

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 4, 2018

Sat.	3-3	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Bill & Lou Spielbusch
Sun.	3-4	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-4	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Fr. Thomas Scaletty
Mon.	3-5	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Larry VanLeeuwen
Tue.	3-6	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Betty Lero
Wed.	3-7	6:25 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Howard Kennedy
Thur.	3-8	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Fr. Leroy Linnebur
Fri.	3-9	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Jim VanLeeuwen
Sat.	3-10	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	3-10	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Charlie VanLeeuwen
Sun.	3-11	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-11	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Charlotte Carter

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: Brian Schoenhofer

Lector: Laura Hoppas

Server: Jack McGowen

Gifts: Rex & Frances Bohrer

Ushers for March: Ed & Kim Spielbusch

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

St. Francis Church

Lector & Song Leaders:

Sat. Jill Coomes & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Pat Smith & Mary Smith

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Donna Wood

Sun. Jene' Noe

Altar Servers:

Sat. Austin, Mason, Hayden

Sun. Ava, Caroline, Rebecca

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Mike Brown

Sun. Ken Chambers Family

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Elaine VanLeeuwen

Sun. Jean Diskin

Church Cleaners for March 9th:

Jackie Harmon, Rosie Harmon, Debbie Mann

Ushers for March:

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

Sun. Steve Harmon, Ken Chambers, Ralph Gouvion

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 ADULT CHOIR will practice Monday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Gary McMillan, who passed away Wednesday, February 21st.

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.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE! SACRAMENT OF PENANCE for our 2nd graders will be Wednesday, **March 7th.** Parents, please make sure your child knows how to say the "Act of Contrition" prayer, and studies the "How to go to confession" form at home.

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!

STEWARDED OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? In today's Gospel, we see the rare occurrence of Jesus' anger; He is angry at how the people have defiled His Father's house. In light of this reading, the baptized stewards should not only consider their own use of the church building, but also the use of the other "temples" in their lives. Have we defiled the domestic church? Perhaps our homes are filled with so much technology and "noise" that we can't begin to find God there. And what about the temple that is the human body -- how many ways do we tend to misuse it?? Perhaps this Lent is the perfect time for us to cleanse our various "temples," making them perfect homes for our Lord.

HARVEST HOUSE will be held on Thursday, March 15th starting at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Café. We will have the County Health Nurse there to explain the signs of a stroke.

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

RICE BOWLS are on the back table in the Church. Please pick one up for your family and help those in need.

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, Teresa (Boone) Neff, Sue Baldwin, Rosie Brogan, Pat Diskin, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Kenny Owens

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

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$4,385.16

St. Ambrose \$612.00

Please remember your parish in your will.