

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-MARCH 15, 2026

Sat.	3-14	5:30 p.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Tom & Betty Duling
Sun.	3-15	8:00 a.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) +Nancy Steime
Sun.	3-15	10:00 a.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) People of the Parishes
Mon.	3-16	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Raymond Paulie
Tue.	3-17	6:30 p.m.	St. Patrick Day Mass (Walnut) +Tom Duling
Wed.	3-18	5:45 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Jim VanLeeuwen
Thurs.	3-19	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Garnett Boaz
Fri.	3-20	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) +Michelle Buyatt
Fri.	3-20	4:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions
Fri.	3-20	5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	3-21	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Jerry VanLeeuwen
Sat.	3-21	5:30 p.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Judy Diskin
Sun.	3-22	8:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-22	10:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) Wichita Diocese Seminarians

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis
 Wednesday 5:00-5:30 p.m. at St. Francis
 30 minutes before each Mass.

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.

Fr. Matthew's Email:
pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com
Sacramental Emergency Number:
620-236-0705

ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 22nd-8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Brian Schoenhofer

Lector: Laura Hoppas

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Asa Bohrer

March Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Lero

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$4,769.00 \$6,920.94

St. Ambrose \$822.00 \$1,219.52

Please remember your parish in your Will.

HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who is elderly or can not attend Mass, please let us know.

March Prayer list. Please pray for: Joe Schoenhofer, Becky Briggs Jill Coomes, Brad & Katie Stout, Lenny and Anita Boatman, Chelsea Smith, Jerry Church
 (Please call the office to add a name to the new list.
 620-449-2224)

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Monday, March 16th-7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Anderson, Elsie

St. Patrick Mass (Walnut) Tue., Mar. 17th-6:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kaydra, Kori, Karson

Wednesday, March 18th-5:45 p.m.

Altar Servers: Jace, Micah

Saturday, March 21st-8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: London, Tinley

Saturday, March 21st-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Brynlea, Ella, Cassie T.

Lector: Ron Reeves

Eucharistic Minister: Connie Spielbusch

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Keith VanLeeuwen

Rosary: Elaine VanLeeuwen

Sacristan: Jeff & Alice Corn

Sunday, March 22nd-10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Landon, Bensen, Knox

Lector: Cheryl Trepannier

Eucharistic Minister: Jamie Aday

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith

Rosary: Jean Diskin

Sacristans: Ken & Cheryl Trepannier

March Ushers:

Sat.-5:30 p.m.—Ross Albertini, Charles Schettler, Joel VanLeeuwen

Sun.-10:00 a.m.—Steve Harmon, Don Smith, Mark Smith

St. Francis Hall Chapel Cleaners-March 21st—Jackie Harmon, Janet Harmon, Becky Oplotnik

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FRIDAYS DURING LENT—

Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions 4:00–4:50 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 5:00 p.m.

On cold days: St. Ambrose. On warm days: Holy Hour at the Hall Chapel and Stations in the Church Garden. (The location will be announced every Friday on Facebook)

OCIA CLASS—Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Basement. The topic will be “Love of Neighbor: Last 7 Commandments.”

PSR will not have class Wednesday. Enjoy your Spring Break!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK CHOIR—There will be choir practice for the upcoming Holy Week services on Monday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall Church. All choir members are encouraged to attend as we prepare the music for this special week in the life of the church. New voices are always welcome!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS—A St. Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Walnut. The collection will be for the Cemetery Fund. Please join us to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick.

HARVEST HOUSE will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 12:00 noon at the St. Paul Café. We will each share the name of our favorite saint and explain why they are special to us.

CYM BRANSON SHOW — The CYM is excited to take a day trip to Branson on Thursday, March 19, to see the 3:30 p.m. performance of *David* at Sight & Sound Theatre, followed by dinner at Pizza Ranch before heading home. There are 31 spots available on the bus, and parishioners are invited to join to help fill the bus. The show ticket and dinner will be on your own. Please contact the parish office to reserve your bus seat or for more details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY—Council 760 will host their Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 20th at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving until 7 p.m. Dine in or Carry out.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST- K of C Council 760 will host a Benefit Breakfast on Sunday, March 22, for Anita and Lenny Boatman, who are facing multiple serious health issues. Breakfast will be served from 8:00–11:30 a.m. in St. Francis Parish West Hall. The benefit will also include a Double Meat Bundle Raffle, with raffle boxes located in St. Paul, Walnut, and Girard (see posters and Facebook). Chances will also be sold during the breakfast, and drawings will be held at the end of the event. Please come out and show your support!

SEK VOCATIONS DAY will be hosted at St. Francis Parish Hall on March 27th, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Lunch provided by the Serra Club) All 6th Graders are invited, and encouraged to attend. This is a FUN event for our youth to be with other Catholic kids in the area. They will have the opportunity to spend time with our local priests, religious sisters, and Bishop Kemme, while learning about all vocations. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or need help with rides, reach out to Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

PASTOR MUSINGS: Thanks to those of you who took advantage of our parish mission last weekend. I really appreciate Fr. Ed and what he had to share with us to inspire our Lenten journey. I pray it was helpful to you as well. One thing that struck me was in his last talk about the reality of heaven. In the Christian life we are taught to not sin, but it is always so much more inspiring to pursue the good (God Himself) rather than simply avoid wrongdoing. Fr. Ed talked about the image and likeness of God being Love, because God is Love, and we are made in that image of Love. Therefore, our heaven is loving in the image and likeness of God – which we see in perfect depiction on the cross. I really didn't experience true gift of self, which is loving in the image and likeness of God, until I was in college going into my junior year and taught Totus Tuus for the Diocese. It was exhausting in every way! And yet I kept wanting more...hence, the experience of heaven. One of our Lenten penances is almsgiving, which I've always personally struggled with. Giving money to charity often feels impersonal, lacking something. What I hold dearer than my money is my time! When I can give time to someone who is lonely, or someone who is mourning, or simply someone I don't typically spend time with – I feel the gift of self. I'm giving alms. And I never seem to regret a decision to pray – or fast – or give alms.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations,

Rocio Ines Aguilera

Child of Fernando and Nichole Aguilera
and

Morris Kelly Gazaway

Child of William and Kaleigh Gazaway

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Ed Lero, who passed away on March 8, 2026. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THANK YOU—A special thank you from the Grosdidier families for the outpouring of love and condolences recently for Greg. Thank you to those who assisted with the meal, the visits, food, prayers, and the many acts of kindness. Thank you to Father Matt, whose words were an inspiration, and to the other area priests who assisted. Our community of supporters has truly been exceptional, and we greatly appreciate it.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—St. Francis de Hieronymo Catholic Church is seeking a faithful, zealous and organized individual to be hired for the part-time position of Director of Religious Education. The essential purpose of the position is the organization and execution of the youth religious education program, grades K-12. Other key responsibilities would be to oversee volunteer catechists, serve as the parish's safe environment coordinator, plan sacramental celebrations and other parish youth events, and maintain an attractive environment for faith formation in the catechesis building. Opportunities for more hours available dependent on the applicant. Please contact the St. Francis parish office at saintfrancis66771@gmail.com for an application.

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