

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-MARCH 30, 2025

Sat. 3-29	5:30 p.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Helen Vitt
Sun. 3-30	8:00 a.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun. 3-30	10:00 a.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) Kolton Mueller
Mon. 3-31	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Stacie Beachner
Tue. 4-1	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Alex Treiber
Wed. 4-2	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Dawn Mueller
Thur. 4-3	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Matilda Schoenhofer
Fri. 4-4	8:00 a.m.	First Friday (St. Francis) +JoAnn George LaForge
Fri. 4-4	9:00 a.m.	First Friday (PMRV) +Verdan & Mary Davied
Sat. 4-5	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Charles Groner
Sat. 4-5	5:30 p.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Ronnie & Bill Westhoff
Sun. 4-6	8:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) +Virginia Westerman
Sun. 4-6	10:00 a.m.	The 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) People of the Parishes

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, April 6th-8:00 a.m.

Altar Server: Rusty Lero
Lector: Donna Bohrer
Gifts: M/M Ed Spielbusch
Ushers: Brian & Carol Schoenhofer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$6,954.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$560.00	\$1,128.85

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
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, April 5th-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Brynlea, Marisela, Adriana
Lector: Judy Fager
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Wood
Gifts: M/M Merl Ewan
Rosary: Elaine VanLeeuwen
Sacristan: Mike & Cindy Schoenhofer
Sunday, April 6th-10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Ella, Sadie, Nevaeh
Lector: Joe Smith
Eucharistic Minister: Jamie Aday
Gifts: M/M Lon Smith
Rosary: Kari Chambers
Sacristans: Ken & Kari Chambers
April Ushers:
Saturday-5:30 p.m.-Dennis Duling, Steve Spielbusch, Dennis Westhoff
Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Tim Harmon, Dan Vitt, Clark Westhoff
Church Cleaners-April 5th-Amanda Dent, Natalie Dent, Danielle Mattox

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.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH CHOIR: Rehearsals are held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the church choir loft.

RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION: Fr. Matt will have class on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be "Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Virtue, Beatitudes."

PSR will meet in the classrooms Wednesday, April 2nd. 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.

CHURCH GARDEN CLEAN UP: There will be a cleaning day for the Church Garden scheduled for Saturday, April 5th from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bring lawn bags, rakes, trimmers, saws, etc. If the weather is bad we will reschedule for Saturday, April 12th.

SISTERS OF LIFE PRESENTATION: St. Pius X Catholic Student Center invites the greater community to "Discovering and Cultivating a Culture of Life" presented by the Sisters of Life, a community founded in New York to protect and enhance the sacredness of every human life. The presentation will be Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30pm in the chapel of St. Pius X, 301A E. Cleveland in Pittsburg. The presentation will be followed by a Q & A session and an optional holy hour. Fr. Matt highly recommends these sisters.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT

BREAKFAST: 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.

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.

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: It seems like just last week we had a few inches of snow on the ground and it was too cold to go to school, and yet now we have buds blossoming on trees (they are beautiful), flies buzzing, and even some grass green enough to be mowed. And the kids are in full swing of baseball, softball and track. These are all signs of spring, which remind me of Easter. And yet, we recognize as Catholic Christians, the new life of spring cannot come about without the death and cold of winter, which is what we are still embarking on spiritually. There is no Easter without Good Friday. We work towards Easter spiritually by dying to ourselves in works of prayer, fasting and giving alms. As we get nice weather outside, it might be a good time to pray the Stations of the Cross in the garden. Or give up time in front of the TV for sitting outside to read a book or to do some yard work. I have a personal rule that if I receive a mailing from a charity during Lent, I give something to that charity, even if it's a small amount. Death to self! We have 5 at St. Francis who are elected to come into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and receive their sacraments for the first time. I hope we can all keep them in prayer, as they also do the hard work of Lent and can learn from our witness the movement of the Christian from death to life.

ONE FAMILY, FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST! CAMPAIGN: Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this historic effort. Our parish goal is \$290,000 for St. Francis and 55,000 for St. Ambrose. 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.

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

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. 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.



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