

THE 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Sat.	2-23	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Charles Steinbacher
Sun.	2-24	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	2-24	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Sara Grosdidier
Mon.	2-25	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Pat Diskin
Tue.	2-26		NO MASS
Wed.	2-27	6:30 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Charles Gouvion
Thur.	2-28	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Gene McAtee
Fri.	3-1	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Matt Hermes
Sat.	3-2	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	3-2	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Lou Spielbusch
Sun.	3-3	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-3	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Delia Seiwert

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: Laura Hoppas

Lector: Ed Spielbusch

Server: Paul Westerman

Gifts: Brian & Carol Schoenhofer

Ushers for March: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

Stewardship of Treasure

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$4,644.00	\$5,500.17
St. Ambrose	No collection	\$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 Segreaves, 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, Josie Oplotnik, 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, Neil Family, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, Anna Letcher, Joe Gorge, Claudine Westhoff, Jeannie VanLeeuwen, David Lero

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. Marcia Gard & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. CYM & Kelli Bradshaw

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Judy Fager

Sun. Joe Schoenhofer & Mike McCracken

Altar Servers:

Sat. Austin, Mason, Wilson

Sun. Sydni, Katie, Katie

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Mike Schoenhofer

Sun. CYM

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Jane Anne Beachner

Sun. Joe Schoenhofer

Ushers for March:

Sat. Steve Spielbusch, Dennis Duling, Matt O'Hara

Sun. Jamie Bradshaw, Joe Schoenhofer, Charles Schettler

Church Cleaners for March 1st: Terry Born, Paula Crager, Jackie Harmon

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? Once again Jesus is challenging us to be good stewards and to be fully alive. Is our giving of self done out of gratitude, or is it in the expectation of something in return? Do we hold it over Jesus' head in our own times of need? Jesus says love your enemies and lend expecting nothing back...for He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked (that's us). Take, for example, David in today's first reading. David had the opportunity to kill Saul and declare victory in a violent and arrogant way. Instead, he took the king's spear, declaring victory in a much more subtle and merciful way. He declared that, "The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness." David understands that he is cooperating with God's plans, and is a faithful steward. Likewise, Luke 6:38 says, "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." If we are to be deserving of abundant mercy, then we are to give mercy abundantly. We are being called to give generously, and to the point of vulnerability.

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE—with the start of a new year, this is a reminder that Altar Society dues for 2019 are now due. They are \$20.00 per year and should be given to Cindy Lero, Altar Society Treasurer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST will be hosted by Council 760 TODAY, Sunday, February 24, 2019. Proceeds will go to the family of Jamie & Dakota Holding to assist with the health care costs for their three daughters, Adalynn, Kenlee, and Sophia, all of whom are being treated for serious health concerns. We will serve from 8:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. at St. Francis Hall.

LOURDES & ITALY PILGRIMAGE: There are still a few seats left if you want to join this pilgrimage from April 29-May 9, 2019. We are visiting Lourdes, Rome, Assisi and Sienna including St. Peter's Basilica and all the major sites. You can view the itinerary at www.selectinternationaltours.com (pick scheduled tours) or call Suzie Diskin at 620-443-2783 for a brochure.

"GET CONNECTED WITH ST. FRANCIS - ST. AMBROSE — Our joint parishes website "<http://www.stfrancis-stambrose.org>", and its companion Facebook page "@SaintFrancisAmbrose", have been up for a little over two years. During that time the website has seen 98,500 page views. Our Facebook community has grown to 354 followers and is increasing steadily. We try to keep the page active with news, announcements and diocesan information. If you are on Facebook, and have not joined us, doing so will give you automatic notifications of church news. For example: recent announcements of Mass or PSR cancellations, due to inclement weather, will reach your phone or computer when posted. If you do not currently use Facebook, it might be worth your time to open a basic Facebook profile. Then insert a search term for "@SaintFrancisAmbrose", and give us a "Like.""

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Frank Oplotnik, who passed away Sunday, February 17th. *Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light upon him. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS: TOTUS TUUS SUMMER RELIGION PROGRAM will be held at St. Francis July 21-26. Save the date!! **FIRST RECONCILIATION** is Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. Please be working with your child on the "Act of Contrition" and "How to go to Confession form" at home. There will be a parent's meeting afterwards with First Communion information. **FIRST COMMUNION** is Sunday, March 31st at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT? The Local Coordinator for CIEE needs a host family for FRANCO, a boy from Mexico, for the 2019/2020 school year. He is a practicing Catholic who wants to continue going to church while in the United States. He is involved in volunteer work with his Catholic youth group in Mexico and hopes to continue doing the same while living here. He has asked to be placed with a host family from the Midwest who welcomes him as a member of their family and not as a guest. Franco loves playing guitar, music and sports! If you are interested in hosting Franco, or know someone who would be, contact: Penny Zuck Spore, CIEE Local Coordinator, Southeast Kansas – Southwest Missouri – Southwest Oklahoma. Phone 620-778-4264 — email pispore.ciee@gmail.com — website: ciee.org/hostfamilies. (See church website for more info.)