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April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 6:30 am, 8:15 am
Wednesday - 6:30 am, 6:30 pm
Saturday - 8:00 am

ROSARY

Wednesday 6:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT STA

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| Sun 4-6 | 4:00 pm Penance Service |
| Mon 4-7 | Food Drive Ends 5:15 pm Legion of Mary 6:30 pm K of C Meeting |
| Tues 4-8 | 9:00 am Rosary Makers |
| Wed 4-9 | Easter Flower contributions due 6:00 pm PSR 7:30 pm STAY |
| Thur 4-10 | 6:30 pm OCIA 7:00 pm Ignite |
| Fri 4-11 | 2:45 pm Stations of The Cross 6:30 pm Stations of The Cross 5:00 - 8:00 pm K of C Fish Fry |

PARISH LIFE

Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.

St. Pope John Paul II

Lenten

PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 4:00 PM

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

TODAY

Coffee & Donuts

Following the 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm Masses



DAVE CURBOW SCHOLARSHIP

Our parish Knights of Columbus is seeking applicants for the 2025 Dave Curbow Scholarship. The first prize will be \$1000, and the total awards will be \$2,000 or more. Graduating senior parishioners may apply by submitting an essay by April 7. Please see the parish website or email communication from the office for complete details.

5:00 PM MASS FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Wine & Cheese Fellowship in the Assembly Room following the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, April 11.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in the Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.



Annual Lenten FISH FRY

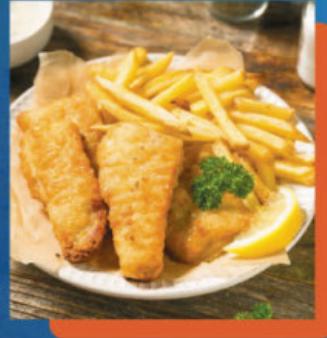
Fried and baked fish, shrimp, onion rings, French fries, mac 'n cheese, cole slaw & homemade desserts!

Friday, April 11
5:00 - 8:00 pm
School Cafeteria
Carry out available

\$14 adults, \$7 children-suggested donation

Reservations are encouraged to help us plan, but you may also pay at the door!

Proceeds support seminarians & vocations!





SMOKED HAMS \$45.00
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PICK UP
SATURDAY, APRIL 19
12:00- 2:00 PM
CHURCH OF THE MAGDALEN

ORDER BY APRIL 14

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 Knights of Columbus

EASTER HAM Fundraiser

TO BENEFIT SEMINARIANS, THE LORD'S DINER, & OTHERS IN NEED



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April 5 -7
to benefit Our Daily Bread Food Pantry





Easter Flower Fund

REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE THIS EASTER

Submit names by April 9



PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Monday: 1:00 am,
2:00 am

Wednesday: 2:00 am

Thursday: 1:00 am,
11:00 am, 3:00 pm

Friday: 1:00 am,
2:00 am, 3:00 am

Email
Adoration@StThomasWichita.com
or call the Church Office
to fill an open hour.



A Campaign Message from Bishop Kemme

The One Family, Fully Alive in Christ! Campaign is now underway, and the generosity of our diocesan family is truly inspiring. To date, our campaign has already raised \$34,069,342 toward our diocesan goal! Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked diligently to get us to this point. I would also like to thank the donors who have given so generously in the early stages of our campaign. While there is much to celebrate, there is also more work to be done. A team of St. Thomas campaign volunteers has graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the betterment of the Church. They are serving in this role because they believe in the parish and our diocese and are passionate about the Church's future. We thank them for helping in this important capacity.

By now, you have received a letter from me that includes a financial request. It is not an expectation but rather an invitation. I invite you to pray for this campaign, your parish, and the diocese. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is appreciated and a true blessing to our diocesan family!

Thank you for your cooperation, your consideration, and your support of the Church throughout the Diocese of Wichita! I remain,

Humbly yours in Christ,

+ Carl A. Kemme

Most Reverend Carl A. Kemme, D.D.
Bishop of Wichita



MASS INTENTIONS

† Indicates Deceased

MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:30 am Paul Carlton
8:15 am †Esther Weber

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 am †Tom Lahey
8:15 am †Walter Skolaut Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 am †Norma Greever
6:30 pm The Oanh Pham Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 am Kim Morton
8:15 am All Souls

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

6:30 am †Donna Jones
8:15 am †Phyllis Schreck

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 am Nolan & Vicki Luke
5:00 pm †Norma Masterson

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 am The Jacob Mills Family
9:00 am †Joe Rinkenbaugh
10:30 am Stephanie Warren & Family
12:00 pm †Cau Dinh
6:30 pm The People of the Parish

PRAYER REQUEST

IN REMEMBRANCE: †Patricia

Renze, wife of Pat Renze, on March 18

SICK OR INJURED PARISHIONERS

Lucy Dippolito, Barbara Evans, Bill Jones, David Naccarato, Tony Perez, Adam Recker, Susan Relph, Bob Richardson, Elizabeth Russell, Sean Wiltse, Andrew Wray

OTHERS

Alvin Alfonso, Paul Carlton, Dan Carney, Emily Franklin, Judy Garrison, Anthony Hock, Barry Jones, Amelia Naccarato, Ryan Napolillo, Isaiah Orozto, Dmitri Riedel, Jay Simon, Janet Tammany, Bruce Terrell, Iris Torres, Stan Werner, Alyssa White-Durham

