

THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 28, 2018

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| Sat. | 1-27 | 5:30 p.m. | <i>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) + George & Bill Fager |
| Sun. | 1-28 | 8:00 a.m. | <i>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Ambrose) + Mary Jo Maher |
| Sun. | 1-28 | 10:00 a.m. | <i>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish |
| Mon. | 1-29 | 7:30 a.m. | (St. Francis) + Cindy, Sheri & Trent |
| Tue. | 1-30 | 7:30 a.m. | (St. Francis) + Gus Wolken |
| Wed. | 1-31 | 6:25 p.m. | (St. Francis) + Larry VanLeeuwen |
| Thur. | 2-1 | 8:30 a.m. | (St. Ambrose) + Fr. Leroy Linnebur |
| Fri. | 2-2 | 7:30 a.m. | <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> (St. Francis) + Jane VanLeeuwen |
| Sat. | 2-3 | 7:30 a.m. | (St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith |
| 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 |

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: Paul Westerman
Lector: Bob Vitt
Server: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer
Gifts: Ken & Sandy Schoenhofer
Ushers for February: Brian & Carol Schoenhofer
Donuts and Coffee for February 4th: Francie & Virginia

PARISH YOUTH DAY & THE FEAST OF ST. DON BOSCO

Today, Sunday, January 28th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Parish Youth Day and the Feast of St. Don Bosco. This will be a special Mass for the children & families. We request all families with children especially families with PSR students and CYM youth to attend this Mass for your Sunday obligation. All families with children should sit in the front pews. There will be pizza and ice cream served in the parish hall after Mass. Everyone from both parishes are invited to join us for Mass and lunch!

St. Francis Church

Lector & Song Leaders:
Sat. Judy Fager & Jolene Born
Sun. CYM & Kelli Bradshaw
Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:
Sat. Marcia Gard
Sun. Mike McCracken
Altar Servers:
Sat. Elise, Kenna, Josey
Sun. Caleb, Adam, Chandler
Gifts:
Sat. Brock Aday Family
Sun. CYM
Rosary Leaders:
Sat. Jane Anne Beachner
Sun. Joe Schoenhofer
Church Cleaners for February 2nd: Coleen Carter, Robyn Burke, Kris Casey, Marlene Clark
Ushers for February:
Sat. Dan Spielbusch, Jeff Gard, Richard Ewan
Sun. Clarke Westhoff, Mark Venneman, Harry Venneman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND—is the Feast Day of The Presentation of The Lord.

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

2018 CONFIRMATION 9th & 10th Grade PSR Class important dates to remember: Our Confirmation Retreat will be held at the Newman Center in Pittsburg, Ks. On Saturday, February 17, 2018. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be given by Bishop Kemme on Saturday, February 24th at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. More details to come. Parents, we have been studying this sacrament since September and each student has brought home information about requirements on choosing a sponsor, saint's name and stewardship projects. Please see that your son or daughter is completing these items for receiving this sacrament.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? "When it comes down to it, stewardship is a form of servant hood. We are called to use our gifts to serve God and to serve one another. This is what Jesus does in today's Gospel, as He establishes His public reputation. Jesus demonstrates His authority over the demon, and casts the evil spirit out of the man. Clearly, Jesus has some special gifts -- gifts that He could have used for His own glorification. Instead, He used His divine authority to free the man of the demonic possession. Jesus used His gift to heal a man, rather than using it to control him. Let us remember this as we put our own gifts to use. We are stewards of all God has given us, and we are to use those gifts in the service of the Lord!

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:

January 28th—St. Ambrose Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Rectory.

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.

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP Clothes and gifts for everyone. Nice clothes for school children of all ages. Men & Women shoes, jeans, shirts, just everything! Come have fun shopping!

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.

St. Ambrose Altar Society will meet, Sunday, January 28, following Mass.

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.

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 Coeme, Rosie Brogan

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 \$789.00

Please remember your parish in your will.