

# SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY-APRIL 27, 2025

Sat.	4-26	5:30 p.m.	<b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> (St. Francis) +Ray & Agnes Gouvion
Sun.	4-27	8:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	4-27	10:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> (St. Francis) +Carl Paulie
Mon.	4-28	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Corky Beachner
Tue.	4-29	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Francis Volz
Wed.	4-30	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Braiden Voorhies
Thur.	5-1	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Brayden Beachner
Fri.	5-2	8:00 a.m.	<b>First Friday</b> (St. Francis) +Jim Vitt
Fri.	5-2	9:00 a.m.	<b>First Friday</b> (PMRV) +Buck & Betty McCall
Sat.	5-3	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Heather VanLeeuwen
Sat.	5-3	5:30 p.m.	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> (St. Francis) +Tom & Betty Duling
Sun.	5-4	8:00 a.m.	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	5-4	10:00 a.m.	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> (St. Francis) +Walter Vitt

## 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, May 4th-8:00 a.m.**

**Altar Server:** Laura Hoppas  
**Lector:** Cindy Lero  
**Gifts:** M/M Asa Bohrer  
**Ushers:** Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$9,332.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$799.00	\$1,128.85

**Please remember your parish in your Will.**

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

**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, May 3rd-5:30 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Ava, Cassie, Sadie  
**Lector:** Cindy Schoenhofer  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Fager  
**Gifts:** M/M Charles Schettler  
**Rosary:** Mary Jean Zandler

**Sacristan:** Mike & Cindy Schoenhofer

**Sunday, May 4th-10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Brec, Devin, Bensen, Knox  
**Lector:** Mike Mann  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Rodney Noe  
**Gifts:** First Communicants  
**Sacristans:** David & Jean Diskin

### May Ushers:

**Saturday-5:30 p.m.-**Mike Brown, Jeff Gard, Dan Spielbusch  
**Sunday-10:00 a.m.-**Seth Born, Dean Ewan, Joe Smith

## Fr. Matthew's Email:

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**Sacramental Emergency Number:**  
**620-236-0705**

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY:** There will be Adoration this afternoon, 3 p.m., the hour of Divine Mercy, at St. Francis Church for Divine Mercy Sunday. Fr. Matt will pray the chaplet at 3:00 then have confessions available from 3:30-4:00. He will also have confessions 30 min. before 10:00 a.m. Mass. (An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven, and it can be plenary or partial. A plenary indulgence can be obtained by going to a church on Divine Mercy Sunday "in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even a venial sin," and participating in the prayers held in honor of Divine Mercy, the 2002 decree says. Those practices could consist of devotions such as the Divine Mercy chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, and the sacrament of confession.)

**NOVENA FOR POPE FRANCIS:** A Novena for Pope Francis will be prayed for the next 9 days, beginning Saturday, April 26th. Father will lead this Novena after each Mass. There are copies of the Novena on the back table.

**LIFE SAVER SUNDAY FOR A BETTER CHOICE:** It 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, check their website at [pregnancywichita.com](http://pregnancywichita.com).

## PSR END OF YEAR SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, April 30th PSR will meet in the classrooms.  
 Wednesday, May 7th drop off and pick up at the church. We will have practice for May Crowning.  
 Sunday, May 11th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, PSR will be doing May Crowning. All PSR students should be there to participate.  
 Wednesday, May 14th PSR at 7:00 p.m. will meet in the classrooms. At 7:30 parents, grandparents, families, and all parishioners, please join us for the Annual Living Rosary. All PSR students will have a role to play in the Living Rosary. Please contact Bridget Paisley if you are unable to make it.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** On Thursday, May 1st from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. there will be a National Day of Prayer event at the First Christian Church in Erie. You may go at anytime during these hours. Come pray with Fr. Matt from 10-11 a.m. This event has been organized by the Ministerial Alliance in Erie. Fr. Matt will also have an hour of Adoration and a Rosary from 5-6 p.m. at St. Francis Church for the National Day of Prayer.

**CHURCH GARDEN VOLUNTEERS:** Sunday, May 4th, there will be a meeting for the church watering crew in the St. Francis Church Garden at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to help water the flowers this summer, please call Diane Coomes at 620-820-3347 to volunteer.

**BIBLE STUDY, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN,** will be Sunday, May 4th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Parish Hall. All are welcome. Bring your Bible.

**FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS DE HIERONYMO:** Sunday, May 11th, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, there will be coffee and donuts for the Feast Day and the 141st Anniversary of our church dedication.

**PASTOR MUSINGS:** Again, happy Easter! We close out the octave of Easter with Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast that was established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000 at the Mass of canonization for St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, who is known as the "secretary" of Divine Mercy, as she received the visions to initiate this feast. The Divine Mercy image has become famous, and my predecessor Fr. Theodore did a nice job bringing the image into both St. Francis and St. Ambrose churches, as well as the large project at St. Francis Cemetery. The many visions St. Faustina received from Jesus are recorded in a book called "The Diary of St. Faustina," and in that diary paragraph #699, our Lord Jesus told her: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls...I pour out a whole ocean of mercy upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." The theme of this feast is that through the Resurrection of our Lord, we share in the conquering of sin and death *in the sacraments!* Not on our own. It's not a grace received merely by existing, but food given to a hungry heart desiring the Lord. We celebrate this truth and the goodness our Lord bestows upon us. I also want to acknowledge what you've already heard in the news: our Holy Father Pope Francis passed on from this life on Easter Monday morning. The passing of a pope is a unique time. I would like to encourage all of you to pray for the repose of his soul and for the Holy Spirit to guide the Conclave of Cardinals who will be meeting next weekend to begin the process of electing a new Pope to guide the Church in the shoes of St. Peter. The Pope obviously has an incredible amount of influence on the world, through writings and preaching and choosing of bishops and cardinals. We have faith in the Holy Spirit's presence in the Body of Christ, as He has been for 2,000 years of the Church's history.

**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.

**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.

**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

**ONE FAMILY, FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST! CAMPAIGN:** Thank you to all who participated in the Campaign. We received good news that both St. Francis and St. Ambrose have hit our goals! From this point forward, 80 percent of your gift goes to our parish, while 20 percent will go toward the other diocesan priorities. Thank you to our volunteers for your stewardship with this endeavor.