

ST. FRANCISOFASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our bulletin of parish life & faith formation

JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



Now that we have come to the end of Christmas season: "Maintain the desire of God in our hearts, and allow the Lord to outline His Plan to us through the little things of life so that we can have an Epiphany Experience!"

Last week's Epiphany Feast drives home a powerful message and gives us pointers to experience true joy and happiness in life.

The Magi teach us some vital clues towards finding the "Joy in Life." They had just one purpose in their journey: to meet the new born King and pay Him homage and worship. (Mt 2:2) This single focus and dedication impelled the Magi to move forward with determination and it inspired them to overcome all hurdles and infused them with a hope that would take them through to their deep desire.

What about us?

What do we seek in life?

Is it for the Lord and His glory? Or do we engage ourselves in activities for our own glory and pride?

Is the Lord the end and purpose of all our actions? Or do worldly desires dilute our works and actions?

Where do we seek?

The purposeful determination of the Magi made them focus on the Star - a sign to lead them to their destination. (Mt 2:2b) As long as they followed the Star, they remained on the right track.

Of course, for a moment, seeing King Herod's palace, they got a bit deviated. But Divine Providence soon brought them back on track. The star once again led them to find the Great King.

What about us?

Do we faithfully follow the Star of inspiration that the Lord constantly sends through His Commandments, Teachings of the Church, many people, and the situations of our life?

Do we seek His Love in the sacraments that the Church offers and experience His Providence in the situations of our life? Or, instead, get lost in our search for the Divine, in

the pleasures of this world, and engage too much only in our works and dip ourselves into the murky waters of sinful addictions, sly attachments, and silly attractions.

What gifts do we offer Him?

The Magi offered Jesus their precious gifts - fit and appropriate (Mt 2:11b). Gold for Jesus, the King. Frankincense for Jesus, the Priest. Myrrh for Jesus, the Prophet. These gifts bore the marks of their sacrifice and pain. They were worthy and befitting of the King!

What about us?

In the Holy Mass. Do we really offer Him our pains, struggles, our little sacrifices, our honest longings? Or has the Holy Mass become just a customary ritual, without offering anything to Him and thus failing to derive any joy or consolation from this Precious Sacrament?

In our life, do we try to make some personal sacrifices? Make some radical decisions to live worthier Christian lives, and be more dedicated to pursue a life of holiness and sanctity?

The Lord desires and deserves the best gifts from us. He tells us to, "offer our lives as a living sacrifice" (Rom 12: 1) - sinful, broken, wounded; just as we are so that He can transform us, and make us a new creation. ("Behold I make all things new" - Rev 21:5)

The Epiphany Feast is a powerful invitation for us: To begin to examine, purify and strengthen our focus and priorities in our life. (Fitting for the beginning of the year)

Yes, like the Magi: Let us seek the Lord deeper, long for the Lord intensely in the right place and let us desire the Lord passionately, offering Him the best gifts of our life. And then like an Epiphany, we will be able to see the Presence of God in our Lives!

- Father Bhaskar Mendam

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: TALENT

We are called, as the Body of Christ to get involved in the lives of our fellow Catholics and let them become involved with us. Building a community in which everybody can have a sense of belonging and family experience. Building a relationship is not something we do automatically. It is something we need to do and do with purpose and it all starts with hospitality.

Hospitality starts with a welcoming and sharing of our gifts to benefit others. We use our charisms, those gifts imparted to us through the Holy Spirit at our Baptism, to benefit ourselves and others. One can go through the **Ministry of Called and Gifted**, to research and identify these charisms, but often we inherently know what they are. A simple test: Think of what actions truly make you happy; praying for others, crafts/creative work, decorating, physical labor, singing, visiting with people, these are all hints of your charisms. These actions done for the benefit of others are acts of love of neighbor. Sharing of these charisms/talents is key to showing our love by putting our neighbors

needs ahead of our own, for an afternoon, day or a morning once a week

As we grow in faith and our talents expand, our use of these talents through our chosen ministries will change, in fact they must change. The Stewardship Way of Life requires us to share and allow all to share their talents. This requires us to allow others to grow in their faith and talents by sharing the ministry opportunities with other parishioners. By transitioning on and off ministries, this actually shows our love of others allowing them to flex their talents for the benefit of neighbor. Through this process we build friends, relationships, and true neighbors – ready to help or be helped as we go through life.

We are all trying to get to Heaven, often our route is different, but it is always more enjoyable when we have a group traveling with us, supporting us, and ultimately loving us.

God Bless, Stu Meether
Director of Stewardship and Parish Life

TIME & TALENT

BECOME A LEADER IN OUR PARISH!

Our parish is supported through many dedicated members of our Parish Council. These council groups consist of areas such as Stewardship, Communications, Operations, Youth Formation, and many more! We are always looking for new members with new perspectives and passions.

