



### 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.

### **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

# Repent and Believe in the Gospel

*Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!* The Christian confession of faith is unique in many ways; but one stands out among others: God came to earth searching for us. Think of that! God sought us. This is the Good News. We call it the *kerygma*.

What, then, is the kerygma? It is the basic proclamation of the Gospel. Essentially Jesus Himself is the kerygma. He is the Good News we are called to proclaim. His very name means "God saves." The kerygma is not an "optional contribution" for the Church but is the "first and fundamental way of serving" (EN 5; RM 20). When it is preached with *parrhesia* (boldness), it contains an explosive character with a unique power to awaken faith in those who listen. This is because it contains the Word, who is Jesus Christ, and the Life of the Spirit unto the glory of God for the salvation of souls.

John 3:16 is the most succinct scriptural summary of the kerygma, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."* Contained within this passage are the five constitutive elements of the kerygma. These five elements can be remembered by the acronym GRACE, as St. Paul says, we are "saved by grace" (Eph 2:8).



### For God so loved the world...

<u>**G**</u> - <u>**God's Love**</u> | God's love is the "leading step" when proclaiming the Gospel. This love is personal, unconditional and eternal. It earnestly desires us to be in full communion with the God who is perfect Communion.

### ...that we might not perish...

**<u>R</u>**- **<u>R</u>epent** | We must repent for this communion to be received (Mt 3:2). Sin has separated humanity from God and has left us in a situation of enmity with him. "Personified evil" – the Devil – induced our first parents to sin by promising a false freedom that only led to slavery (GS, 2). If sin goes unrepentant, we will eternally perish.

### ...he gave his only Son...

<u>A</u>-<u>A</u>dvent | But God did not abandon us. "God ... sent his only Son" (Jn 3:16) to free us from this horrible fate. Through the Advent (coming) of Jesus, God came to seek and save the lost, forgive us of our sins, and bestow on us the grace of divine adoption.

### ...so that everyone who believes in him...

<u>C</u>-<u>C</u>onfess | By confessing faith in Jesus, we personally commit to following him as his disciple. Cleansed by Baptism, made "one flesh" with Jesus through the Eucharist, and anointed by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, we are gifted and inebriated. Our lives are visibly changed. We live differently as we share the message of mercy, repentance and salvation (Mt 28:19).

### ..might have eternal life.

<u>E</u>-<u>E</u>ternal Life | Because of this, Jesus has opened the real possibility of eternal life to us. We are saved by the gratuitous act of Jesus Christ, who overthrows the effect of sin, routes the devil, and establishes the eternal Kingdom of God. We receive this eternal life by believing and following Jesus.

May you have a blessed Lent as you encounter your savior who came from heaven to seek and save your soul.

- Fr. Jarrod Lies, Pastor

# **STEWARDSHIP** IN ACTION

# TIME & TALENT



### **ADORER NEEDED**

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

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

Fridays ... 11 p.m. - Midnight

# **SHARE YOUR TALENTS!**

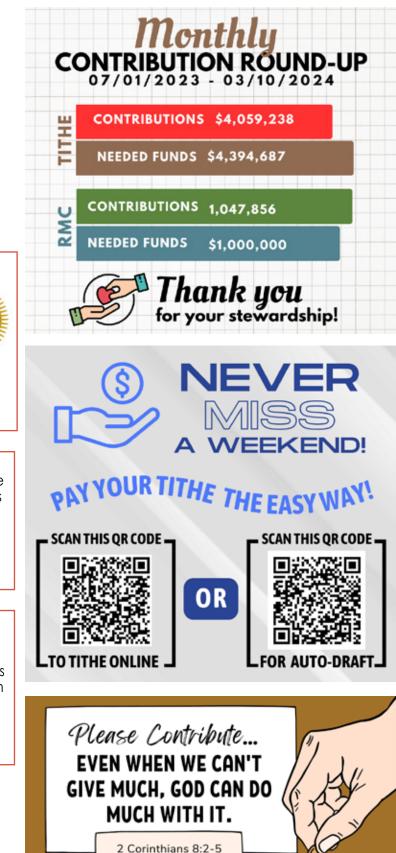
Our parish operations and facilities are assisted by the help of our many talented members sharing their gifts with us. Whether you are an electrician, carpenter, graphic designer, or have a love for lawn care, organization & MANY MORE our parish needs you! To share your gift with the parish contact Stu at Smeether@stfranciswichita.com or 316-722-4404.