LITURGICAL APOSTOLATES SCHEDULE



| APRIL 12-13, 2025 | 5:00 pm | 7:30 am | 9:00 am | 10:30 am | Noon | 6:30 pm |
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| Lectors | A Schneider A Breitenbach | Z Woodburn M Lazzo | D Bengtson M Russell | J Sauer I J Crofts | M McDowell | T Kennedy M Knoff |
| Gift Bearers | R Wasinger | R Fox | D Dubbert | C Richardson | J Huffman | |
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| Ushers | J Salcedo J Stockton T Oliver | D Roemeling T Torline J Boleski | T Hermann M Fieser D Huser | J Starbuck J Herlocker J Hattrup | D Corimanya S Purinton A Leshabari | Sub Needed C Wolf B Wegeng |
| Greeters | N Crowell K Brewer H Haydock | Help Needed | J Weidman L Russell A Moore | B Traffas M Casados T Woods D Oltean | S Schoeppner K Nguyen R Wright | |
| Coffee & Donuts | | | K Herman C Lucas K Vo | M Corley S Vestring J Weixelman | T Le A Nguyen J Zongker | |
| Nursery (10:30 Mass) | | A Hazelton | M Rosell | M Nguyen | N Nguyen | |
| Children's Liturgy (10:30 Mass) | | | | | | |
| Altar Servers | G Dugan M Dugan | A Korfhage K Knipp | B Anderson P Bachrodt | F Crile B Allen O Condon | I Betterton W McGinley | G Redcorn C Long |
| MCs | B Salcedo | C Boleski | X Hermann | R Richardson | H Cleveland | E Le |

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

Father John Muir, ©LPI

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MONDAY: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

TUESDAY: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-3

WEDNESDAY: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56



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JUNE 22-27

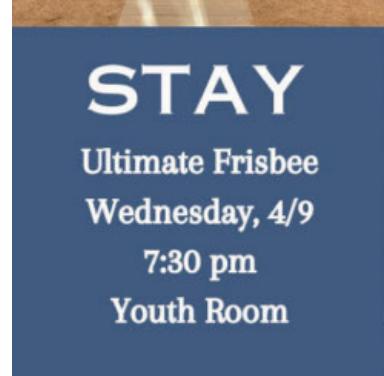
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STAY
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Wednesday, 4/9
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Youth Room



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★ Congratulations to the 2025 Geography Bee winners! ★

★ 1st Place: Gabe Dugan
2nd Place: Alice Hermann
3rd Place: Charlie Swyers ★



A group photo of four people standing in front of a wall with a crucifix and several black stars. From left to right: a man with a beard in a dark polo shirt, a boy in a dark zip-up jacket with a lanyard, a girl in a dark zip-up jacket, and a boy in a dark zip-up jacket with a lanyard. The crucifix is mounted on the wall between the boy and the girl.

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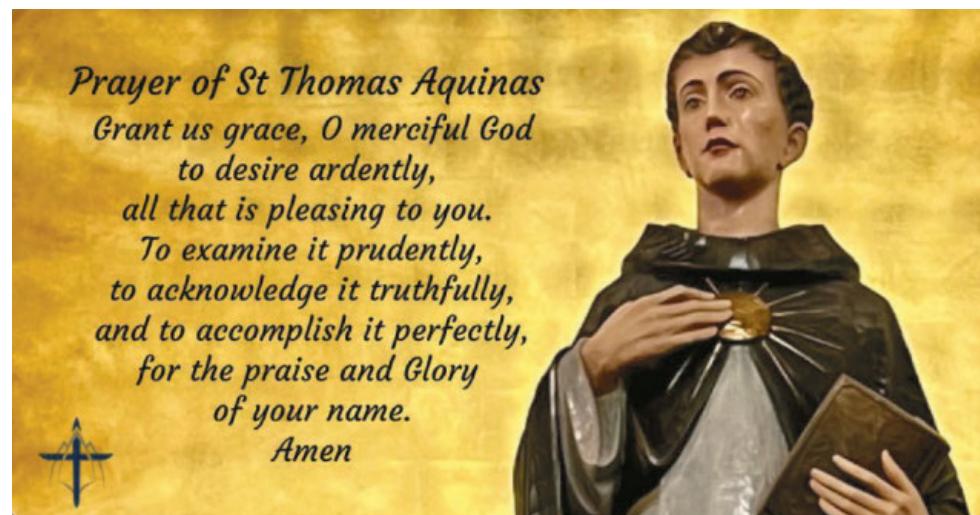
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

CONFESsion

Confessions are heard Monday through Friday 30 minutes before daily Mass and Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm.

BAPTISM

Classes are offered bimonthly. First time parents are required to attend a baptism class prior to scheduling a Baptism. The next class is May 13 at 6:00 pm. Please call 683-6569 to register.

MATRIMONY

One of the engaged pair or his or her parent must be a registered and active parishioner for six months before wedding preparation can begin. The couple should make an appointment with a parish priest at least nine months prior to the anticipated wedding date. The priest will set the date on the calendar (not office personnel).

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is offered in the Chapel on the last Saturday of the month following the 8:00 am Mass or by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Lay ministers bring Holy Communion to the homebound and sick on Saturday mornings following the 8:00 am Mass. Please call the Church Office to add someone to the list.

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION

Sunday 2:00 pm-Friday 6:00 pm, EXCEPT Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm, Monday through Friday 6:00-10:00 am and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Fridays and Sundays, 3:00 pm in the Chapel

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

First Fridays after the 8:15 am Mass

FIRST SATURDAY

7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass and Our Lady of Fatima Prayers after Mass

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Each Tuesday following the 8:15 am Mass

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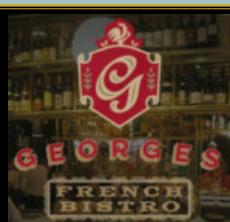
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