For more info or to sign up, contact Stu at Smeether@stfranciswichita.com or 316-722-4404.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

Our parish operations and facilities are assisted by the help of our many talented members, sharing their gifts with us. Whether you are an electrician, carpenter, graphic designer, or have a love for lawn care, organization & MANY MORE our parish needs you!

To share your gift with the parish contact Stu at Smeether@stfranciswichita.com or 316-722-4404.



Cultivating a Community Within Our Parish!

Grab & Go Breakfast Next Cafe Weekend: Jan. 20, 21

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



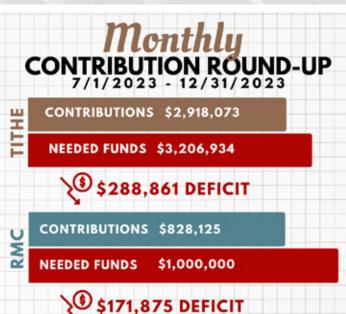
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OR Contact Julie Morgan at 316-210-6992 or SFACC.SUG@gmail.com

TREASURE





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH



Blood Drive

St. Francis of Assisi

Bloodmobile 861 N. Socora Wichita, KS 67212

Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



To schedule scan the QR code, call 800-REDCROSS, or visit www. redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: stfranciswichita!



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FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

- Part-Time or Full-Time
 Sunday Collections
- Deposits and Incomes
- Church & School Budgets
- SAGE Software
- Accounts Payable & More

APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 26!

Contact Stu Meether smeether@stfranciswichita.com

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI IS HIRING A PARISH FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

First, a big, "thank you," to Janet Shurtz who has served our parish as the financial controller for the past several months. We wish her and her husband well as she moves more fully into retirement. Our prayers and gratitude go with her as she joyfully embraces a new pattern of life.

With her transition, St. Francis of Assisi is now hiring the position of Parish Financial Controller with the possibility of full-time or part-time hours. This position works directly with the Pastor, School Principal, and Parish Operations (Finance) Council in an atmosphere of stewardship and transparency to the parish. The Key Responsibilities of this position include: Deposits and Incomes, Accounts Payable, Overseeina Daily Bank Balance, and more

Tasks would include overseeing Sunday Collections and Deposits, recording weekly deposits (regular, online, and ACH), overseeing manual cash and checks, working with SAGE software, preparing financial statements, tracking campaign finances, running monthly financial statements, and creating annual budgets for our parish and school.

Salary is negotiable and based on experience.

Email resume's to Stu Meether smeether@stfranciswichita.com

APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 26!







SCAN THE QR CODE AND APPLY FOR



OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 316-722-5171

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HELP US Knock the Socks Off OUR GOAL!

MORALITY MATTERS

DOUBLE EFFECT AND THE END OF LIFE BY FR. CHARLES GRONDIN WITH CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Question:

What is the Church's teaching on pain control to the point of becoming unconscious for an end-of-life situation?

Answer:

In Catholic moral theology there is a principle called "double effect." This principle states that an action that has two effects (one good, one bad) is permissible if:

- 1. The act itself is not intrinsically wrong.
- **2.**The person acting intends only the good effect, and would avoid the bad effect if possible.
- **3.** The good effect cannot be caused because of the bad effect.
- **4.** The good effect must be in proportion to the bad effect.

In some situations it may be necessary to sedate dying patients in order to relieve their pain. In such situations the secondary effects of the drugs used may hasten the death of the individual. This secondary effect may be permitted if the above listed principles are fulfilled.

As such it would be argued:

1. Relieving of pain is a morally good action.

- 2. Intending to relieve pain but not hasten death must be the intention; to purposely hasten death would make that action the primary intention or causation and therefore would render the action immoral.
- **3.** The hastening of death in this situation is not caused by the relieving of pain, it is caused by other secondary effects of the medication.
- **4.** The only reason that the secondary effect can be tolerated is because the person is already dying and near death; we should never give a drug that may hasten death for relatively minor illnesses; we should also keep in mind that it is quite possible that not relieving the pain could also hasten the patient's death.

A patient may be rendered unconscious only if there is no other reasonable way to achieve pain relief. However, should that be the option that is left, it is indeed perfectly moral.

- FR. CHARLES GRONDIN

A direct reference from a Q&A featured on the national podcast, Catholic Answers

REFERENCES

Double Effect and the End of Life Fr. Charles Grondin

https://www.catholic.com/qa/double-effectand-the-end-of-life



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.

BIBLE STUDIES & BOOK CLUBS

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9 a.m. | St. Catherine's Jan. Topic: Acts of the Apostles

Fridays | 9 a.m. | St. Catherine's

Current Topic: Prophets Ezekiel and Sirach

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

ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

3rd Mon. each month | 10 a.m. | St. Catherine's Great discussions, fellowship, and lunch!