# **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



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH



# CASTING NETS MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

In the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina & St. Maximilian Kolbe, join Father Jarrod Lies with Casting Nets Ministry for an incredible pilgrimage to Poland!

June 2-14 • Price: \$4,790 • Registration Deadline: March 25

- Mass at the Friary of St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Visit The Cross of Pope St. John Paul II
- Visit Zakopane, a John Paul II hiking/camping spot
- Visit the convent and hometown of St. Faustina
- •See the miraculous figure of the Queen of Podhale
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis
- •See St. Maximilian's cell in Auschwitz
- •Spend the day at the Shrine of Divine Mercy
- Visit Europe's oldest salt mine

# LENTEN GOD SQUAD

**Sundays - 3:00 pm** – Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Daytime and Evening Prayer

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Sat - 8:00 pm Devotional Prayers, reflection on Soul of the Apostolate, and Night Prayer

Fridays 6:45 in Bonaventure Hall Working through "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory"

God Squad is a spiritual training program that operates much like a sport's season; but is focused on spiritual skill rather than athletic skill. We will be focusing on the book **Soul of the Apostolate**.

"Come as you can." No need to attend all dates.

# 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY A Eucharistic Consecration

Fridays from Feb. 16 - April 5 6:45 pm, Bonaventure Hall (after Stations of the Cross)

Over the next thirty-three days you will learn how great saints and others lived in Eucharistic Glory. Review profound truths, historical facts, inspiring stories, prayers, and practices - all in an easy-tofollow format.



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER INFO PACKETS AVAILABLE IN OUR BROCHURE RACK

# **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us every Friday during Lent! In the Church at 6:15 p.m.

# LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Our food drive to benefit Catholic Charities' "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry is underway and runs through Palm Sunday. Please help the less fortunate by donating canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups, dried pasta, and condiments.

Place your donation in the bags provided (extras in Clare hallway) or attach our flyer (available in the parish office) to your own grocery bag. Food drive drop-off is located on the table in Clare Hallway.

# **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CELEBRATION**

The Divine Mercy Novena:

Each evening, March 29 - April 6 at 6:15 in the Church.

### The Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: April 7

- Rosary at 2:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 p.m.
- Holy Mass at 3:00 p.m. Dessert Social at 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome! Sponsored by the SFA ACTS Community.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR PARISH



MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING

Wednesday, March 20th at 11:00 a.m. Join Harvest House Ministry for a Mass of prayer and healing. An Anointing of the Sick will be administered to members of the faithful who are at fatal risk due to age and/or illness. Afterward, be their guest for a Potluck Luncheon in Clare Hall.



# 40DAYS FORLIFE. HELP SAVE LIVES IN Wichita!

### Here's how to take part:

**Vigil location**: Public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood 2226 E Central Ave, Wichita, KS 67214

- Vigil hours: 7 AM-7 PM daily from February 14 – March 24
- Local Contact: Sue Willey, 316-617-5660 or mwilley@cox.net

• **Get involved!** Sign up for prayer times on our website and join us to peacefully pray in front of Planned Parenthood.

www.40daysforlife.com/Wichita

# PASSION OF THE CHRIST & FR. KAPAUN PALM SUNDAY RETREAT

### March 22, 7:00pm - March 24, 4:00pm

Enter into the Passion of the Christ according to the Gospel of John and as lived by Servant of God: Father Emil Joseph Kapaun. Father John Hotze will take you through the sacramental mysteries of Holy Thursday, the service and self-sacrifice of Good Friday, and the hope and gratitude of Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Retreat costs apply. Visit www.slcwichita.org

Join us for

Next Week

Saturday Vigil - 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.

