

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT-FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Sat.	2-21	5:30 p.m.	The 1st Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Sara Grosdidier
Sun.	2-22	8:00 a.m.	The 1st Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	2-22	10:00 a.m.	The 1st Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Frank Oplotnik
Mon.	2-23	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Leslie Treiber
Tue.	2-24	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Arthur Mueller
Wed.	2-25	5:45 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Judy Fager
Thurs.	2-26	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Robert & Wanda Madl
Fri.	2-27	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) +Alex Treiber
Fri.	2-27	4:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions
Fri.	2-27	5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	2-28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	2-28	5:30 p.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Braxton Irish
Sun.	3-1	8:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-1	10:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Winnie, Roger, Jim Walsh

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis
 Wednesday 5:00-5:30 p.m. at St. Francis
 30 minutes before each Mass.

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.

Fr. Matthew's Email:
pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com
Sacramental Emergency Number:
620-236-0705

ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 1st-8:00 a.m.
Altar Server: Brian Schoenhofer
Lector: Lois Carlson
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Wade Hoppas
March Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Lero

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$5,368.00	\$6,920.94
St. Ambrose	\$1,308.00	\$1,219.52

Please remember your parish in your Will.

The prayer list will be updated March 1. Please call the office to add a name to the new list. 620-449-2224. PLEASE PRAY FOR: Brad & Katie Stout,

Lenny & Anita Boatman, Chelsea Smith, Jerry Church, Mary Ann Horgan, Jill Coomes, Ruth Ann Schoenhofer, Jamie Smith, Kaleigh Dainty & unborn baby, Carol Cook, Kathy Lamkin, Janis Carter, Charles Schettler, Suzie Coeme, Rosie Brogan, Chris Lero, Helen George, Grace Wood, Jim Kramer, Craig Bagshaw, Becky Briggs, Don George, Tim McMillan, Jack & Carolyn McGowen, Linda Paulie, Claude Westhoff, Jim Beachner, Harrison Hill.

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Monday, February 23rd-7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Brynlea, Elsie

Tuesday, February 24th-7:30

Altar Servers: Jackson, Bryton

Wednesday, February 25th-7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Ella, Faith

Saturday, February 28th-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Ian, Isaac, Knox

Lector: Marcia Gard

Eucharistic Minister: Connie Spielbusch

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Clark Westhoff

Rosary: Cindy Schoenhofer

Sacristan: Mike & Cindy Schoenhofer

Sunday, March 1st-10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Sawyer, Rhett, Karson

Lector: Jene Noe

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Smith

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Ken Chambers

Rosary: Teresa Grosdidier

Sacristans: Ken & Cheryl Trepagnier

March Ushers:

Sat.-5:30 p.m.—Ross Albertini, Charles Schettler, Joel VanLeeuwen

Sun.-10:00 a.m.—Steve Harmon, Don Smith, Mark Smith

St. Francis Hall Chapel Cleaners-Feb. 28th-

Cheryl Smith, Cheryl Trepagnier, Jennifer Salazar, Kisha Richenburg

HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who is elderly or can not attend Mass, please let us know.

LENT 2026:

Fridays During Lent:

Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions, 4:00–4:50 p.m.; Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m.

On cold days: St. Ambrose. On warm days: Holy Hour at the Hall Chapel and Stations in the Church Garden. (The location will be announced every Friday on Facebook.)

Please remember to read *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* during Lent.

Lenten Mission – March 7–9

St. Francis Parish Hall | Fr. Ed Herzog, Speaker

Saturday: Confessions 3:30 p.m., Mass 4:30 p.m., Opening Talk 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: Talk 4:00 p.m., Penance Service 5:00 p.m.

Monday: Closing Talk 6:00 p.m., Social to follow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFICATION:

Men interested in joining the Knights are invited to attend on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Following 5:30 p.m. Mass there will be a social and dinner hosted by the D of I and the Knights. There will be a sign up sheet at the churches. Contact Charles Schettler 620-423-6635 or Lewis Hundley 913-683-8262 for more information.

ALTAR SERVERS AND CYM OUTING, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be Sunday, February 22nd. We will leave from the hall parking lot after 10 a.m. Mass to go to Buffalo Wild Wings in Pittsburg to eat, then to Holiday Lanes for bowling. We will need a headcount so please RSVP to Dan Vitt at 620-820-3690.

OCIA CLASS: There will not be class on Tuesday, February 24th.

PSR will have class this Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions call Bridget Paisley. (316-833-1722)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to stop by the West Hall immediately following Mass on **Sunday, March 1** for refreshments and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Council 760 will host two Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, March 6th and 20th at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving until 7:00 p.m. Dine in or Carry out available.

BENEFIT FOR AUSTIN AND CHELSEA SMITH FAMILY: Pulled Pork Dinner on Sunday, March 8th at the St. Michael Parish Hall in Girard from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

PASTOR MUSINGS: I've been making a habit of visiting the church a couple times per week as we continue our restoration project. It seems to be moving well, although a couple parts are taking a bit longer than expected. (We are still expecting to be back in there before Holy Week.) The scaffolding is quite impressive, sometimes taking a couple days to build. This whole experience has been an incredible learning opportunity for me in many ways! Our church is the second oldest church building in the Diocese of Wichita, and it shows as you venture around the basement and start learning the construction and materials of the building. The current construction team is just restoring the interior walls and parts of the ceiling, but they are all fascinated with the church and have been memorizing the history pamphlet. The lead manager actually says he reads it every night before he goes to bed! He was especially drawn to the communion rails. The wood is very decoratively cut, as you all know and love, and he was interested in the type of wood, which he assumed the dark color was a cherry wood. He later read it was a mahogany. Also the floor, which was covered with a layer of lightweight concrete in the nave. We have also found other things that need work in the near future to keep the building up, of course, but I'm happy to be a part of the team that does so. This church in little St. Paul is a true gift that Fr. Schoenmakers left behind.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Greg Grosdidier, who passed away on February 17, 2026. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Congratulations,
 Emma Jane Coomes
 Child of Jason and Lesli Coomes

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT STORE: Hours: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The drop-off shed will be locked at dark but remains open for donations during daylight hours. **We now offer a wonderful selection of Catholic gifts for children and adults—perfect for First Communion, birthdays, and other special occasions.** Stay connected! Follow us on Facebook: **St. Francis Thrift Store.**

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