

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Sat.	2-24	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Charles Steinbacher
Sun.	2-25	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	2-25	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Delia Seiwert
Mon.	2-26	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Clarita Bryant
Tue.	2-27	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Barbara Seiwert
Wed.	2-28	6:25 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Ryan Beachner
Thur.	3-1	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Fr. Jim Spexarth
Fri.	3-2	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Joe O'Hara
Sat.	3-3	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	3-3	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Bill & Lou Spielbusch
Sun.	3-4	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-4	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Fr. Thomas Scaletty

**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:** Donna Bohrer  
**Lector:** Brian Schoenhofer  
**Server:** Paul Irelan  
**Gifts:** Jim & Lois Carlson  
**Rosary:** Doris  
**Ushers for March:** Ed & Kim Spielbusch  
**Donuts and Coffee for March 4th:** St. Elizabeth Circle

## St. Francis Church

**Lector & Song Leaders:**  
Sat. Donna Wood & Jolene Born  
Sun. CYM & Kelli Bradshaw  
**Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:**  
Sat. Marcia Gard  
Sun. Terry Diskin  
**Altar Servers:**  
Sat. Maggie, Josey, Kenna  
Sun. Anthony, Adam, Chandler  
**Gifts:**  
Sat. M/M Merl Ewan  
Sun. CYM  
**Rosary Leaders:**  
Sat. Need a volunteer  
Sun. Joe Schoenhofer

**Church Cleaners for March 2nd:**  
 Rosie Brogan, Terry Born, Paula Crager

**Ushers for March:**  
Sat. Charles Gouvion, Merl Ewan, Matt O'Hara  
Sun. Steve Harmon, Ken Chambers, Ralph Gouvion

**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.

**ST. FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR** will practice Monday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to Ali Diskin (wife of Michael Diskin) on the death of her father, Lawrence Goudy, who passed away Friday, February 9th in Texas. Also to the family and friends of Howard Peak, husband of Kay (Wagner) Peak who passed away February 20th.

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** will be held this Wednesday starting with a Mass at 6:25 p.m. followed with classes in the classrooms at 7 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE! SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** for our 2nd graders will be Wednesday, **March 7th**. 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!

**THANK YOU!!** We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for all the support, love and prayers for Carter through his journey. *Sincerely Brice & Katie Roberts and Tom & Beth Westhoff*

**STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?** "God put Abraham to the test." And what a test it was! Sometimes we might think that our gifts of time or treasure are more than we can afford to give. Most of us, however, are not making the kind of sacrifice Abraham was willing to make. He was about to take the greatest gift God had given him -- the son he and Sarah had pleaded for -- and offer him back to God. Abraham proved that his love for God was greater than anything, even his love for his only son! We might not be asked to sacrifice our child, but we are asked by God to entrust our children to Him. To let go of anxiety or control, and allow God to provide for our children Everything we have comes from God, and must be offered back to Him with a grateful heart, and we trust that God will provide, even for our children.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2nd at Erie Federated Church, Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

**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:** Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venne-man, 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, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$4,517.00  
 St. Ambrose \$1,015.00

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

## CONFIRMATION 2018

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation Saturday evening at St. Francis Church by Bishop Carl Kemme:

Adam Albetini	Ashlyn Gahman
Annabella Beachner	Reese Haney
Chandler Bradshaw	Emily Hutcherson
Chase Bradshaw	Molly LaForge
Kenzie Brant	Taylor O'Brien
Regan Carlson	Emily Richenburg
Gib Carter	Hayden Smith
Katie Carter	Wilson Smith
Katie Coomes	Taylor Wiatrak
Easton Dent	

Thank you to Suzie Diskin and Keaton McCracken for preparing the student for their Confirmation.