

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD-APRIL 20, 2025

Sat. 4-19	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil (St. Francis) +Ralph & Loretta Carter
Sun. 4-20	8:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun. 4-20	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday (St. Francis) +Gerald & Joan Schoenhofer
Mon. 4-21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue. 4-22	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +George & Helen VanLeeuwen
Wed. 4-23	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Gabe Garner
Thur. 4-24	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Brayden Beachner
Fri. 4-25	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) +Rick Bowman
Sat. 4-26	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Cindy Volmer
Sat. 4-26	5:30 p.m.	Sunday of Divine Mercy (St. Francis) +Ray & Agnes Gouvion
Sun. 4-27	8:00 a.m.	Sunday of Divine Mercy (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun. 4-27	10:00 a.m.	Sunday of Divine Mercy (St. Francis) +Carl Paulie

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis
 Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Francis
 30 minutes before each Mass.

ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS Sunday, April 27th-8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer
Lector: Laura Hoppas
Gifts: M/M Jim Carlson
Ushers: Brian & Carol Schoenhofer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$5,518.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$868.00	\$1,128.85

Please remember your parish in your Will.

Fr. Matthew's Email:

pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com
Sacramental Emergency Number:
620-236-0705

Please pray for: Harrison Hill, Evelyn (Casey) Tajchman, Steve Kirk, Jill Coomes and the sick and homebound in our parish. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please call the office at 620-449-2224. The prayer list will be updated the first of each month.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you are going to have a significant surgery, please call for Anointing of the Sick before you enter the hospital.

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday, April 26th-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Jorja, Megan, Brynlea
Lector: Ron Reeves
Eucharistic Minister: Marcia Gard
Gifts: Joel VanLeeuwen Family
Rosary: Diane Coomes
Sacristan: Renee Brown & Diane Coomes
Sunday, April 27th-10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Kaydra, Anderson, Kori
Lector: Cheryl Trepagnier
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Smith
Gifts: M/M Mike Mann
Rosary: Teresa Grosdidier
Sacristans: Mike & Kim McCracken

April Ushers:

Saturday-5:30 p.m.-Dennis Duling, Steve Spielbusch, Dennis Westhoff
Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Tim Harmon, Dan Vitt, Clark Westhoff
Church Cleaners-April 26th - Kim McCracken, Josie McCracken, Joan Doherty

HOMEBOUND: If you know of someone who is elderly or can not attend Mass, please let the office know.

LIFE SAVER SUNDAY FOR A BETTER CHOICE:

The weekend of April 26-27 is Life Saver Sunday Weekend! A special effort, with the Knights of Columbus, to support **A Better Choice** will follow each Mass. This local Catholic Ministry provides hope through peer counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material assistance, adoption counseling, and community referrals for women struggling with the fear of an unplanned pregnancy. Your continued financial support is needed to sustain these services at no cost to the mothers. To learn more about their services, volunteering and donating, check their website at pregnancywichita.com.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop in anytime during Adoration to make a visit.

PSR will meet in the classrooms Wednesday, April 23rd. If you have any questions call Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

GRIEF SHARE GROUP: This group meets on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 703 W State Street, Erie.

ALTAR SERVER BOOTCAMP will be Friday, May 16th from 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the St. Francis Church. After the training there will be pizza for lunch. Fr. Matt is asking all current servers to attend and any new servers can be trained as well. (Upcoming 5th graders or anyone older who has not served yet.)

SAVE THE DATE! Totus Tuus will be July 13th-18th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knight of the Month is Ed Spielbusch and the Family of the Month is Mr. and Mrs. David Diskin. The Knights would like to thank Seth O'Brien for the eggs donated to the Benefit Breakfast.

PRAYERS FOR FR. JEFF FASCHING: Father was diagnosed with stomach cancer and is receiving treatments. If you would like to send Father a note of encouragement, you may do so at:
 Fr. Jeffery Fasching
 Wichita Priests Retirement Center
 6900 East 45th Street N.
 Bel Aire, KS 67226

WEATHERPROOF EXTERIOR STONE: The St. Francis Church exterior stone is in need of weatherproofing. Mike Grosdidier will be working on this for several months. Please call Mike at 620-423-9869 to help with this project. It is greatly appreciated.

PASTOR MUSINGS: Happy Easter to all of you! He is risen, Alleluia! Like most of our Christian holidays, which provide the sub culture of our American culture, Easter has been commercialized into bunnies and candy and the purpose has been downplayed. So let's revisit the importance of this most important holiday of our faith. "If Christ has not been raised, empty is your preaching, empty is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14) The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the reason the Catholic Church exists! The most unnatural thing to the human person is death. There are lots of things we don't like that make life difficult, but nothing compares to death. Anyone can point to this who has experienced death in the family. When you are close to someone, you love them, the natural thing is to continue to be with them – to eternity. To simply be in their presence. Let's not kid ourselves, force ourselves into thinking death is normal. Every winter, all the beautiful flowers in the church garden die out. Eventually, every tall, beautiful tree calls it quits. Your house pet can't make it your whole lifetime. And the human soul eventually separates from the body. None of this sits right with the average person. But it's the case, because of the original sin of Adam & Eve. We were not created for death, but we are fallen. Death is the enemy! And when Jesus Christ took the Cross upon His blessed shoulder, He went to battle to endure the heaviest blow the enemy could deal. "Having then a body capable of suffering, he took the pain of fallen man upon himself; he triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by his Spirit, which was incapable of dying, he dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow." (from an ancient Easter homily) Now this is worth celebrating! Enjoy this Easter octave, as any day where death is defeated cannot be sufficiently celebrated in one day.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Congratulations,
 Violet & Scarlet Wolverton
 Child of Jesse Wolverton & Amelia Treiber

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Congratulations,
 Hartlen Sterling Westhoff
 Child of Jake Westhoff & Keely Dodge

ONE FAMILY, FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST! CAMPAIGN:

Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and send in your pledge card. You may speak with your volunteer or call the parish office if you have questions. Many thanks to our volunteer team for their dedication and commitment to the **One Family, Fully Alive in Christ!** Diocesan Campaign. Please pray the campaign prayer for our success and for our hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and talents.