

## THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-MARCH 2, 2025

Sat.	3-1	5:30 p.m.	<b>The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St. Francis) +Charles Steinbacher
Sun.	3-2	8:00 a.m.	<b>The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-2	10:00 a.m.	<b>The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St. Francis) +Jane Anne Beachner
Mon.	3-3	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Jerry Beachner
Tue.	3-4	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Michael Trepagnier
Wed.	3-5	9:00 a.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> (PMRV) +Mick McAtee
Wed.	3-5	12:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> (St. Ambrose) +Matilda Schoenhofer
Wed.	3-5	7:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> (St. Francis) +Connie Fager
Thur.	3-6	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Virginia Henderson
Fri.	3-7	8:00 a.m.	<b>First Friday</b> (St. Francis) +Bill Fager
Fri.	3-7	9:00 a.m.	<b>First Friday</b> (PMRV) +Leonard Kennedy
Sat.	3-8	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Jim Vitt
Sat.	3-8	5:30 p.m.	<b>The 1st Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) +Frank Oplotnik
Sun.	3-9	8:00 a.m.	<b>The 1st Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-9	10:00 a.m.	<b>The 1st Sunday of Lent</b> (St. Francis) +Leslie & Alex Treiber

### CONFESSIONS:

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 9th-8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Cindy Lero  
**Altar Server:** Brian Schoenhofer  
**Gifts:** M/M Asa Bohrer  
**Ushers:** Ed & Kim Spielbusch

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$4,853.00      \$6,348.40  
 St. Ambrose \$802.00      \$1,128.85

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

**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.

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

**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

**Ash Wednesday, March 5th-**

**Altar Servers:** Sawyer, Rhett, Bryton  
**Lector:** Mike McCracken  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Rodney Noe  
**Gifts:** Brandon Vogel Family  
**Sacristan:** Mike and Kim McCracken  
**Saturday, March 8th-5:30 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Jorja, Cassie, Katie  
**Lector:** Marcia Gard  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Fager  
**Gifts:** M/M Ross Albertini  
**Rosary:** Elaine VanLeeuwen  
**Sacristan:** Jeff & Marcia Gard  
**Sunday, March 9th-10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Kaydra, Kori, Neveah  
**Lector:** Mike Mann  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Nohemy Brewer  
**Gifts:** Dean Ewan Family  
**Rosary:** Jean Diskin  
**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 8th**-Paula Crager, Debbie Mann, Heather Sinclair

### MARCH 5TH ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:

PMRV at 9:00 a.m.  
 St. Ambrose at 12:00 p.m.  
 St. Francis at 7:00 p.m.  
 There will be confessions before and after the 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. Adoration will continue as usual.

**SPIRITUAL LENTEN FRIDAYS:** During Lent on Fridays there will be 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. Fr. Matt and the Knights of Columbus will alternate leading the Stations every other week for each parish. Beginning on March 7th, Fr. Matt will lead at St. Francis and the Knights at St. Ambrose.

**LENTEN COMPANION BOOK:** There are books available for free to all parishioners on the back tables of the churches. The book can be read and as a family, discussed using the family resource page or on your own and discussed every week with a small group. If interested in reading with a small group, with the help of Fr. Matt, please reach out to the office before March 9th.

**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., beginning March 10th, in the church choir loft. Singing in the choir is a beautiful way to connect with others and grow in faith.

**PSR** will not meet in the classrooms this, Wednesday, March 5th. There will be Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Francis Church at 7:00 p.m. Students will sit with their families. If you have questions at any time call Bridget Paisley at 316-833-1722.

**ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH DINNER** is Sunday, March 2nd at 5:00 p.m. at the St. Ambrose parish hall. If you previously signed up, we are still planning for you.

**RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION:** Fr. Matt will have class on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be "Lent, Sin, Loving God."

**PARISH PHOTOS:** The date scheduled to have photos taken for our new Parish Directory will be Saturday, March 8th. Please sign-up in the back of the church. You may sign up between the appointment slots. There will be plenty of time in the schedule. If you have any questions please call the parish office. We are hoping to get every parishioner in our new book!

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA** will meet Tuesday, March 11th in the St. Francis Parish Hall. The audit meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for an enjoyable evening.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRIES** will be held on March 14th and March 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**PASTOR MUSINGS:** I attended Kapaun Mount Carmel Catholic High School in Wichita, the combination of the all-boys school Chaplain Kapaun Memorial High School and the all-girls school Mount Carmel Academy. Chaplain Emil Kapaun was a priest in the Wichita Diocese who lived a heroic life as a military chaplain in WWII and most particularly the Korean War, dying in May of 1951. Therefore, the Jesuit run school in Wichita elected to name the high school after him in 1956 to encourage the young boys in holiness. I remember, and can still recite from memory, the "Fr. Kapaun Prayer" being prayed every day at KMC. In 2008 his cause for canonization officially began. Canonization is the process by which the Catholic Church names a person a "Saint." This should be the life goal of every Christian – to one day live with God, and therefore be a saint, for that is what a saint is. This past Monday, February 24, Fr. Emil Kapaun was officially named "Venerable." This is exciting news! This is the first major step in the canonization process. The Vatican has declared that he offered his life for the sake of his men as a military chaplain in the Korean War, and he lived a heroically virtuous life worth imitating. Fulton Sheen is also a Venerable, for reference. Next step would be to have a miracle through his intercession (of which there have been many) approved by the Vatican and be named a "Blessed". Fr. Kapaun is currently entombed at the Cathedral in Wichita. If you are unfamiliar with him, I encourage you to look him up. Or come talk to me, and I'll tell you all about him! Venerable Father Emil Kapaun, pray for us.

**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. There will be a catered meal following the Mass. **RSVP by March 7th** by calling 620-354-6150 or emailing [psi-walnut@ckt.net](mailto:psi-walnut@ckt.net). All are welcome to attend.

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

**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. *"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and re-told for all eternity. "St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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

**THE STEWARDSHIP FORMS:** Thank you to the 94 parishioners who have completed their Stewardship forms. Please take one from the back table and return it if you have not done so. It is very helpful to update the information and update the ministries you are able to serve. Thank you.

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