

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD-MARCH 29, 2026

Sat.	3-28	5:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (St. Francis) +Richard Clark
Sun.	3-29	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-29	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (St. Francis) +Owen & Francis Duling
Mon.	3-30	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Helen Vitt
Tue.	3-31	7:30 a.m.	No Mass (<i>Private Mass Away for +Stacie Beachner</i>)
Wed.	4-1	5:45 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Alex Treiber
(The first Mass back at St. Francis Church will be on Holy Thursday; all prior Masses will be in the Hall Chapel.)			
Thurs.	4-2	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday & Adoration until Midnight (St. Francis) +Jack Whelan
Fri.	4-3	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Ambrose)
Fri.	4-3	7:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Francis)
Sat.	4-4	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil (St. Francis) +Don & Barbara Born
Sun.	4-5	8:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	4-5	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord (St. Francis) +Greg Grosdidier

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 Easter Sunday, April 5th-8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Rusty Lero
Lector: Brian Schoenhofer
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Carlson
April Ushers: Brian & Carol Schoenhofer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	<u>Total Amount Needed</u>
St. Francis \$5,434.00	\$6,920.94
St. Ambrose \$878.00	\$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: Kaleigh Dainty & unborn Baby, Grace Wood, Rosie Brogan, Tim McMillan, Joe Schoenhofer, Becky Briggs, Jill Coomes, Brad & Katie Stout, Lenny 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 30th-7:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Brynlea, Tinley
Wednesday, April 1st-5:45 p.m.
Altar Servers: Sawyer, Rhett
Holy Thursday, April 2nd-7:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Devin, Landon, Daxen, Arlo
Lector: Ron Reeves
Eucharistic Minister: Rodney & Jene` Noe, Kari Chambers
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wood
Sacristan: Ron Reeves
Good Friday, April 3rd-7:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Ian, Isaac, Knox, Kolton
Lector: Ken Trepagnier & Mike McCracken
Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 4th-8:30 p.m.
Altar Servers: Jace, Micah, Henry, Julian
Lector: Mike Carter & Mike Mann
Eucharistic Minister: Kenny Paisley
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Spielbusch
Sacristan: Keith & Elaine VanLeeuwen
Easter Sunday-April 5th-10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Brec, Jackson, Bryton
Lector: Seth Born
Eucharistic Minister: Joe Smith, Terry Diskin
Gifts: Broc Mattox Family
Sacristans: David & Jean Diskin
April Ushers:
Sat.-5:30 p.m.—Dennis Duling, Steve Spielbusch, Dennis Westhoff
Sun.-10:00 a.m.—Ken Chambers, Dan Vitt, Clark Westhoff
Church Cleaners-April 4th—Amanda Dent, Natalie Dent, Margaret Diskin, Pam Jacquinet

HOLY TRIDUUM & EASTER

Holy Thursday, April 2

St. Francis Catholic Church

7:00 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Francis Parish Hall

8:30 pm - 12 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30 pm - Confessions

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 pm - Walking the Last Words of Christ (*See below*)

3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion at *St. Ambrose*

5:00-6:30 pm - Confessions at *St. Francis*

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion at *St. Francis*

Easter Vigil, April 4

St. Francis Catholic Church

8:30 pm - Mass

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00 am - Mass at *St. Ambrose Catholic Church*

10:00 am - Mass at *St. Francis Catholic Church*

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES—

Wednesday, Apr. 1, 5:00-5:30 pm—*St. Francis*

Holy Thursday, Apr. 2, 8:30 pm—last confession—*St. Francis*

Good Friday, Apr. 3, 5:00-6:30 pm—*St. Francis*

Holy Saturday, April 4, 10:30-11:30 am—*St. Francis*

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT—On Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will end with a procession to the parish hall to the Altar of Repose. Traditionally we remain with Jesus during His Agony in the Garden: *"My Soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."* (Mark 14:34) **A Flocknote text with a signup link will be sent on Sunday. A paper signup sheet will also be available in the back of the church.**

GOOD FRIDAY, WALKING THE LAST WORDS OF

CHRIST: On Good Friday, April 3rd, at 12:00 p.m. there will be a Walking the Last Words of Christ procession. It will begin at City Hall in Erie and the people will follow down Main Street. This event has been organized by the Ministerial Alliance in Erie.

OCIA CLASS— The last OCIA class of the year will be on Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic will be "Sexual Teaching of the Church & NFP."

PSR will have classes Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be at St. Francis Parish Hall on Wednesday 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 Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 8th from 1:00-6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING—Join us on Sunday, April 26th, following Mass in the parish hall. We will plan ahead for fall events and stay ahead of the busy season. Come enjoy coffee and donuts while we meet!

PASTOR MUSINGS: As we enter into Holy Week, many things flood my mind. For one, we'll be back in the church this week. Hip hip hooray! I hope you all are able to notice as I am the freshness of the restoration. Besides that, the Chrism Mass is on Tuesday in Wichita, and then the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are the most beautiful, but also the most extraordinary liturgies celebrated in the Church all year long, and demand more of me quite frankly. And then I'll be flying out Easter week for retreat! But the Church guides us, and so I strive to allow myself to be guided, by the walk of Christ to Calvary. It begins with the greeting with palms of Jesus as Messiah at the gates of Jerusalem, continues with Mary "wastefully" anointing Jesus with expensive aromatic nard on Monday, a focus on Judas' betrayal Tuesday and Wednesday, and then Jesus Last Supper with His apostles on Thursday, before He finally takes up His Cross, laden with our sins. There are many characteristics to acknowledge, but one that grabs my attention this year is the veneration of the Cross at the Good Friday Liturgy. All Lent we walk with Jesus in the stations of the cross devotion and our Lenten penances. But on the day He gave His last breath, we make a special gesture towards the instrument of sacrifice. We don't generally kiss inanimate objects...people, yes. A spouse, children, grandparents. It's a gesture of extreme affection. At the beginning and end of every Mass I kiss the altar, symbolic of the relationship between Christ and His Church. In the veneration of the Cross, we recognize and receive Christ's wondrous act of love, and respond in the only way that makes sense: a return act of love.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Shirley VanLeeuwen Gray and Leonard Gahagan, who passed away. *Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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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