Jan. Book: By the Waters of Babylon

Feb. Book: Rescued by Father John Ricardo

Contact the Parish Office for Suzanne Simpson's

contact information to sign-up.

SFA SPRING BIBLE STUDY

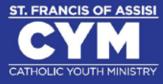
COMING SOON!

Sundays starting January 21, 2024 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. | Stewardship Hall

Study: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

by Bishop Robert Barron. 9 sessions. Material costs: \$20

Please RSVP by January 7th to Lori Hamel Email: dlhamel@cox.net Text: 316-208-4703



Wednesdays 8-9:30pm Clare Hall

1/17: THEME TBD

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

MARY'S MOMS HAS RETURNED! JAN. 8, 22, 29 • FEB. 5, 12, 26

Mondays | 9:00 a.m. | St. Francis Nursery (next to Clare Hall)

Modeling after Blessed Mary's motherhood, this ministry is a place of fellowship & support for all Mothers.
Enjoy prayer, storytime, songs, and fellowship with each other and your children.

Sign-up is not required. Contact Hanna Lutz with questions or for more information at 316-617-9694 or alutzfamily@gmail.com.



Join us for a luncheon together followed by our monthly meeting!





TO REGISTER
Scan this QR code
or contact the Parish Office.

Enabling Women to know Christ through Scripture

WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY | WALKING WITH PURPOSE: ROOTED AND RADIANT

Sundays: Feb. 18 -Mar. 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Walking With Purpose is a transformational Bible study for women that uses Scripture to deepen our relationship with the Lord and root us in our identity as daughters of God the Father. Rooted and Radiant is a six-week study being offered on Sunday nights during lent of 2024. Registration closes Jan. 28.

PARISHIONER STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

The Toups Family Stewardship Testimony

Erica and Devrick Toups hit the ground running in their stewardship back in 2021. Because of their great stewardship, they were asked to give testimony to our parishioners. This is the lay witness talk they gave this past month:

Erica:

Good afternoon. We are Erica and Devrick Toups. You may recognize us [if you saw us] as I am the receptionist at the school and a mass lector, and Devrick is an usher here at church. We've been members of St. Francis since June 2021. We are grateful to speak to you about this year's theme, *My Faith Response*.

Although we are cradle Catholics, stewardship was not a priority growing up. Neither of us really understood the biblical reasons behind it, nor the affects. We knew the church had bills, but we didn't know that it was not only treasure that God expected, or what we would receive by the sharing of our God-given gifts.

We have gone through a lot of changes since moving from LA. The largest and most positive being our call to stewardship, which is defined as: the grateful response of a Christian disciple, who recognizes and receives God' gifts, and who shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

One of the main reasons we said yes to moving here was knowing that through tithing, not tuition, our children could receive a Catholic education. That was something we had always longed to give our children but could not afford. We tithed as a married couple, but our wants came first. We knew that would have to change, but we didn't know how much it would change us.

Both of our children jumped right in to becoming stewards. Our son, Jonah, became an altar server than master server, and our daughter, Olivia, is an altar server, a sacristan, and a Totus Tuus volunteer. We, however, began getting involved slowly, at first, helping with parish grounds cleanup, participating in meal trains, donating items for various needs. After we then joined a rosary group, began participating in ACTS retreats, lectoring and ushering. We began to see how the giving of our time, talent, and treasure impacted our lives, those around us, and even souls beyond our knowing. Our relationship with Jesus Christ has grown deeper and our family has grown stronger.

Our eyes have been opened to the many ways we can serve one another through our time, talents, and treasure. It has taught us to be more grateful for everything God has given us. And the more we give, the more we have received. We are often taken aback by what we receive.

Through gratitude, we see the important things in this life. By responding, we take part in God's sharing of love and mercy. By recognizing our gifts, we know that we are made to give and share our lives with others. By willingly receiving God's gifts we cannot help but share them with others through hospitality, prayer, formation, and service.

Please prayerfully consider your response to God's call for stewardship. Ask yourselves, "Where is God calling me to serve in 2024 and beyond?"

