

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 11, 2018

Sat.	3-10	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Charlie VanLeeuwen
Sun.	3-11	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-11	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Charlotte Carter
Mon.	3-12	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Floyd Diskin
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>3-13</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>(St. Francis) + Funeral for Betty Westhoff</b>
Wed.	3-14	6:25 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Fr. Joe VanLeeuwen
Thur.	3-15	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Fr. Jim Spexarth
Fri.	3-16	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Clarita Bryant
Sat.	3-17	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	3-17	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Thomas E. Duling
Sun.	3-18	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-18	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Jim VanLeeuwen

**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:** Lois Carlson

**Lector:** Jim Carlson

**Server:** Brian Schoenhofer

**Gifts:** Rusty & Cindy Lero

**Rosary:** Doris

**Donuts and Coffee for March 18th:** Kim & Rose

**Ushers for March:** Ed & Kim Spielbusch

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Will be held Friday, March 16th & March 23rd at the St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul.

They will be serving from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. both nights.

The Catholic Youth Ministry will be helping again this year and are sharing the proceeds. The remaining proceeds will help support two seminarians on their journey to the priesthood.

The menu includes fried fish with a variety of adult and kid-friendly side dishes, drinks and desserts.

Free will donations will be accepted.

## St. Francis Church

**Lector & Song Leaders:**

Sat. Judy Fager & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Don Smith & Bob Schoenhofer

**Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:**

Sat. Jill Coomes

Sun. Mike McCracken

**Altar Servers:**

Sat. Emma, Regan, Elise

Sun. Kiser, Chase, Riley

**Gifts:**

Sat. M/M Paul Schettler

Sun. M/M Rodney Noe

**Rosary Leaders:**

Sat. Mary Jean Zandler

Sun. Tammi Norris

**Church Cleaners for March 16th:**

Jessica Kramer, Alexa LaForte, Peggy McAtee

**Ushers for March:**

Sat. Charles Gouvion, Merl Ewan, Matt O'Hara

Sun. Steve Harmon, Ken Chambers, Ralph Gouvion

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Betty Westhoff, who passed away Thursday, March 8th.

**SERVICES FOR BETTY WESTHOFF:** The Rosary will be held Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Church and the Funeral will be Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Church. **There will be NO 7:30 a.m. Mass Tuesday at St. Francis Church.**

**ST. FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** has been cancelled for this Monday evening.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held during lent at St. Ambrose every Thursday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and at St. Francis every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

**ST. FRANCIS YOUTH CHOIR** will practice next Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m. for the Easter Mass.

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** will be held this Wednesday starting with a Mass at 6:25 p.m. followed with classes in the classrooms at 7 pm.

**UPCOMING MEETING:** The St. Francis Parish Council will meet on Sunday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Rectory.

**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. 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!

**STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?** Stewardship involves recognizing and receiving God's gifts. Today's Gospel describes the greatest of God's gifts -- His only begotten son. Jesus was raised up on the cross as a sign for all to see. He came to shed light on the truth. He IS the truth. Do you, fellow steward, see Him? Do you follow Him? Do you recognize the gift that He is? Do you live a life that demonstrates gratitude for the gift you have received? Take a moment today to gaze upon the crucifix and receive God's most precious gift that is Jesus Christ.

**HARVEST HOUSE** will be held on Thursday, March 15th starting at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Café. We will have the County Health Nurse there to explain the signs of a stroke.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA** will meet Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the St. Francis Parish Hall. The Regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Chancellor, Lois Corn will begin the meeting with a Spiritual Reading on St. Monica. *Reminder:* Ladies your dues for 2018 are due this month. Final plans will be discussed about the celebration for the circle's 95 anniversary, your ideas are welcomed. Hosting the March (St. Patrick) meeting are Alice Schettler, Betty Schettler and Susie Smith.

**ST. JOSEPH TABLE** Sunday, March 18th from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at St. Bridget's Parish Hall in Scammon, Ks. Entrees include: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Lasagna, Sausage, Polenta, Seafood Pasta Shells. Each meal comes with salad, bruschetta, garlic bread, and home-made dessert. \$15.00 per person (full menu), \$6.00 per child 12 & under, \$2.00 children 5 & under. Also featuring wine specialties.

**LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS**  
*Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of FASTING* Catholics, from the 18th birthday up to the 59th birthday (the beginning of the 60th year) are obliged to fast, that is, take only one full meal and two lesser meals, with nothing to eat in between meals. Drinking fluids would not be contrary to the practice of fasting.

*Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are days of ABSTAINING from meat.* All Catholics, beginning with the 14th birthday, are obliged to abstain from eating meat. People who are unable to practice bodily penance, due to pregnancy, illness, or hard physical labor may choose another form of penance or charity. The Church urges that works of penance be linked to works of charity – for example, using the money saved on less expensive meals or giving up snacks to feed the poor.

**RICE BOWLS** are on the back table in the Church. Please pick one up for your family and help those in need.

**Prayers are asked for the following:** 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, Rosie Brogan, Pat Diskin, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Kenny Owens, Jerry Beachner

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$4,710.79

St. Ambrose \$872.00

**Please remember your parish in your will.**