

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-JANUARY 19, 2025

Sat.	1-18	5:30 p.m.	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) +Jim Hofer
Sun.	1-19	8:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	1-19	10:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) +Carl Paulie
Mon.	1-20	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) Jane Anne Beachner
Tue.	1-21	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Lorene VanLeeuwen
Wed.	1-22	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Joan Schoenhofer
Thur.	1-23	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Robert Mueller
Fri.	1-24	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	1-25	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	1-25	5:30 p.m.	The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) +Braedin Voorhies
Sun.	1-26	8:00 a.m.	The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	1-26	10:00 a.m.	The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Francis) +Elizabeth Ann Coomes

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, January 26th-8:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Westerman
Lector: Laura Hoppas
Altar Server: Brian Schoenhofer
Gifts: M/M Ed Spielbusch
Ushers: Rusty/Cindy Lero

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$4,287.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose	\$1,576.00	\$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.

Please pray for: Fr. Sam Pinkerton, Robyn Burke, Jill Coomes, Mary Lee Wellington and the sick and homebound in our parish. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list 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, January 25th-5:30 p.m.
Altar Servers: Jace, Micah, Bryton
Lector: Ron Reeves
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Fager
Gifts: M/M Dennis Westhoff
Rosary: Cindy Schoenhofer
Sacristan: Mike/Cindy Schoenhofer
Sunday-January 26th-10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Sawyer, Rhett, Kolton
Lector: Mike Mann
Eucharistic Minister: Jamie Aday
Gifts: Broc Mattox Family
Rosary: Jean Diskin
Sacristans: David/Jean Diskin
January Ushers:
Saturday-5:30 p.m.—Mike Brown, Jeff Gard, Matt O’Hara
Sunday-10:00 a.m.—Ross Albertini, Jamie Bradshaw, Kent Winter
Church Cleaners-January 25th—Crystal McGowen, Jaime Gonsalves, Judy Born

Fr. Matthew’s Email:
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Sacramental Emergency Number:
620-236-0705

RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION: Fr. Matt will have class on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be, “Baptism & Confirmation.”

PSR will have classes in the classrooms on Wednesday, January 22nd.

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. *“I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament.” (Jesus speaking to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)*

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
K of C Free Throw District Championship & Meeting, Sunday, January 19th, after 10:00 Mass. St. Paul High School, Old Gym. Doors open & check-in 11:00. Shooting Starts at 12:00. Birth Certificate **MUST BE PRESENTED** during Check-in. *A Knights of Columbus meeting follows the championship. We have several things to discuss including two benefit breakfasts, Altar Server outing, an Exemplification, etc.* **Benefit Breakfast and Beef Raffle for Emma Mason.** Sunday, January 26th, St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Emma's benefit also includes a raffle to win a \$200 Casey Beef Bundle. Raffle Locations are in St. Paul, Walnut, Erie and at the Breakfast. (see posters in the churches and internet for details.)

ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Sunday, January 19 following Mass in the St. Ambrose Parish Hall. Altar Society dues of \$20 may be paid any time to one of the Altar Society officers. Cindy Lero is the treasurer.

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.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: We are planning a new Parish Directory book for St. Francis and St. Ambrose. The photo dates will be Saturday, February 15th and Sunday, February 16th in the St. Francis Parish Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. We are hoping to get every parishioner in our new book!

PASTOR MUSINGS: This week people around the country will be praying more intentionally for the protection of human life, as Jan 22nd is the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The dignity of each and every human life is very important to us, because to deny that is to deny God’s goodness, who is the Creator of each and every human life. To deny God’s goodness is very murky waters to get in to indeed. Generally, no one commits a sin against life (such as abortion, euthanasia, etc.) because they don’t believe life is valuable. In my experience, people commit these sins in order to support a lifestyle that is not God-centered. It is easy to convince ourselves a truth we’ve been taught isn’t that important if it butts up against a way we want to live. The 2025 National March for Life in Washington, DC will take place on Friday, January 24. As we know, Roe v. Wade has been overturned (as the fruit of many many prayers) and the legislation has now been handed over to the states. The March for Life website says we still march because the necessary work to build a *culture* of life is not yet finished. I would say it is not finished until we all understand and believe the good of life is a greater priority than any lifestyle we choose! The March for Life at the state level in Kansas will take place in a week, January 29, starting at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. It begins with a rally (some impressive speakers this year) and Mass at 9am, and the actual march at noon. More information on Kansans for Life webpage. I encourage you to go if you are able! Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Life, pray for us!

CATHOLIC BURIAL DECISIONS: The Catholic Advance published an article on December 20, 2024. Bishop Gerald Kicanas, Moderator of the Catholic Cemetery Conference, speaks of, "The importance of being buried on sacred and consecrated ground." Read “Bishop Kicanas: make burial decisions ahead of time” at www.CatholicAdvance.com.

THE STEWARDSHIP FORMS: Thank you to the 68 parishioners who have completed their Stewardship forms. Please take one from the back table and return it. We need to update your information and update the ministries you are willing to serve. You may return the form to the parish office, put in the 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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