00pm Spiritual Life Center Have you ever thought, "how can the Church possibly get through this one?" Join us at the SLC from 10 to 2, where Fr. Matt Siegman will take us on a crash course into several crises in the history of the Catholic Church! Fr. Siegman will guide you on this historical inquiry to learn where we came from, how we got here, and get a little insight from the past on how to move forward. See the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our Church's history! \$25; lunch is included. www.slcwichita.org

## MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

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'."

<u>The Lord's diner</u>

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



### JOIN THE SERRA CLUB!

Mission Statement

Through prayer and activities, we strive to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Serrans are dedicated Catholics who pray for the increase and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We also sponsor activities benefitting

the education of seminarians and sisters, have a Seminarian Day at the lake, and host a 6th grade Vocations Rally at Newman University among many other activities.

Our club meets twice a month featuring a guest speaker and a catered dinner.

Meeting Location St. Joseph Parish Activities Center 132 S. Millwood Ave. in Wichita.

### **MINISTRY & GROUP EVENTS**

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

#### MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING Monday, April 29 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass Saint Agnes Room

Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Father Jarrod will visit and share his pilgrimage experience while in Medjugorje. Please bring a snack to share.

CYM (CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY) Wednesday, May 1 at 8 p.m. St. Ambrose Room (Meet in "Holy Hallway")

> CALLED & GIFTED Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. Cana Hall

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Saturday, May 4 at 8:00 a.m. St. Agnes Room

VIETNAMESE PRAYER GROUP Sunday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. Church

WANT YOUR EVENT/MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BULLETIN? Contact our Communications Director, Jessie Nielsen with your request. Jnielsen@stfranciswichita.com

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

The Theology of the Body is a series of teachings by St. John Paul II that explore human identity, the role of our bodies, and the purpose of our sexuality. Delivered from 1979 to 1984 over 129 papal audiences, these talks delve into biblical representations of the human body and marriage, offering a detailed theological framework that addresses questions about human dignity, sexuality, and relationships.

Theology of the Body is divided into two main parts: Scripture (with an emphasis on the words of Christ) and the sacrament of marriage itself. We can think of these two parts as resembling an open book with two halves, holistically aiming to give a comprehensive view of human sexuality and relationships from creation to the coming of the Kingdom.



The Theology of the Body begins with reflections on the state of humanity in the book of Genesis before the fall from grace. This part discusses how humans originally understood themselves and their unfettered relationships with God and each other, highlighting a natural state of being that includes an inherent call to connect with others, and the original harmony between man and God and between man and woman.

A key concept in these teachings is the 'nuptial meaning' of the body. St. John Paul II suggests that the human body is capable of expressing love that goes beyond the physical aspect, reflecting spiritual and sacramental meanings. The body is not just a biological entity; it is a key part of how we express and understand spiritual truths. This perspective challenges the common separation between body and soul, emphasizing, instead, their unity. The teachings then address the impact of original sin, which distorted human interactions with their bodies and sexuality. This sin introduced shame and discord, altering the pure and intended nature of human bodies. St. John Paul II then discusses Christ's redemption covering the entire human person, including our sexuality and physical selves. This redemption is seen as a return to the original dignity of the body, elevating it to fulfill God's plan.

An important part of the Theology of the Body is the view of marriage as a reflection of God's love and a fundamental way through which people can understand their call to come together. Marriage is more than a legal contract; it is a sacred commitment that mirrors the relationships found within the Trinity, having a likeness to the Divine Triune reality; a self-gift of Person's and the Divine exchange of love. The perfected love between spouses is meant to reflect Christ's selfless love for the Church.

St. John Paul II emphasizes the transformative power of love within marriage. In this view, marital love between spouses is not only shared but serves as their vocational path to holiness. This emphasizes that marital love extends beyond companionship and mutual support; it also significantly contributes to each spouse's spiritual growth and salvation. In marriage, each person has a responsibility to help the other reach Heaven, cooperating with the sacramental graces that the union provides to achieve this spiritual goal.

