

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT-MARCH 16, 2025

Sat.	3-15	5:30 p.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Mary Jo Bradshaw
Sun.	3-16	8:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-16	10:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Jack Whelan
Mon.	3-17	6:30 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day Mass (St. Patrick, Walnut) +Tim & Heather VanLeeuwen
Tue.	3-18	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +James VanLeeuwen
Wed.	3-19	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Braiden Voorhies
Thur.	3-20	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Stan Beachner
Fri.	3-21	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) Prairie Mission Employees
Sat.	3-22	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	3-22	5:30 p.m.	The 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Fr. Michael Schemm
Sun.	3-23	8:00 a.m.	The 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-23	10:00 a.m.	The 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Teresa Gharst

CONFESSIONS:

Fridays in Lent 4:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Francis
 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, March 23rd-8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Paul Westerman
Lector: Lois Carlson
Gifts: M/M John Schoenhofer
Ushers: Ed & Kim Spielbusch

ST. PATRICK LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Monday, March 17th-6:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Patrick, Kaydra, Kori
Lector: Pat Smith & Don Smith
Eucharistic Minister: Joe Smith
Gifts: Linda Rice, Maggie Westhoff, Teresa Grosdidier

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$5,677.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$1,717.00	\$1,128.85

Please remember your parish in your Will.

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

Fr. Matthew's Email:

pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com

Sacramental Emergency Number:

620-236-0705

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, March 22nd-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Megan, Ella, Sadie
Lector: Judy Fager
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Wood
Gifts: M/M Keith Smith
Rosary: Mary Jean Zandler
Sacristan: Ron Reeves
Sunday, March 23rd-10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Landon, Benson, Knox
Lector: Joe Smith
Eucharistic Minister: Jamie Aday
Gifts: M/M Mike McCracken
Rosary: Teresa Grosdidier
Sacristans: David & Jean Diskin
March Ushers:

Saturday-5:30 p.m.-Rick Coomes, Merl Ewan, Joel VanLeeuwen

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Mike Grosdidier, Steve Harmon, Charles Schettler

Church Cleaners-March 22nd-Wendy Winter, Christel Martin

Please pray for: Steve Kirk, Jill Coomes and the sick and homebound in our parish. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please call the office at 620-449-2224. The prayer list will be updated the first of each month.

SPIRITUAL LENTEN FRIDAYS: During Lent on Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross at both parishes. St. Francis Church will have Adoration Holy Hour from 4:00-5:00 p.m., ending with Benediction. The Stations will begin at 5:15 p.m. There will be confessions available during the Holy Hour. St. Ambrose Church will have Stations at 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN COMPANION BOOK: The Lenten Companion book can be read individually or as a family, and discussed as a family using the "family resources" page or in a small group. If interested in reading with a small group, with the help of Fr. Matt, please reach out to the office.

BIBLE STUDY, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, will be moved to **Sunday, March 16th** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and will be moved to **St. Francis Parish Hall.** All are welcome. Bring your Bible.

K OF C MEETING: The Knights will have a meeting Sunday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS: Monday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Mass at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walnut. The collection for this Mass will go towards the maintenance of the St. Patrick Cemetery. Please make checks payable to "**St. Patrick Cemetery.**"

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH CHOIR: We invite you to join our church choir and be a part of a joyful ministry that uplifts and glorifies God through music! **Rehearsal, this week only, will be Sunday, March 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the church choir loft.** Singing in the choir is a beautiful way to connect with others and grow in faith.

RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION: Fr. Matt will have class on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be "Loving Neighbor."

PSR will meet in the classrooms Wednesday, March 19th. If you have any questions call Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY will be Friday, March 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Come by for a delicious Lenten meal.

HARVEST HOUSE will meet Thursday, March 20th, at noon in the St. Paul Café. The topic will be, "How you met your sweetheart?" For more information call Marlene Clark 620-687-4401 or Judy Fager 620-423-9144.

THE K OF C OUTING FOR ALTAR SERVERS AND CYM will be Thursday, March 20th. They will leave from the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP by March 17th to Dan Vitt 620-820-3690 or Susan Vitt 620-724-3452, so we can get a headcount.

SAVE THE DATE! Totus Tuus will be July 13th-18th.

WEATHERPROOF EXTERIOR STONE: The St. Francis Church exterior stone is in need of weatherproofing. Mike Grosdidier will be working on this for several months. Anyone who can take a day or more to help with this project, please call Mike at 620-423-9869. All help is greatly appreciated.

PASTOR MUSINGS: Recently, the guys in my priest group found out that when we got together last week and played a round of disc golf outside Wichita at Santa Fe Lake, we played on the 97th ranked course in the whole world! It was a cool place for sure, but I never would have guessed it ranked in the top 100 of the entire world. And then, upon reflection, I recognized that rankings are generally pretty arbitrary. Because there is nothing being measured...it's just based on vague opinions. Rankings in sports are different, because they're based upon wins and losses, a concrete measure. But when I ask a child what are their favorite toys, or the most important books in your life, or the most impressive places to which you've travelled, they are arbitrary rankings. Lent is a season in the Church where abundant grace is made available, characterized uniquely by penance (doing hard things) and prayer (spending time with God). Rather than meandering through it, wouldn't it make sense to seek the best Lent of your life? Yes, but how would the "best Lent of your life" be measured? While grace is not measured, certain concrete things can. Are you spending more time in prayer than years past? More consistent with prayer time? Spending more quality time with your spouse and/or family? Stewarding more of your treasure than years past? Making it to confession more often than past years? The Lord has given you a gift in this sacred time of Lent. Let's not waste what's been given, but rather make it the best yet.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Ed McCall, brother of Merl and Beth Ewan. Ed passed away on March 9, 2025. *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.*

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.

ONE FAMILY, FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST! CAMPAIGN: This weekend marks the official start of the *One Family, Fully Alive in Christ!* Diocesan Campaign. Our parish goal is \$290,000 for St. Francis and 55,000 for St. Ambrose. In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a letter from Bishop Kemme. The letter includes a specific amount that Bishop would like you to consider prayerfully. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this historic effort. Also, many of you will soon be receiving a phone call from a campaign volunteer. This fellow parishioner will be visiting with you to help answer your questions. Many thanks to our volunteer team for their dedication and commitment to the *One Family, Fully Alive in Christ!* Diocesan Campaign. Please pray the campaign prayer for our success and for our hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and talents.

FIREWOOD: There is a pile of cedar firewood on the north side of the church for anyone who would like to pick it up. It may be good for an outdoor firepit.