- Erica and Devrick Joups



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgical Stewards

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

Lector Dave Carter

Altar Servers I. Dalbom / R. Dalbom / C. Graham

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

Lector Renee Means

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

Lector Students

Altar Servers P. Bluml / B. Blasi / I. Cox / J. Iseman

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

Lector Patty Bluml

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

Lector Marilyn Holloway

Altar Servers I. Gorges / V. Allmond / L. Estrada / O. Garcia

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

Lector Diana Smith

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

Lector Students

Altar Servers C. Lang / S. Barnes / P. lacopelli / O. Richards

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

Lector Eric McCabe

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

Lector Students

Altar Servers E. Megee / H. Borrego / P. Landers / B. Niedens

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

Lector Nancy Kelley

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

Lector Cynthia Powers

Mass Intentions		Jan. 15 - Jan. 21			
Monday, 15	8:00 a.m.	† Yolanda Taylor			
_	5:30 p.m.	† Kay Martin			
Tuesday, 16	8:00 a.m.	Bernadette Sanders Spec. Int.			
<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	5:30 p.m.	Larry Special Intention			
Wednesday, 17	8:00 a.m.	† Carolyn Rowden			
	5:30 p.m.	† Hai Van Bui			
Thursday, 18	8:00 a.m.	Elaine Reichenberger Spec. Int.			
	5:30 p.m.	Rose Marie Fortina Spec. Int.			
Friday, 19	8:00 a.m. St. Francis School and To				
_	5:30 p.m.	Brett & Megan Stuart Family Spec. Int.			
Saturday, 20	8:00 a.m.	† Adrian Martin			
	5:00 p.m.	† Johanna Gnad			
	7:00 p.m.	† Virgil Owen			
Sunday, 21	7:00 a.m.	† Martha Kerschen			
	8:30 a.m.	Judy Holbrook Spec. Int.			
	10:00 a.m.	For the People			
	11:30 a.m.	Janet Johnson + & Family Spec. Int			
	1:00 p.m.	Anthony Jonathan			

Weekend Liturgical Stewards

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

Lector: John Geier **Commentator:** Julia Schauf

Master Server: Luken Becker

Servers: K. Leasher / S. Barnes / C. Hatcher **EMHCs:** B. Walden / P. Walden / J. Yager

Saturday, Jan. 20 | 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Suzanne Buchanan Commentator: Beth Carruthers

Master Server: Julian McClure

Servers: M. McClure / V. Hinson / T. Hay

EMHCs: A. Brugman / S. Hinson / D. Wendling

Sunday, Jan. 21 | 7:00 a.m.

Lector: John Hermann **Commentator:** Jennifer Bauer

Master Server: Canon Brand

Servers: E. Saville / M. Simon / W. Simon **EMHCs:** S. Bennett / J. Ward / J. Bahr

Sunday, Jan. 21 | 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Tamara Toombs **Commentator:** Ryan Biedron

Master Server: Tyler Young

Servers: C. Young / N. Pham / H. Stuchlik

EMHCs: D. Hamel / L. Hamel / S. Hudspeth

Sunday, Jan. 21 | 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Tony Rosales **Commentator:** Ryan Farley

Master Server: Jonah Toups

Servers: C. Graham / S. Kluge / E. Chandler **EMHCs:** K. Farley / S. Farley / M. Hammer

Sunday, Jan. 21 | 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Emily Riggs **Commentator:** Annette Paronto

Master Server: Jacob Lezniak

Servers: A. Baker / B. Mitchell / W. McGreevy

EMHCs: J. McAnarney / M. McAnarney / J. Morgan

Sunday, Jan. 21 | 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Mary Treinen **Commentator:** Marilyn Holloway

Master Server: Caden Meier

Servers: H. Borrego / K. Hays / L. Misasi
EMHCs: L. Faber / K. Henke / S. Logsdon

Music Schedule



Saturday, Jan. 20

5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Sacred Ensemble 7:00 p.m. Carole Pracht / Sam Goebel

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Sunday, Jan. 21

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

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

1:00 p.m. Sinulog Filipino Musicians

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

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

MONDAY, JAN. 15

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m. LEGION OF MARY Clare Hall, 9:00 a.m. FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Church, 7:00 p.m. KOC MEMBERSHIP MEETING Cana Hall, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Catherine's, 9:00 a.m. ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 1:00 p.m. FINANCIAL PEACE U. Cana Hall, 6:30 p.m. WILDFIRE Clare Hall, 7:00 p.m. IMMAC. HEART OF MARY ROSARY GP. Church, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP Clare Hall, 6:30 a.m. OCIA Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. UNBOUND Stewardship Hall, 6:30 p.m. TRAD. MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 7:00 p.m MEN'S MUSIC PRATICE Clare Music Rm., 8:00 p.m CYM Clare Hall, 8:00 p.m

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

MORNING ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 10:00 a.m. BLOOD DRIVE Clare Hall Parking Lot, 11:00 a.m. - 7 p.m. HARVEST HOUSE LUNCHEON Clare Hall, 11:30 a.m. LITTLE FLOWERS Stewardship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

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

Elijah Cup | JAN. 20-21 Brook Rosenboom Family

Please check in with the priest before Mass. To sign up, call Nan at 721–3727



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Schedule TBD

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RESOURCES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4118 316.461.6481

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Hours: Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. | Sunday 9:30 a.m.–1:00 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

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