

THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 24, 2021

Sat.	1-23	5:00 p.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Sun.	1-24	9:00 a.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) +Joan Schoenhofer
Sun.	1-24	11:00 a.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) +Dawn Mueller
Mon.	1-25	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Liz Turner
Tue.	1-26		NO MASS
Wed.	1-27	7:00 p.m.	PSR Mass (St. Francis) +Janey Beachner
Thur.	1-28	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Fr. Jerry Beat
Fri.	1-29	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Mauricia O'Brien
Sat.	1-30	5:00 p.m.	<i>The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) +Mary Lou Beachner
Sun.	1-31	9:00 a.m.	<i>The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Sun.	1-31	11:00 a.m.	<i>The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) +Nancy Giefer

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard on the west side of the St. Francis Rectory every **Saturday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Follow the signs and cones and remain in your vehicle.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Billy Brown, Stephanie Thompson, Ron Lallemant, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, Jerry Beachner, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Barbara Workman, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, David Lero, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Karen Steinbacher, Marilyn Dugan, Frances Fox, Nicholas George, Lorene VanLeeuwen, Ethan Yarnell, Paul Irelan, Jack McGowen, Sarah Norris-Crews, Laura Kay Nutter, Ed Lero, Helen Coomes, Joan Unruh, Virginia Westerman, Christy Torchia, Mary Ann Remer, Carl Yockey, Chris Vitt (Greg's son), Janel Diskin Scales, Vickie Rike, Mike Keal, Mary Ann Rehnert, Carolyn McGowen, Rene Miller, Judy Diskin, C.L. & Mitzi Warstler, Gary Kilgore, Randy Leach, Jeanine Schettler, Beverly Simmons, Lisa Johnston, Mark VanLeeuwen, Billie Dawson Jones, John Schoenhofer

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis: \$4,463.52	\$5,565.38
St. Ambrose: \$648.00	\$985.77

Please remember your parish in your Will.

OFFERTORY/TITHE: Place your church envelope inside a regular mailing envelope with your return address on the mailing envelope. Mail to St. Francis Church, P.O. Box 216, KS 66771. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** Also, you may leave your envelope in the basket upon entering Mass.

PARISH MINISTRIES:

Saturday, January 30-5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Jill Coomes

Lector: Judy Fager

Rosary Leader: Cindy Schoenhofer

Ushers: Dennis Duling, Mike Schoenhofer,

Steve Spielbusch

Sunday, January 31-9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Marcia Gard

Lector: Gary VanLeeuwen

Rosary Leader: Joe Schoenhofer

Ushers: Jeff Gard, Dan Vitt, Dennis Vitt

Sunday, January 31-11:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Jene' Noe

Lector: Mike Mann

Rosary Leader: Elaine VanLeeuwen

Ushers: Joe Smith, Mark Smith, Keith

VanLeeuwen

Church Cleaners for January 29: Crystal

McGowen, Jami Gonsalves, Kayla West

PARISH OFFICE: Due to the Coronavirus, the Parish Office is closed to your physical presence and entrance. To schedule Mass Intentions or such, please call Jackie Harmon, our Parish Secretary, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday at 620-449-2224.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stfrancis-stambrose.org

THANK YOU to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday. You are truly appreciated!

2021 CALENDARS are on the tables at St. Francis and St. Ambrose Churches. Please take one for your family. We would like to thank Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home and Carson-Wall Funeral Home for supplying these calendars again this year.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PARENTS AND STUDENTS: There will be PSR Mass on January 27th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK!

7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best-selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.

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PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, PRAGUE AND GERMANY:

You are invited to join Father Michael Schemm on a trip of a lifetime to these holy sites June 14-25, 2021! In Poland we will visit everything honoring St. John Paul II, pray before the original Divine Mercy image and the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Plus, see the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp where St. Maximilian Kolbe died. Then travel to Prague to see the Infant of Prague statue. In Germany another highlight will be seeing the Holy Relics of Aachen. Only every 7 years these relics are on display to the public: the cloak of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the swaddling clothes of the Infant Jesus, the loin-cloth worn by Christ on the Cross and the cloth on which the head of St. John the Baptist was wrapped. For a brochure please go to www.catholicheritagetours.com/sdppg or call Suzie Diskin at 620-423-0615 or Catholic Heritage Tours at 800-290-3876.

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SAINT OF THE DAY: January 24

Saint Francis de Sales' Story

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Reflection

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."