

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT-APRIL 6, 2025

Sat.	4-5	5:30 p.m.	<b>The 5th Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) +Ronnie & Bill Westhoff
Sun.	4-6	8:00 a.m.	<b>The 5th Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Ambrose) +Virginia Westerman
Sun.	4-6	10:00 a.m.	<b>The 5th Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) People of the Parishes
Mon.	4-7	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Lorene VanLeeuwen
Tue.	4-8	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Jerry & Jane Anne Beachner
Wed.	4-9	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) Kristy Mueller
Thur.	4-10	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Patricia Rice
Fri.	4-11	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) +Leonard Kennedy
Sat.	4-12	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Colleen Cook
Sat.	4-12	5:30 p.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (St. Francis) +Ed & Gert LaForge
Sun.	4-13	8:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	4-13	10:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (St. Francis) +James VanLeeuwen

### CONFESSIONS:

Fridays in Lent 4:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Francis  
 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

**Palm Sunday, April 13th-8:00 a.m.**

**Altar Server:** Paul Westerman

**Lector:** Ed Spielbusch

**Gifts:** Chad Boaz Family

**Ushers:** Brian & Carol Schoenhofer

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$5,029.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose	\$1,900.00	\$1,128.85

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

**Please pray for:** 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.

### Fr. Matthew's Email:

***pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com***

**Sacramental Emergency Number:**

**620-236-0705**

### 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

**(Palm Sunday) Saturday, April 12th-5:30 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Jace, Micah, Ian

**Lectors:** Ron Reeves & Donna Wood

**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Fager

**Gifts:** Mr. & Mrs. Rick Coomes

**Rosary:** Cindy Schoenhofer

**Sacristan:** Ron Reeves

**Palm Sunday, April 13th-10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Landon, Sawyer, Rhett

**Lectors:** Seth Born & Mike Mann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Joe Smith

**Gifts:** Mr. & Mrs. Mike Grosdidier

**Rosary:** Nohemy Brewer

**Sacristans:** Mike & Debbie Mann

**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 12th**-Pam Jacquinot, Heather Vogel, Barb Winter

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

**SPIRITUAL LENTEN FRIDAYS:** Friday, April 11th there will be Stations of the Cross at both parishes. St. Francis Church will have Adoration Holy Hour from 4:00-5:00 p.m., with some music played by Dustin Treiber, ending with Benediction. The Stations will begin at 5:15 p.m. There will be confessions available during the Holy Hour. St. Ambrose Church will have Stations at 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Stations, April 18th, will be at 3:00 p.m. at both parishes. Confession will follow the Stations at St. Francis from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**PENANCE SERVICE:** We will have a Penance Service for Lent on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Church. There will be extra priests to hear confessions.

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH CHOIR:** Rehearsals are held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the church choir loft.

**RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION:** There will not be class on Tuesday, April 8th.

**SISTERS OF LIFE PRESENTATION:** St. Pius X Catholic Student Center invites the greater community to "Discovering and Cultivating a Culture of Life" presented by the Sisters of Life, a community founded in New York to protect and enhance the sacredness of every human life. The presentation will be Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30pm in the chapel of St. Pius X, 301A E. Cleveland in Pittsburg. The presentation will be followed by a Q & A session and an optional holy hour. Fr. Matt highly recommends these sisters.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA,** St. Luke Circle will meet Tuesday, April 8th in the St. Francis Parish Hall (East side). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Spiritual Reading. A special evening is planned to celebrate the 102nd Anniversary of the circle which was installed on April 8, 1923. Come celebrate this wonderful occasion.

**PSR** will meet in the classrooms Wednesday, April 9th. If you have any questions call Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

**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.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY** Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, April 9th from 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST:** The next Benefit Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 13th for Karen VanLeeuwen. Karen's benefit also includes a double-meat-affle which is described in Facebook posts, or tickets can be bought at the benefit breakfast. The Knights will have the April meeting after the Benefit Breakfast.

**BIBLE STUDY** will be on Sunday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish Hall.

**CYM EASTER EGG HUNT:** The CYM will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning immediately following 10:00 a.m. Mass on the front lawn of St. Francis Catholic Church. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

**PASTOR MUSINGS:** Recently I feel I've been putting things into my summer schedule quite a bit. Hard to believe it's already time for that. We priests tend to plan things out a ways, and I would imagine many of you do as well. I have a few holdover weddings I'll be doing for some K-State students (or recent graduates), a retreat at a place in Texas, a vacation in Colorado with some priest friends, and of course my big pilgrimage/K-State football game trip to Ireland. That's not to mention a week of parish Totus Tuus, a TEC retreat here in St. Paul, and maybe a Steubenville trip with CYM. Lots of excitement. As you begin planning your summer, I would encourage you all to make some sort of faith based trip - maybe a pilgrimage to a shrine, stateside or otherwise. Vacations or trips away are intended as a time of rest - and nothing, truly nothing, is more restful than encountering the Lord. While it's fun to visit a beach or theme park, maybe you plan to visit some new churches as well, or visit a monastery or convent somewhere nearby. These kinds of visits I find very encouraging for our faith. We are not alone! In fact, our Catholic faith is quite vast and beautiful. I know in the fall there were some folks who visited the only Marian apparition site in the United States, Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. But I know my audience... most of you are homebodies, preferring not to go far away. Maybe take a trip to see the traditional sisters located in Gower, MO, called the Benedictines of Mary. Could be a day trip. You will find their incorrupt foundress, in her incorrupt habit, laid to rest in a glass box in the chapel! Or you could visit our very own diocesan Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters in Colwich, right outside Wichita. The monks of Clear Creek Abbey, about an hour east of Tulsa, are a peaceful place to visit. All of these monks and nuns have prayer schedules in which you can join. If you need suggestions, come ask me!

**ONE FAMILY, FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST! CAMPAIGN:** Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this historic effort. Our parish goal is \$290,000 for St. Francis and 55,000 for St. Ambrose. Also, many of you will soon be receiving a phone call from a campaign volunteer. This fellow parishioner will be visiting with you to help answer your 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.

**GOOD FRIDAY ROAD TO THE CROSS:** On Good Friday, April 18th, at 12:00 p.m. there will be a Road to the Cross procession. It will begin at City Hall in Erie and the people will follow the Cross down Main Street, stopping to pray at various Stations. This event has been organized by the Ministerial Alliance in Erie.

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

**WEATHERPROOF EXTERIOR STONE:** The St. Francis Church exterior stone is in need of weatherproofing. Mike Grosdidier will be working on this for several months. Anyone who can take a day or more to help with this project, please call Mike at 620-423-9869. All help is greatly appreciated.

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