

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Sat.	2-1	5:30 p.m.	The Presentation of the Lord (St. Francis) +Tom Duling
Sun.	2-2	8:00 a.m.	The Presentation of the Lord (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	2-2	10:00 a.m.	The Presentation of the Lord (St. Francis) +Jane VanLeeuwen
Mon.	2-3	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Michael Trepagnier & Johnny Gautreaux
Tue.	2-4	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Tommy Harmon
Wed.	2-5	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Mick McAtee
Thur.	2-6	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Matilda Schoenhofer
Fri.	2-7	8:00 a.m.	First Friday (St. Francis) +Joe, Betty, Ken Paulie
Fri.	2-7	9:00 a.m.	First Friday (PMRV) Don & Clarice Davied
Sat.	2-8	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) Peace
Sat.	2-8	5:30 p.m.	The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) +Betty Duling
Sun.	2-9	8:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Ambrose) +Virginia Westerman
Sun.	2-9	10:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) People of the Parishes

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis
 Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Francis
 30 minutes before each Mass.

ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 9th-8:00 a.m.

Lector: Brian Schoenhofer
Altar Server: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer
Gifts: M/M Wade Hoppas
Ushers: Asa & Donna Bohrer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$10,783.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$1,012.00	\$1,128.85

Please remember your parish in your Will.

If you are 70 1/2 or older, consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA. For more information on this tax free donation, contact your IRA trustee.

HOMEBOUND: If you know of someone who is elderly or can not attend Mass, please let the office know. Thank you.

Please pray for:

The sick and homebound in our parish. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please call the office at 620-449-2224. The prayer list will be updated the first of each month.

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.

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 8th-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Jace, Ian, Issac
Lector: Donna Wood
Eucharistic Minister: Marcia Gard
Gifts: M/M Jeff Corn
Rosary: Elaine VanLeeuwen
Sacristan: Keith & Elaine VanLeeuwen
Sunday, February 9th-10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Ava, Marisela, Nevaeh
Lector: Jene` Noe
Eucharistic Minister: Rodney Noe
Gifts: Tim Harmon Family
Rosary: Kari Chambers
Sacristans: Ken & Kari Chambers
February Ushers:
Saturday-5:30 p.m.-Steve Grosdidier, Dan Spielbusch, Keith VanLeeuwen
Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Broc Mattox, Mike McCracken, Kenny Paisley
Church Cleaners-February 8th-Alice Corn, Judy Fager, Jennifer Salazar

Fr. Matthew's Email:

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Sacramental Emergency Number:
620-236-0705

BIBLE STUDY, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, will be Sunday, February 2nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Parish Hall. All are welcome. Bring your Bible.

RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION: Fr. Matt will have class on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be "Sacraments of Healing: Confession & Anointing."

PSR will meet in the classrooms on Wednesday, February 5th. If you have questions at any time call Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop in anytime during Adoration to make a visit.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will meet Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Audit meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will open with a spiritual reading and will adjourn by praying the Rosary. Come and enjoy a fun evening.

SENIOR CITIZEN VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER will be Sunday, February 16th after 10:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Francis Parish Hall. There will be delivery available for any homebound seniors in town.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have a meeting on February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Hall. There will be an Exemplification on February 23rd after the Benefit Breakfast at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY will host a parish Winter Celebration Dinner Sunday, February 16th, 5:30 p.m. at the parish hall for all members of the parish. The meal will be provided by the altar society and officers will provide the dessert. Anyone wishing to bring an appetizer or salad is invited to do so but not required. Those planning to attend need to sign up on the dinner list at the entrance to the church, no later than Feb. 12th so food can be ordered. For questions contact one of the officers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST AND RAFFEL for Jill and Larry Coomes. Sunday, February 23rd, St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The benefit includes a raffle to win one of two \$200 meat packages donated by Casey Beef and Vitt Farms. Raffle box locations are in St. Paul and Walnut and at the breakfast. (See posters in the churches or on the internet for details.)

SEK VOCATIONS DAY will be hosted here, at St. Francis Parish Hall on February 28th, from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. (Lunch provided by the Serra Club) All 6th and 7th Graders are invited, and encouraged to attend. This is a FUN event for our youth to be with other Catholic kids in the area. They will have the opportunity to spend time with our local priests and religious sisters while learning about all vocations. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, reach out to Bridget Paisley 316-833-1722.

PASTOR MUSINGS: I must say, I'm excited to get this parish picture directory going. I hope you all have signed up for a slot to have your family's picture taken the weekend of Feb. 15th. (Or maybe you're like me, and waiting for the re-take sessions). I would venture to say this is one of the reasons I was drawn to the priesthood when discerning this call in college. I remember as a kid, flipping through our various parish directories from my home parish, and seeing all these families I knew from church, and having a greater sense of family rush over me. These were people that were the heart and soul of parish activities, and therefore instrumental in helping me know Christ, inasmuch as Christ is found in His Church and His followers. These were people who helped educate me in the faith, or assisted at Mass, or kept the church clean. They were my parent's best friends oftentimes. I felt a certain attachment to these faces – not taking away from my own family – no, maybe actually enhancing my relationship with my own family. The faces of the parish, each face that has a different personality, a different story behind it, a different smile – these are the face of Christ. He is seen and known through these faces. If you have been to my office, you have probably seen my corkboard above my laptop, which has no corkboard visible because every inch is covered with a Save the Date, or a Christmas card, or a new birth announcement, or simply a photo. I really love it. I'm grateful to have been able to know so many in my short 6 years of priesthood thus far and look forward to knowing the face of Christ in St. Paul and Erie in this upcoming directory.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: We are planning a new Parish Directory book for St. Francis and St. Ambrose. The photos will be taken in the St. Francis Parish Hall on Saturday, February 15th, Sunday, February 16th and Saturday, March 8th. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. It will be at St. Ambrose this weekend and St. Francis next week. We are hoping to get every parishioner in our new book!

THE STEWARDSHIP FORMS: Thank you to the 84 parishioners who have completed their Stewardship forms. Please take one from the back table and return it if you have not done so. It is very helpful to update the information and update the ministries you are able to serve. You may return the form to the parish office, put in the large basket in the church foyer or mail it to St. Francis/St. Ambrose, P.O. Box 216, St. Paul, KS 66771. Thank you for your help!

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