

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 18, 2018

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
Mon.	3-19	7:30 a.m.	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> (St. Francis) + Darold Coomes
Tue.	3-20	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Marilyn Vitt
Wed.	3-21	6:25 p.m.	(St. Francis) NO MASS
Thur.	3-22	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Robert Madl
Fri.	3-23	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Barbara Seiwert
Sat.	3-24	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	3-24	5:30 p.m.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> (St. Francis) + Mary Jo Maher
Sun.	3-25	8:00 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-25	10:00 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> (St. Francis) + Charlie 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: Bill Schoenhofer

Lector: Barb Lero & Cindy Lero

Server: Wayne Shively

Gifts: Jack & Carolyn McGowen

Donuts and Coffee for March 25th: Rusty, Cindy & Mona

Ushers for March: Ed & Kim Spielbusch

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

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

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

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. Marcia Gard, Peggy McAtee & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Terry Diskin, Joe Smith & Adult Choir

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Keith Smith

Sun. Connie Spielbusch

Altar Servers:

Sat. Wilson, Vincent, Brenden

Sun. Taylor, Claire, Sophia

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Dennis Vitt

Sun. Roy Carter Family

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Cindy Schoenhofer

Sun. Jean Diskin

Church Cleaners for March 23rd:

Heather Sinclair, Misty O'Brien, Becky Oplotnik

Ushers for March:

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

Sun. Steve Harmon, Ken Chambers, Ralph Gouvion

NO MASS AT ST. FRANCIS THIS WEDNESDAY

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH CHOIR will practice today Sunday, March 18th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m. for the Easter Mass.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

ST. FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE will be held this Monday, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

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 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.

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? "...unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat..." If we are truly following Jesus Christ, then we understand that we must die to self in order to grow in love. This is the example set by Jesus and it is the message of today's Gospel. Easter is quickly approaching, but be sure to make the most of these last weeks of Lent. Examine your heart. Have your Lenten practices allowed you to grow as a steward of Christ's love? Have you managed to deepen your relationship with Him? Remember ... "Whoever serves me must follow me, and wherever I am, there also will my servant be."

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.

IT'S SPRING! The St. Francis Thrift Store has lot of clothes & jackets of all sizes and lots of spring clothes for children, men & women. We are getting a new assortment every week. Come and visit us and have fun. Our hours are Wednesday & Saturday mornings 9-noon.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Margaret Mary O'Bryan, who passed away March 7th. Services will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Prairie Village, Ks. on Sat. March 24th at 10:30 a.m.

THANK YOU: The family of Betty Westhoff would like to thank the St. Francis Altar Society along with everyone else for their acts of kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Fr. David for the lovely service. Everything is very much appreciated. Please keep dad in your prayers as this is a very difficult time for him.

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.

Prayers are asked for the following: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venne-man, 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, Sue Baldwin, Rosie Brogan, Pat Diskin, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Kenny Owens, Jerry Beachner, Chuck Westhoff

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

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$3,897.50

St. Ambrose \$568.00

Please remember your parish in your will.