

# THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Sat.	2-10	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Clarita Bryant
Sun.	2-11	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	2-11	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Scott Coomes
Mon.	2-12	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Verl Diskin
Tue.	2-13	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Bill Spielbusch
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>2-14</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>(St. Ambrose) People of the Parish</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>2-14</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>(St. Francis) + Betty McCall</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Thur.	2-15	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Ann Smith
Fri.	2-16	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + George & Helen VanLeeuwen
Sat.	2-17	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	2-17	5:30 p.m.	<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Ray Carter
Sun.	2-18	8:00 a.m.	<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	2-18	10:00 a.m.	<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Jim VanLeeuwen

**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:

	Wed. Rusty Lero	Sun. Laura Hoppas
<b>Lector:</b>	Wed. Laura Hoppas	Sun. Ed Spielbusch
<b>Server:</b>	Wed. Wayne Shively	Sun. Paul Wester
<b>Gifts:</b>	Wed. Paul & Virginia Westerman	Sun. Chad Boaz Family
<b>Rosary:</b>		Sun. Doris
<b>Ushers for February:</b>	Brian & Carol Schoenhofer	
<b>Donuts and Coffee for February 18th:</b>	Nancy & Laura	

## 2018 CONFIRMATION UPDATE

**Saturday, Feb. 17th** is the Confirmation Retreat at St. Pius Newman Center in Pittsburg from 9:30—4:30. This is a mandatory retreat and drivers are needed. Please call Suzie Diskin at 449-2783 or text 620-423-0615 if you can drive or are taking your own son or daughter over. Confessions will also be on this day. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 to carpool. Please be on time!

**Wednesday, Feb. 21st** is practice for Confirmation at 7—8 p.m. You need to invite your sponsor to come if possible, if not, please have a parent or grandparent with you. There will be time for discussion with sponsors and their responsibility.

**Saturday, Feb. 24th** is the Confirmation Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church. There will be a catered chicken dinner afterwards in the Parish Hall for your family and guests.

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**RICE BOWLS** are on the back table in the Church. Please pick one up for your family and help those in need.

## St. Francis Church

### Lector & Song Leaders:

<u>Wed.</u>	PSR & Kelli Bradshaw
<u>Sat.</u>	Cindy Schoenhofer & Jennifer
<u>Sun.</u>	Don Smith & Marcia Gard

### Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

<u>Wed.</u>	Rodney Noe
<u>Sat.</u>	Mary Jean Zandler
<u>Sun.</u>	Joe Smith

### Altar Servers:

<u>Wed.</u>	Anthony, Grant, Trey
<u>Sat.</u>	Emma, Regan, Maggie
<u>Sun.</u>	Chase, Connor, Riley

### Gifts:

<u>Wed.</u>	M/M Mike Mann
<u>Sat.</u>	Keith Smith Family
<u>Sun.</u>	Kent Winter Family

### Rosary Leaders:

<u>Sat.</u>	Mary Jean Zandler
<u>Sun.</u>	Tammi Norris

**Church Cleaners for February 16th:** Mary Jane Gouvion, Stacy Kirkpatrick, Kim Newberry, Kiesha Richenburg

### Ushers for February:

<u>Sat.</u>	Dan Spielbusch, Jeff Gard, Richard Ewan
<u>Sun.</u>	Clarke Westhoff, Mark VanLeeuwen, Mark Venneman

## THE ST. FRANCIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELED.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Fr. Thomas Scaletty who passed away Wednesday, February 7th. Fr. Scaletty's funeral will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Parsons on Monday, February 12th at 10:30 a.m.

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** February 14th is Ash Wednesday, all students are expected to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass with their families.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** for our 2nd graders will be Wednesday, February 28th. Parents, please make sure your child knows how to say the "Act of Contrition" prayer, and studies the "How to go to confession" form at home.

**IMPROVEMENTS TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH GROUNDS** In order to make our church garden and grounds even more beautiful and safe, a lighting project is under way! Approximately 14 lamp posts will line the sidewalks of the garden including the sidewalk to Prairie Mission Retirement Village. Additional lighting will also be added between the church and the church rectory to ensure the safety of our PSR children on Wednesday evenings. Please consider a donation to help complete this project. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Donations may be mailed to the church rectory or left in the weekend collections. Be sure to earmark your donation for the "lighting project". Envelopes for the project may be found in the back of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**February 18th**—St. Ambrose Parish Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Rectory.

**ST. FRANCIS CYM "SENIOR CITIZEN VALENTINE DINNER"** will be held next Sunday, February 18th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All Senior Citizens and disabled persons are invited to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?** In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul urges the new Christians to "do everything for the glory of God." This is truly a message of stewardship! Think of all the tasks you accomplish in a day: sleeping, eating, working, playing, laughing, talking, worrying. All of these things might seem mundane in the context of day-to-day life, but when we offer them up for the glory of God, they become our gifts, our blessings. As stewards we must remember to look at our lives in this way, with a spirit of gratitude and glorification.

**HARVEST HOUSE** will be Thursday, February 15th at the St. Paul Café starting at 12:30 p.m.

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

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA** will meet Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in St. Francis Hall. Regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. with auditors to review the books at 7:00 p.m. The deadline to apply for the scholarships has closed but we are proud to announce we have two candidates to represent our circle. Lois Corn and Betty Schettler's granddaughters. Chancellor, Lois Corn will begin the meeting with the Spiritual reading on St. Anne. Regent, Linda DeGarmo reminds us the State Conference will be in Wilson, Ks next month. This will be a one day meeting. A big reminder, to members, dues are \$15.00 for the year to be paid to Financial Secretary, Mary Jean Zandler, at the February meeting or mailed to her address 500 W. Wilson, Girard, Ks. 66743. Since the Valentine Sweetheart hosts are still on the mend we have some helpers for that that night.

**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.

**Prayers are asked for the following:** Carter Roberts, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Don George, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Gary Brown, Teresa (Boone) Neff, Sue Baldwin, Susie Coeme, Rosie Brogan, Pat Diskin, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris

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

### Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis	\$4,028.50
St. Ambrose	\$817.00

**Please remember your parish in your will.**