# MENTAL HEALTH 101 AT SLC

**April 4, 6:00pm at the Spiritual Life Center** Join the Respect Life and Social Justice Office for a presentation and conversation on what mental health is, how to take care of it, how to recognize when others might be struggling and local resources available. Questions? Contact the Respect Life office at 316 269-3935 or sherfields@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.

# **BINGO FOR TRUTH**

Saturday, April 6, 6:30 – 9 pm at Village Travel. Attention Bingo Fans! Join us for a Hawaiian-themed Bingo Fundraiser supporting the Pure & Simple Truth for Youth mission of empowering this generation's youth with the truth about identity, healthy relationships, and sexual integrity. Get your seats and extra Bingo cards for more chances to win -\$1000 Grand Finale Cash Prize

www.pst4y.org, 316-688-0840, info@pst4y.org.

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# FIGHTING AGAINST A LUKEWARM FAITH

*"I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spew you out of My mouth." Rev 3:15-16* 

We have often heard this passage from revelation and the warning that comes from having a lukewarm faith; let us take this moment as we near the end of Lent to reflect on what that means and how we must apply it to our lives as Christians. To be lukewarm is to be neither cold nor hot, and we often experience this in many aspects of our lives; it is the mundane, the banal, the ordinary, the routine. In our Christian life, we can experience this as well. We develop a routine that becomes so regular that it can almost seem boring. This signals that we have become lukewarm in our faith, which is dangerous to our spiritual wellbeing.

A few months ago, I wrote an article on developing a warrior mindset for spiritual combat; in that article, I discussed the need to become vigilant. Vigilance combats complacency, and complacency can lead to what we call lukewarm faith. So, let us be vigilant and fight complacency to avoid becoming lukewarm. But what exactly is lukewarm faith? It is when Christians stop striving and settle for "good enough" or the "bare minimum." Christ said in Luke 13:24, "strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able."

When we become lukewarm in our faith and allow the bore of routine to creep into our faith life, we begin to only "go through the motions" of our Christianity. We make ourselves vulnerable to the temptations of the Devil that drive us to stop striving toward the narrow door. Not only do we stop striving for the narrow door, but we lose sight of the door altogether, distracted by things of the world. We become in danger of forgetting there is a door at all. Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 4:7-10 that we must "train [ourselves] in godliness" because it "holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come," which is the "end we toil and strive (toward)." So, we must continue striving because, as Paul continues, "we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially those who believe."

But how do we combat lukewarm faith? We must eliminate the complacency in our faith, the "this is good enough," and replace it with what I like to call "improving your foxhole." As a leader of soldiers, I always communicate that you must continually improve your foxhole, whatever your "foxhole" is. Maybe it is our jobs or desks at work, but in the context of our Christianity, our foxhole is our faith in Christ that protects us from the wiles of the Devil through grace. If you are at your foxhole for a day, dig it deeper. If you are there for two days, raise the berm. If you are there for a week, add sandbags, etc. You must always build upon the fortification of your foxhole to prepare for the imminent attack. The same applies to spiritual combat and our faith. We must build upon the fortification of our life in Christ that protects us from the temptation of placing something other than the narrow door that leads to Christ as a priority in our lives.

The longer we stay in our foxhole, the more it must be fortified, so we continually improve and build upon it. A different prayer at the beginning of every meal, or maybe a paragraph from the life of the saints. Say the rosary at night as a family, and if that proves too challenging, start with just a decade or even a nightly Our Father and Hail Mary. Then add more, and when something wears out, repair it or replace it with something new or different. The Church offers 2,000 years of wisdom and tradition to draw upon, so use it, always keeping the Mass as the foundation of our foxhole.

Remember, complacency kills, and so will lukewarm faith. If we fail to strive to enter by the narrow door, we will be spit out, and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Rev 3:15-16, Lk 13:28, Mt 8:12).

