

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-MARCH 23, 2025

Sat.	3-22	5:30 p.m.	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) +Fr. Michael Schemm
Sun.	3-23	8:00 a.m.	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-23	10:00 a.m.	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) +Teresa Gharst
Mon.	3-24	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Fred (Pete) Fager
Tue.	3-25	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Dick and Rick Volmer
Wed.	3-26	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Brayden Beachner
Thur.	3-27	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Marvin & Lorraine Viegot
Fri.	3-28	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) +Mary Marlene Dick
Sat.	3-29	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Majorie Lauber
Sat.	3-29	5:30 p.m.	<b>The 4th Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) +Helen Vitt
Sun.	3-30	8:00 a.m.	<b>The 4th Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-30	10:00 a.m.	<b>The 4th Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) Kolton Mueller

## 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 30th-8:00 a.m.**

**Altar Server:** Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

**Lector:** Laura Hoppas

**Gifts:** M/M Brian Schoenhofer

**Ushers:** Ed & Kim Spielbusch

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$5,003.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$474.00	\$1,128.85

St. Patrick Cemetery Collection \$9,976.00

**Please remember your parish in your Will.**

**Please pray for:** Evelyn (Casey) Tajchman, 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.

## Fr. Matthew's Email:

[pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com](mailto: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 29th-5:30 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Patrick, Ian, Isaac

**Lector:** Donna Wood

**Eucharistic Minister:** Connie Spielbusch

**Gifts:** M/M Dan Spielbusch

**Rosary:** Cindy Schoenhofer

**Sacristan:** Mike & Cindy Schoenhofer

**Sunday, March 30th-10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Ava, Marisela, Adriana

**Lector:** Ken Trepagnier

**Eucharistic Minister:** Joe Smith

**Gifts:** M/M Kent Winter

**Rosary:** Tammi Norris

**Sacristans:** Ken & Cheryl Trepagnier

**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 29th**-Louise Veneman, Janet Harmon, Viola Kennedy

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

**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.

**PENANCE SERVICE:** We will have a Penance Service for Lent on Sunday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Church. There will be extra priests to hear confessions.

**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! Rehearsals are held every Monday at 6:30 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 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be "Sexual Teaching of the Church."

**PSR** will meet in the classrooms Wednesday, March 26th. If you have any questions call Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

**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.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY** will be this Friday, March 28th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Come by for a delicious Lenten meal. The next Benefit Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 13th for Karen VanLeeuwen. The Knights will have the April meeting after the Benefit Breakfast. The K of C Family of the Month is the Dan Vitt family and the Knight of the Month is Rusty Lero.

**CATHOLIC KIDS BOOK SERIES AND WEBSITE:** This series focuses on the sacraments and virtues to defeat the 7 Deadly Sins. The book series, *The Seven Deadly Dragons*, can be purchased at [www.extraordinarymission.com](http://www.extraordinarymission.com). During Lent, you may also watch and listen to the author reading all of the books by signing up for free at [www.dragonslayers.tv](http://www.dragonslayers.tv).

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP:** This group meets on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 703 W State Street, Erie, KS.

**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:** On Tuesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation. I would venture to call it my favorite feast day in the entire Church's calendar. Those of you who have been to any parish events outside of Mass (Bible study, PSR class, RCIA...) have probably prayed the Angelus prayer with me. The Angelus is simply recounting the event of the Annunciation, which is the event of Almighty God entering our humanity, taking human flesh. Life begins at conception, and at the glorious moment Mary gave her "yes" to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, God took flesh in her womb. What does this mean for us? Frankly, it means everything. Life can never be the same. The way we butter our toast is different...the way we do our work is different... the way we encounter one another, is different. Because Jesus Christ came to be among us, to dwell with us. Humanity is now different! Our Christian task is to abide with this extraordinary Presence that now dwells among us, ever since the original Annunciation. I hope Tuesday can be a day of celebration, a little break from our Lenten sacrifices. Which brings me to my next point: the upcoming Black Mass in Topeka. The organizers of this event claim to have a consecrated host, the Holy Eucharist, for the purposes of desecrating. This is scheduled for Friday, March 28. Bishop Kemme has directed us of the Diocese to pray and fast in reparation on this day for any sacrilege to our faith committed by these people in Topeka. For all able and willing adults, this would include fasting as you would on Ash Wednesday/Good Friday and praying before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration. We will have Eucharistic adoration from 4-5pm as we have every Friday in Lent. There are also adoration chapels in Parsons and Pittsburg you could visit. When people demonstrate such hatred towards our Lord, we must double down on our love for Him. "The Word became flesh, and dwells among us."

**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.

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

**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.