Today, where discussions about the nature of marriage, sexuality, and human dignity are common, Theology of the Body offers a counter cultural perspective that elevates these discussions to consider divine intentions. It shifts the focus from individual desires to mutual self-giving and respect. St. John Paul II's teachings urge a view of human sexuality that respects each person and recognizes the profound potential within human relationships. The Theology of the Body provides a comprehensive approach to understanding the human body and sexuality in light of faith. This framework helps individuals apply their faith in contemporary society, promoting a deeper respect for the body as a gift from God and what the aim of authentic marriage looks like.

> Jeremy Lezniak Theologians Guild

We encourage all who are married or seeking the vocation of marriage to read one of the following:

- Man and Woman He Created Them Pope John Paul II
- -Theology of the Body Explained Christopher West
- Theology of the Body for Beginners Christopher West
- Love & Responsibility Karol Wojtyla

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgical Stewards		
Monday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.		
	Juli McClure <b>C. Graham /</b> R. Dalbom / E. Reetz / L. Brouillette	
Monday, April 29, 5:30 p.m.		
Lector	Daniel Schoenberger	
Tuesday, April 30, 8:00 a.m.		
	Students <b>E. Megee /</b> L. Wiederien / E. Bird / E. Huerta	
Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 p.m.		
Lector	Maria Douglas	
Wednesday, May 1, 8:00 a.m.		
	Heather Gregg <b>S. Pirtle /</b> C. Brill / L. Grotts / S. Grotts	
Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.		
Lector	Erica Toups	
Thursday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.		
	Students <b>D. Schuster /</b> L. Kluge / D. Vu / J. Garcia	
	Thursday, May 2 5:30 p.m.	
Lector	Roger Kerschen	
	Friday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.	
	Students <b>C. Steindler /</b> T. Lang / C. Garcia / B. Mariner	
	Friday, May 3, 5:30 p.m.	
Lector	Agron Owen	
Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.		
Lector	Justin Comeau	

Mass Intentions   April 29 - May 05			
Monday, 29	8:00 a.m.	Jim & Ginny Sachs Spec. Int.	
	5:30 p.m.	† David Ferguson	
Tuesday, 30	8:00 a.m.	Eric George Special Intention	
	5:30 p.m.	Corwin & Clare Special Intention	
Wednesday, 01	8:00 a.m.	† Ed Neville	
	5:30 p.m.	† Mary & John Beat	
Thursday, 02	8:00 a.m.	† Alfred & Erma Lee Walters	
	5:30 p.m.	† Marsha Lezniak	
Friday, 03	8:00 a.m.	† Fr. Nicholas Ast, OSB	
	5:30 p.m.	† Tom Christiansen	
Saturday, 04	8:00 a.m.	† Yvonne Bosken	
	5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Bortnick Family	
	7:00 p.m.	† David Gorges	
Sunday, 05	7:00 a.m.	Greg Sanders Special Intention	
	8:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Schweiger Family	
	10:00 a.m.	† Margaret Jacobs	
	11:30 a.m.	Madison R. Special Intention	
	1:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Hoglund Family	