# **VIKING NEWS**



# CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS!



# 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**



### JOIN OUR CYM! EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8 PM

Open to all high school-aged teens, Catholic Youth Ministry is an opportunity for life-long friendships, faith formation and LOTS of fun! Contact Dir. Emily Savage: Esavage@stfranciswichita.com [Text "SFACYM" to 84576 to receive our text alerts ]

# Parish Game Night

SATURDAYS

6-11 P.M. | COME & GO

**9** STEWARDSHIP HALL

BYO GAMES OR JOIN WITH OTHERS



# **MINISTRY & GROUP EVENTS**

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

MARY'S MOMS Monday, March 18 from 9-11 a.m. Clare Hall Nursery

BOOK CLUB LUNCHEON Monday, March 18 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bonaventure Hall

> KOC MEMBERSHIP MEETING Monday, March 18 7:00 p.m. Cana Hall

# CYM

Wednesday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Returned to the CYM Room

Youth ministry & fellowship for highschool-aged teens Dir. Emily Savage: Esavage@stfranciswichita.com [ Text "SFACYM" to 84576 to receive our text alerts ]

### UNBOUND

Monthly on the third Wednesday Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 in St. Joseph

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

WANT YOUR EVENT/MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BULLETIN? Contact Jnielsen@stfranciswichita.com with your request.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgical Stewards		
Monday, March 18, 8:00 a.m.		
Lector		
	J. Buckles / K. Carpenter / E. Chandler / C. Dash	
Monday, March 18, 5:30 p.m.		
Lector	Renee Means	
Tuesday, March 19, 8:00 a.m.		
Lector	Students <b>B. Forbes</b> / B. Mitchell / B. Niedens / O. Petty	
Tuesday, March 19, 5:30 p.m.		
Lector	Julie Schoenberger	
Wednesday, March 20, 8:00 a.m.		
	Dave Carter	
Altar Servers	V. Hinson / L. Estrada / S. Horvat / M. McElhiney	
Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.		
Lector	Rick Black	
T	hursday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.	
Lector	Students	
Altar Servers	S. Kluge / N. Veith / L. Zarchan / M. Barles	
T	hursday, March 21, 5:30 p.m.	
Lector	Sue Willey	
	Friday, March 22, 8:00 a.m.	
Lector	Students	
Altar Servers	C. Konecny / T. Barles / A. Fano / R. Terhune	
	Friday, March 22, 5:30 p.m.	
Lector	Nancy Kelley	
Saturday, March 23, 8:00 a.m.		
Lector	Justin Comegu	

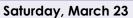
# **ELIJAH CUP**

March 23-24 Evan Smith Family



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

# **Music Schedule**



5:00 p.m. Julie Riedlinger / Dorsey Burgess 7:00 p.m. LeeAnn Gibbs / Gabrielle Hinson

# Sunday, March 24

- 8:30 a.m. Julie Riedlinger / Talia Powers
- 10:00 a.m. Matthew Schippers / Traditional Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Matt Ho / Young Adult Ensemble
- 1:00 p.m. Elias Iseman / Cara and Elizabeth Bailey

Saturc	day, March 23   5:00 p.m.	
	ector 2: D. Becker Comm.: R. Renteria	
	Caden Zimbelman	
	M. Zimbelman / S. Horvat / C. Lies	
	M. Skaggs / M. McCormack / E. Voegeli	
	day, March 23   7:00 p.m.	
	an Lector 2: K. Schawe Comm.: S. Bucha	nan
	Hiepson Nguyen H. Nguyen / C. Schawe / N. Schawe	
	A. Harter / B. Pracht / A. Schuckman	
	ay, March 24   7:00 a.m.	
.ector 1:D. Betzen		en
Master Server:	·	
	L. Wasinger / W. Simon / M. Simon	
EMHCs:	· , ·	
	ay, March 24   8:30 a.m.	
ector 1: J. Schuster		ge
	Deacon Schuster	
	E. McGill / A. Burt / M. Burt G. Morgan / S. Hudspeth / J. Oliver	
	ay, March 24   10:00 a.m.	
	er Lector 2: K. Farley Comm.: R. Hein	
Master Server:		
	P. Bluml / O. Toups / E. Chandler	
	D. Carter / D. Carter / A. Rohleder	
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Master Server:		
	A. Baker / T. Munk / K. Reynaga	
EMHCs:	, , , <u>,</u>	
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Saturday, March 23		
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7:00 p.m. Ta	amara Toombs	

