

THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Sat.	2-3	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Bill & Lu Spielbusch
Sun.	2-4	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	2-4	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + Betty Lero
Mon.	2-5	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Ruth Thesing
Tue.	2-6	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Bernard H. Smith
Wed.	2-7	6:25 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Viola Cox
Thur.	2-8	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) W.W. Holland Family
Fri.	2-9	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Howard Kennedy
Sat.	2-10	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
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

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: Jack McGowen

Lector: Lois Carlson

Server: Rusty Lero

Gifts: Ed & Kim Spielbusch

Rosary: Doris

Ushers for February: Brian & Carol Schoenhofer

Donuts and Coffee for February 11th: Marriage Day—St. Bernadette Circle

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.

St. Francis Church

Lector & Song Leaders:

Sat. Marcia Gard & Jennifer

Sun. Joe Smith & Mary Smith

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Jill Coomes

Sun. Jene' Noe

Altar Servers:

Sat. Easton, Hayden, Vincent

Sun. Sophia, Sydni, Katie Carter

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Gary Wood

Sun. M/M Robert Kroenke

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Elaine VanLeeuwen

Sun. Jean Diskin

Church Cleaners for February 9th:

Ushers for February:

Sat. Dan Spielbusch, Jeff Gard, Richard Ewan

Sun. Clarke Westhoff, Mark VanLeeuwen, Mark Venneman

ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION will be held this Wed. starting with Mass at 6:25 p.m. and classes to follow at 7p.m.

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. During this season of giving, 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 11th—St. Francis Parish Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Rectory.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT FREE THROW CONTEST will be today, Sunday Feb. 4th at the St. Paul Gymnasium. Doors open at 12 and they will begin to shoot at 1:00 p.m. If you can not make it, please call Matt O'Hara at 620-820-3883.

STEWARDED OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

In today's first reading, we see Job in the depths of his misery. He refers to life as "drudgery" and sees his days slipping by in a blur, "swifter than a weaver's shuttle." Here we see a man who has lost everything, including his hope; we see a man who is simply waiting to die. How many of us have allowed ourselves to reach this point of desperation? Have we forgotten our vocations? Have we allowed our attachments to the world to blind us from our greater purpose? In these moments, we must turn to Jesus with the faith of the first disciples. When they told Jesus about Simon's mother-in-law, "He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them." Job's self-pity is understandable, but it is not acceptable. The steward must remain upright and turn to Jesus with the hope of strength, healing, and purpose.

THANK YOU The Saint Francis Altar Society would like to thank all who gave of their time and talent in making the turkey/noodle fundraiser a great success. Also, thank you to those who came and generously donated. The Altar Society donated proceeds in the amount of \$2,500 to the New Parochial Vicar Fund. Bishop Kemme extends his appreciation for the donation and his continued prayers for the parish.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Jim Hofer and family in the death of his brother Bill Hofer, who passed away Sunday, January 28th.

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

PARISH MINISTRIES SIGN IN SHEET There is a Parish Ministries sign in sheet at the entrance of the St. Francis Church. If you are the Lector, Extra Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Usher or taking up the gifts, please sign the sheet as you come into Mass so that the Ushers know that each Ministry is covered.

ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY:

Members of St. Ambrose Parish who will be celebrating a 25th wedding anniversary or any anniversary after that on the five year mark, are asked to let Kim Spielbusch, Altar Society President, or any of the other officers know the anniversary being celebrated in 2018 to be recognized at the Sunday coffee, February 11, World Marriage Day.

The Altar Society Officers will be preparing a Valentine Dinner the evening of February 11 at St. Ambrose Parish hall at 5:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Those planning to attend need to sign up at the entrance to St. Ambrose Church by February 4th. Cost is \$15 per couple or \$7.50 per individual.

Ladies of St. Ambrose Parish are reminded that 2018 Altar Society dues of \$20 per year are now due. Please give dues to one of the Altar Society officers.

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 Coome, Rosie Brogan, Pat Diskin

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

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$3,371.87

St. Ambrose \$691.00

Please remember your parish in your will.