

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 7, 2019

Sat.	4-6	5:30 p.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) + Bill & Ron Westhoff
Sun.	4-7	8:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	4-7	10:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) + Ray Vitt
Mon.	4-8	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Charles Gouvion
Tue.	4-9		NO MASS
Wed.	4-10	6:30 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Pat Diskin
Thur.	4-11	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Norma Jean Caldwell
Fri.	4-12	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Doreen Reida
Sat.	4-13	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	4-13	5:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday (St. Francis) + Betty Roberts
Sun.	4-14	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	4-14	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday (St. Francis) + Frank Oplotnik

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 4:30 p.m.—5:20 p.m. at St. Francis & 30 minutes before daily & Sunday Masses

St. Ambrose Church

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion: Jack McGowen

Lector: Lois Carlson & Laura Hoppas

Server: Paul Westerman

Gifts: Rex & Frances Bohrer

Ushers for April: Cindy Lero & Laura Hoppas

Coffee & Donuts for April 14th: Mary Jo & Maria

Stewardship of Treasure

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$4,437.10	\$5,500.17
St. Ambrose	\$1,508.00	\$1,014.00

Please remember your parish in your will.

Prayers are asked for the following: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Jerry Beachner, Chuck Westhoff, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Delma Pillot, Nina Madl, Dorothy Petty, Diane Davis, Sandra Schoenhofer, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Ralph Gouvion, Barbara Workman, Marge McElroy, Nancy Giefer, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, Anna Letcher, Joe Gorge, David Lero, Walter Ptasznik, Becky Vitt

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the parish office at 449-2224.

St. Francis Church

Lector & Music Leaders:

Sat. Donna Wood, Cindy Schoenhofer & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Terry Diskin, Marcia Gard & Adult Choir

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Judy Fager

Sun. Connie Spielbusch & Joe Smith

Altar Servers:

Sat. Easton, Trey, Chandler

Sun. Rebecca, Ariana, Gennie

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Mike Brown

Sun. Brock Aday Family

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Elaine VanLeeuwen

Sun. Jean Diskin

Ushers for April:

Sat. Don Vitt, Mike Schoenhofer, Keith VanLeeuwen

Sun. Dan Vitt, Clarke Westhoff, Mark VanLeeuwen

Church Cleaners for April 12th: Margaret Diskin, Joan Doherty, Nancy Giefer, Norma Hallacy

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE will be held at St. Francis Church tonight, Sunday, April 7th starting at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENTION MASS SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK: Fr. Sam would like to practice with the servers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil (Saturday evening). Please be at the Church one hour before the Mass time. If you are scheduled to serve one of these days and cannot be there, please find a replacement.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS *Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of FASTING* Catholics, from the 18th birthday up to the 59th birthday (the beginning of the 60th year) are obliged to fast, that is, take only one full meal and two lesser meals, with nothing to eat in between meals. Drinking fluids would not be contrary to the practice of fasting. *Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are days of ABSTAINING from meat.* All Catholics, beginning with the 14th birthday, are obliged to abstain from eating meat. People who are unable to practice bodily penance, due to pregnancy, illness, or hard physical labor may choose another form of penance or charity. The Church urges that works of penance be linked to works of charity – for example, using the money saved on less expensive meals or giving up snacks to feed the poor.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS the Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Ambrose every Thursday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and at St. Francis every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS ADULT SPIRIT CHOIR If you would like to share your time and talent, please consider joining the choir for Holy Week Services. Practice will be this Monday, April 8th 6:30—7:45 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? The idea of being FULLY ALIVE seems to indicate a need for intentional living on our part, and that, indeed, would be true; however, it would not be enough. Even with 100% of our own good intentions, we would still require a second ingredient: the grace of God. We become FULLY alive because we are filled with God's grace. You only need to look at today's readings to have proof. The prophet Isaiah refers to the LORD as the one who rescued the Jewish people from slavery; He opened a way in the sea and a path in the waters. In other words, He made it possible for them to survive. But to survive is not the same as living -- they are ALIVE because God was with them and God was within them. They were His people, and they were filled with His grace. Then, in John's gospel, we have the woman who was to be put to death for her sin of adultery. When Jesus pointed out that each of the men gathered there was also a sinner, they departed; they let her live. Jesus recognized that she needed more. He poured out His grace and forgave her, allowing her to become FULLY alive in His love. Carry this message with you as you make your way through this week. As stewards of God's gifts, we should live and give purposefully, but we must remember that it is only through God's grace that we can become FULLY ALIVE.

PSR NEWS: TOTUS TUUS SUMMER RELIGION PROGRAM will be held at St. Francis July 21-26. Save the date!!

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Mondays after school until 5:00 p.m. April 8th and April 15th. They will sing on April 21st, Easter Sunday.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA meeting for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 will be held in the Chapel at Prairie Mission Retirement Village beginning at 6:30 p.m. The celebration will be the Circle's 96th Anniversary honoring the members of their years of service. Oldest member, Lorene VanLeeuwen will celebrate 70 years as a member, our newest member is Kathie Grosdidier. A special decorated cake and punch will be served for the occasion. Come and enjoy a social evening.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY Red Cross Blood Drive on Wed, April 10th from 2:00 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.

HARVEST HOUSE will be held Thursday, April 18th at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Café.

UNPLANNED! The pro-life movie "Unplanned" is showing at the AMC Classic Theater at the Pittsburg Meadowbrook mall through Wednesday, April 10. The movie is about the life of Abby Johnson who walked away from her job as director of a key Texas Planned Parenthood clinic and into the Coalition for Life office down the street. Today she is a leading anti-abortion advocate. Unplanned is a graphic portrayal of the abortion industry and is rated "R" for two realistic scenes involving abortion.