Weekend Lituraical Stewards

### Sunday, March 24

- 8:30 a.m. Christopher & Amanda Harrison
- 10:00 a.m. Konnor & Rebecca Dugan
- 11:30 a.m. Paul & Diane Iseman
- 1:00 p.m. Angela Moore

# THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

# SUNDAY, MARCH 17 | ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Stewardship Hall, 9:45 p.m. DIVINE MERCY HOLY HR/GOD SQUAD Church, 3:00 p.m. ROSARY GROUP Church, 5:00 p.m. WALKING WITH PURPOSE Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 7:00 p.m. SACRED ENS CHOIR PRACTICE Music Rm., 8:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP Church, 8:30 a.m.
LEGION OF MARY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m.
MARY'S MOMS Clare Hall Nursery, 9:00 a.m.
BOOK CLUB LUNCHEON Bonaventure Hall, 10:00 a.m.
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY GROUP Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m.
KOC MEMBERSHIP MEETING Cana Hall, 7:00 p.m.
GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.

# TUESDAY, MARCH 19

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Agnes, 8:30 a.m. ROSARY GROUP St. Joseph's, 1:00 p.m. FINANCIAL PEACE U. Cana Hall, 6:30 p.m. WILDFIRE St. Agnes, 7:00 p.m. IMMAC. HEART OF MARY ROSARY GP. Church, 7:00 p.m. GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP St. Joseph, 6:30 a.m. HEALING & ANOINTING MASS/LUNCH Church, 11:00 a.m. OCIA Clare Hall, 6:30 p.m. UNBOUND St. Joseph's, 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 GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m CYM Meet in Holy Hallway, 8:00 p.m.

# THURSDAY, MARCH 21

MORNING ROSARY GROUP St. Agnes, 10:00 a.m. LITTLE FLOWERS Stewardship Hall, 6:30 p.m. GOD SQUAD Church, 8:00 p.m.

# FRIDAY, MARCH 22

MORNING BIBLE STUDY St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS Church, 6:15 p.m. GOD SQUAD/33 DAYS Bonaventure Hall, 6:45 p.m.

# SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**PARISH GAME NIGHT** Stewardship Hall, 6-11 p.m. **GOD SQUAD** Church, 8:00 p.m.



Mass Intentions   March 18 - 24		
Monday, 18	8:00 a.m.	† Michael Pease
_	5:30 p.m.	William McKinney Special Int.
Tuesday, 19	8:00 a.m.	† Judy Thimesch
	5:30 p.m.	Florence ONeal Special Int.
Wednesday, 20	8:00 a.m.	Chuck & Sharon Carr Spec. Int.
	5:30 p.m.	† Hector Cruz
Thursday, 21	8:00 a.m.	Cecilia Cruz Spec. Int.
	5:30 p.m.	† Kay Martin
Friday, 22	8:00 a.m.	† Yolanda Taylor
	5:30 p.m.	† Don Miller
Saturday, 23	8:00 a.m.	† Jean Quilty
_	5:00 p.m.	† Martha Kerschen
	7:00 p.m.	† Reggie Caruthers
Sunday, 24	7:00 a.m.	† Dennis Seiwert
	8:30 a.m.	† Janet Johnson
	10:00 a.m.	For the People
	11:30 a.m.	† Michael Courts
	1:00 p.m.	† Anna Huong Le

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# RESOURCES

### 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.

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