

THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 26, 2018

Sat.	8-25	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Phyllis McAtee
Sun.	8-26	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	8-26	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Chris Grosdidier
Mon.	8-27	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Gilbert Brungardt
Tue.	8-28		NO MASS
Wed.	8-29	7:00 p.m.	<i>PSR MASS</i> (St. Francis) + Scott Coomes
Thur.	8-30	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Frank Lero
Fri.	8-31	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Fr. Paul Smith S.J.
Sat	9-1	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	9-1	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Bill & Lou Spielbusch
Sun.	9-2	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	9-2	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Charles Gouvion

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: Brian Schoenhofer

Lector: Barb Lero

Server: Paul Ireland

Gifts: Jack & Carolyn McGowen

Rosary Leader: Doris

Ushers for September: Rusty & Cindy Lero

Donuts and Coffee for Sept. 2nd: St. Bernadette Circle

Dear Parents or Guardians, God's grace and peace be with you! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops requires all Catholic religious education programs to create and maintain a safe environment for our children.

The Diocese of Wichita uses the *VIRTUS Safe Environment* program. This is part of our ongoing effort to train youth to recognize inappropriate physical behavior and to protect themselves from potential abuse.

This program is not intended to be a substitute for the responsibility of parents in educating their children in the area of human sexuality and safety. Rather this program equips teachers, catechists and youth ministry leaders to aid parents in ensuring that all children have the tools they need to recognize potential danger and develop skills to protect themselves from harm. Since this training is mandatory, in the event that a child should be absent from the day of the lesson, the materials will be sent home for you to cover with your child(ren).

We encourage you to read the "overview" and "lesson" plan to be aware of the natural of the *VIRTUS Safe Environment* program. You may find these documents at www.virtus.org and click on the "touching Safety Program" in the left hand bar. "Touching Safety Program" and the "Safe Environment" program are two titles for the same program.

St. Francis Church

Lector & Music Leaders:

Sat. Judy Fager & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Don Smith & Kelli Bradshaw

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Mary Jean Zandler

Sun. Nohemy Brewer & Terry Diskin

Altar Servers:

Sat. Sophia, Kenna, Maggie

Sun. Ashlyn, Rebecca, Claire

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Gary Wood

Sun. M/M Joe Schoenhofer

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Jane Anne Beachner

Sun. Joe Schoenhofer

Ushers for September:

Sat. Mike Brown, Steve Grosdidier, Don Vitt

Sun. Noah Winter, Jamie Bradshaw, Mike McCracken

Church Cleaners for August 31st:

Staci Wiatrak, Mary Jean Zandler, Heather Madl

ST. FRANCIS ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER will be held today, Sunday August 26th @ 5:00pm in the parish hall, please mark your calendars & plan to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST will be held today, Sunday, August 26th at the St. Francis Parish Hall from 8:00 —11:30 a.m. All net proceeds will go to Jason & Mandy Diskin.

ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL FALL DINNER will be Sunday, October 7, 2018. Donations are now being accepted for the ticket book. Donations need to be turned in to one of the Altar Society officers by September 1st. Officers are: Kim Spielbusch, Laura Hoppas, Lois Carlson and Mary Jo Ireland.

ST. AMBROSE PARISH is also in need of volunteers for rosary leader prior to Sunday Masses and substitutes for adoration on Thursday morning.

FALL FESTIVAL The St. Francis Parish Fall Festival and Harvest Sale will be Sunday, November 4th. Please be thinking about what you can make or donate to the Fancy Stand and Harvest Sale.

THANK YOU The Charles Gouvion Family would like to thank Fr. Sam Pinkerton and Fr. Floyd McKinney for the beautiful funeral service for Charles and the St. Francis Altar Society for the delicious meal served to them after the funeral. They would also like to thank everyone for the cards, Masses, Memorials, food, visits and all of the kind thoughts and prayers expressed to them during their time of sorrow. Your thoughts and kindness will not be forgotten.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? A life lived fully for Jesus Christ is a challenging one. It means constantly saying "no" to the distractions from the world, even those that might seem fairly harmless. For this reason, many people choose to walk away from discipleship. We see this in today's Gospel reading. In John 6: 66-67, we hear that "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." At this, Jesus asked the Twelve if they would also like to leave. Herein lies the lesson: discipleship is a free choice. We worship a God who loves freely and wants us to do so in return ...freely. Our stewardship is a gift of self and is not meant to be offered out of obligation. Obligatory giving does not bring about joy...rather, it creates resentment. In just a few weeks, we will begin the Stewardship Renewal process. This weekend allows the opportunity to begin thinking and praying about ways we can give back to God freely and share in the joy that comes from serving Him and His people.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS: Parents please mark your calendars for our 1st night of PSR which will be on August 29th at 7:00 p.m. We always begin our school year with a Family Mass asking God's blessing on our program. If you are a new student in our program or in kindergarten please call Suzie Diskin at 449-2783 to enroll.

A volunteer is needed for a high school helper in the 11th—12th grade classroom. Also, if anyone is interested in getting trained in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for our younger grades, there is an opening as a helper in the 3rd grade classroom. As you help in the class, you will receive training at the same time. Please call Suzie Diskin at 449-2783 or 423-0615 as soon as possible to help.

VIRTUS TRAINING will be held in the Parish Rectory Basement on August 29th at 7:00 p.m. This is a mandatory training for anyone working or volunteering in our parish that is over 18. This includes PSR, CYM and all programs that include working with the youth of our parish. You do not have to pre-register.

ITALY AND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE APRIL 2019! You are invited to join a group of SE Kansas Catholics to Lourdes, France and Rome, Italy and the surrounding villages of Sienna, Assisi, and Orvieto. We will see all the major basilicas in Rome, Pope Francis Papal Audience, Catacombs, Coliseum & much more.

For a brochure contact Suzie Diskin at 449-2783 or call 800-842-4842 or visit www.selectinternationaltours.com (go to schedule tours, pick Italy or France then scroll down) There will be an informational meeting on September 9th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Rectory Basement.

THANK YOU to all who watered and cared for the flowers in the church garden over the summer, your time & talent was very much appreciated and the church grounds look beautiful!!

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, Sue Baldwin, Pat Diskin, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Kenny Owens, Jerry Beachner, Chuck Westhoff, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Josie Oplotnik, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Delma Pillot, Wayne Kanute, Gene McAtee, Nina Madl, Dorothy Petty, Diane Davis, Jason Diskin, Sandra Schoenhofer, Doris Kennedy

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

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$3,966.00
St. Ambrose \$886.00

Please remember your parish in your will.