

THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 5, 2018

Sat.	8-4	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Barbara Seiwert
Sun.	8-5	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	8-5	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Betty Westhoff
Mon.	8-6	7:30 a.m.	The Transfiguration of The Lord (St. Francis) + Clarita Bryant
Tue.	8-7		(St. Francis) NO MASS
Wed.	8-8	6:30 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Charlie VanLeeuwen
Thur.	8-9	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) The Jim Weber Family
Fri.	8-10	7:30 a.m.	<i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i> (St. Francis) In Thanksgiving
Sat.	8-11	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	8-11	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Charles Steinbacher
Sun.	8-12	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	8-12	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Stacie Beachner

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: Ed Spielbusch

Server: Rusty Lero

Gifts: Asa & Donna Bohrer

Rosary Leader: Doris

Ushers for August: David Holland & Paul Westerman

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

In today's readings, we see two groups of people with one thing in common: they have each received very generous gifts from God, but can't see those gifts for what they are! In the first reading, the Israelites have been freed from slavery (an answer to their prayers!), but they are now lost in the desert and are complaining about their suffering and starvation. In His generosity, God gives them another sign of His loving presence in the form of manna from Heaven. Some might say they are undeserving of the gift, but God knows it is signs like these that will renew their faith in Him. In the passage from John's Gospel, we see the disciples floundering -- they want to do God's will, but are unsure of how to do so. Like their ancestors in Israel, they request a sign from God. They don't understand that Jesus IS the sign they are seeking. They don't understand the depth of the gift they have been given! In both cases, God has given them all they need for both physical sustenance and spiritual sustenance, yet they ask for more. A key aspect of true stewardship is recognizing the gifts God has given us! This requires discernment and conversations with our Lord, and it requires a mind that is open to the fact that the gifts you have received may not necessarily be the gifts we request. Our lives are filled with blessings! We need to discover them, share them, and rejoice in them!!

St. Francis Church

Lector & Music Leaders:

Sat. Peggy McAtee & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Mike McCracken & Mary Smith

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Jill Coomes

Sun. Terry Diskin & Rodney Noe

Altar Servers:

Sat. Elise, Kenna, Maggie

Sun. Trey, Riley, Chandler

Gifts:

Sat. Roy Carter Family

Sun. Jamie Gonsalves Family

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Jane Anne Beachner

Sun. Tammi Norris

Ushers for August:

Sat. Merl Ewan, Matt O'Hara, Don Kennedy

Sun. Charles Schettler, Tim Harmon, Kent Winter

Church Cleaners for August 10th: Alice Schettler, Amber Spielbusch, Connie Spielbusch

MONDAY AUGUST 6TH is the Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord, and **Friday, August 10th** is the Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr.

ST. AMBROSE PARISH COOKOUT will be held today, Sunday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Altar Society. Officers are asked to bring desserts and parishioners are asked to bring a side dish. There will be no coffee & donuts today.

ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY will have a meeting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 12th to work on the Fall Turkey Noodle Dinner.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Charles Gouvion, who passed away Sunday, July 29th. *Eternal Rest grant unto him, And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be Wednesday, August 15th from 12:30—6:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will meet Tuesday, August 14th in the St. Francis Parish Hall beginning with Trustee meeting at 7:00 p.m. Chancellor, Lois Corn will open the meeting with prayer. At the June meeting it was decided the August meeting would be our Community Project month, bring your school supplies to the meeting. Remember to bring your donated hours sheet to the meeting. Hosting Committee for August is Judy Fager, Jane Anne Beachner, Alice Beachner and Janey Beachner. Plan to come and enjoy a fun evening.

THANK YOU to all those who helped with our Totus Tuus program last week. Thanks to the families that provided a home for the week & meals for the teachers. Also, to the young people who helped during the day with clean-up and in the classrooms. The children and teenagers loved it and learned a lot about living the Catholic faith all while having fun!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION TEACHERS AND HELPERS MEETING will be August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Basement. Please make every effort to attend so that we can work together to provide the best Catholic education for our students.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is Wednesday, August 15th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. *The Mass times will be:* 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. Ambrose, 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Francis & 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at St. Francis.

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.

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 Sevart, Josie Oplotnik, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Delma Pillot, Wayne Kanute, Gene McAtee, Laurie Jean VanLeeuwen, Nina Madl, Dorothy Petty, Frank Lero, Diane Davis, Jason Diskin

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

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$4,063.00
St. Ambrose \$2,957.25

Please remember your parish in your will.