Weekend Liturgical Stewards			
Saturday, May 4   5:00 p.m.			
Lector: John GeierCommentator: Slade LaMunyonMaster Server:Caden ZimbelmanServers:S. Barnes / K. Leasher / A. AllenEMHCs:E. Voegeli / J. Yager / P. Freeman			
Saturday, May 4   7:00 p.m.			
Lector: Arlene Salazar Commentator: Suzanne Buchanan Master Server: John Rongish Servers: B. Prichard / V. Hinson / H. Nguyen EMHCs: D. Wendling / S. Hinson / SUB NEEDED			
Sunday, May 5   7:00 a.m.			
Lector: Colby Rose Commentator: Lisa Wyatt Master Server: Sebastian Weber Servers: W. Simon / M. Simon / L. Shideler EMHCs: J. Ward / M. Carter / J. Daniels			
Sunday, May 5  8:30 a.m.			
Lector: Mike GeorgeCommentator: Kristen BucklesMaster Server:Nathan TajchmanServers:H. Stuchlik / J. Buckles / N. BucklesEMHCs:J. Hampton / P. Harding / M. Rosenboom			
Sunday, May 5   10:00 a.m.			
Lector: Monica Hammer Commentator: Ryan Farley Master Server: Teagan Farley Servers: Q. Farley / M. Seiler / B. Seiler EMHCs: J. Burns / P. Burns / Vi Schuckman			
Sunday, May 5   11:30 a.m.			
Lector: Emily Riggs       Commentator: Ashley Wescott         Master Server:       Jacob Lezniak         Servers:       V. Allmond / C. Martinez / L. Riggs         EMHCs:       L. Dostert / M. Dostert / J. Morgan			
Sunday, May 5   1:00 p.m.			
<ul> <li>Lector: Jessica Buchanan Commentator: Leslianne Craft</li> <li>Master Server: Austin Tran</li> <li>Servers: H. Borrego / L. Kelly / J. Iseman</li> <li>EMHCs: J. Phelps / R. Phelps / K. Henke</li> </ul>			
Music Schedule			
Saturday, May 3 5:00 p.m. Julie Reidlinger / Dorsey Burgess 7:00 p.m. LeeAnn Gibbs / Katie Frangenberg Sunday, May 4 8:30 a.m. Teresa Spencer / Monica Simon			

- 10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers / Traditional Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Matt Ho / Seth Oakleaf
- 1:00 p.m. Elias Iseman / Emily Danler

### THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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 29

#### **TEACHER IN SERVICE - NO SCHOOL**

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m. LEGION OF MARY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m. MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING St. Agnes, 6:00 p.m. FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Church, 6:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

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, MAY 1

#### FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH, THE WORKER

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP St. Joseph, 6:30 a.m. OCIA St. Joseph, 5:30 p.m. SHEKINAH PRAYER GP. Stewardship Hall, 6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY St. Bonaventure, 6:30 p.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, MAY 2

MORNING ROSARY GROUP St. Agnes, 10:00 a.m. CALLED & GIFTED Cana Hall, 7:00 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 3

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

#### SATURDAY, MAY 4

PADRE PIO PRAYER GP. St. Agnes, 8:00 a.m.

### ELIJAH CUP

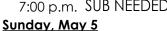
May 4-5. Robert Timmermeyer Family Please check in with the priest before Mass. To sign up, call Nan at 721–3727



#### OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

#### <u>Saturday, May 4</u>

5:00 p.m. Alex & Hannah Lutz 7:00 p.m. SUB NEEDED



#### 8:30 a.m. Brett Lange 10:00 a.m. Christopher & Paige Hermann 11:30 a.m. Trena Lopez 1:00 p.m. Christina Brouillette

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## RESOURCES

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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LIBRARY

Hours: Saturday 4:30-8:30 p.m. | Sunday 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Call 706–7185 from 8:00 a.m. - 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

WANTING TO FOSTER/FOSTER-TO-ADOPT? Contact Maria Stewart for guidance & support mstewjmj@gmail.com

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Sign-up for NFP classes: 316–685–5240 Website: www.nfpwichita.org

**ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN!** Interested in advertising in our bulletin? Call Tim at 785-418-2875.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** Must be submitted to church office no later than 9:00 a.m. Monday.

PRAYER REQUESTS: sfaprayerchain@gmail.com

# Kids Corner

### Prayer

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

### **Mission for the Week**

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

### **Sharing the Gospel**

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love. kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die. and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus. so your faith can grow fruit.

Now color the picture! - Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

<del>vine</del> joined branch	Father pray fruit	honored gardener clean
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Fareth		
genarder		
chanbr		
fritu		
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