

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent



## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
 1:00 p.m.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday–Friday Morning Prayer, 7:40 a.m.  
 Daytime Prayer, 3:10 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday 4:45–5:25 p.m.  
 Saturday 3:00–4:00 p.m.  
 During all Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses

## FR. JARROD'S CONFESSION/ADVICE SCHEDULE

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3:30 p.m.							
8:00 p.m.							

### LIVING IN A DISRUPTED WORLD *(Adapted from February 7, 2021 homily)*

“Job spoke, saying, ‘Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? So I have been assigned months of misery. Troubled nights have been allotted to me.’”

Our world is disrupted. Eleven months of COVID. Drudgery. How many of us are tired of the restrictions, tired of the arguments, tired of the clash of ideologies, the prattling on and on, more media, more news, more interaction, more arguments, and more disputes?

#### WELCOME!

At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we strive to be united in the Eucharist and formed as instruments of peace through the practice of stewardship in imitation of God’s Triune love. Through the proclamation of the Gospel we invite you to become disciples of Jesus Christ and included within our parish family through worship, fellowship, education, and stewardship.

#### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We’d love to have you join our faith community! Start the registration process by going to [stfranciswichita.com](http://stfranciswichita.com) or by calling the parish office.

#### Parish Office

(316) 722-4404  
sfac@stfranciswichita.com  
www.stfranciswichita.com

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

#### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** Saturdays after 6:00 p.m. evening prayer; Sundays after 1:00 p.m. Mass. Schedule with the church office.

**Matrimony:** Call a priest 9 months prior to desired wedding date.

Our world is disrupted. And that is for our holiness.

If we did not live in a disrupted world, we would never be challenged beyond ourselves. If we did not live in a disrupted world, we would never have to strive for something greater than where we are right now. God has created us such that humans grow. Growth is that liminal point in between satisfied and dissatisfied, comfortable and uncomfortable, capable and incapable. And that moment of growth will always strike us as disruption.

Too many of us have our hopes set on a false utopia. One of the reasons why our current situation is a drudgery is because we have a false expectation of contentment in this world, as if the right situation is sometime going to happen and everybody will just be okay. If that ever happens, then we will lose human growth.

You see, we’ve spent the last 100 years fighting ideologies, ideologies that have literally murdered millions of people. Stalin, Hitler, Mao—if you really think of the staggering number of people who have died through human atrocity over the past 100 years, it is frightful.

And we’re in a new age of ideology. Conservative ideology, liberal ideology—we will not be saved by ideology. It won’t happen. The Scriptures say “Preach the truth in charity.” But what I see is “Yell your ideology in hatred.”

Don’t you feel bludgeoned? Christianity is not an ideology. You see, an ideology is when you have a mental concept that is imposed upon a group of people without respect for their individuality.

Christianity is this beautiful balance between individuality and unity as a Body of Christ. You see, God meets us in our individuality first. It’s there that we elicit a faith response to the person of Jesus Christ. Christianity is not an ideology; it is first a relationship. And that relationship begins with you individually, so that you are baptized by name, so that you yourself go into a confessional to speak your sins quietly so that the Lord of all can absolve you specifically by name.

But our unity in the person of Jesus Christ then brings us into a Body that is united of body, mind, and soul—through the Eucharist, through the sacraments, through the teachings that Jesus Christ has handed onto us, through the Gospel. The Gospel is never to be an imposition like an ideology; it always is supposed to be called a proposition.

Jesus Christ meets us in our individuality to call us to a higher level of relationship with him. And in that relationship, we, united together, become one body in Jesus Christ.

And we need to make sure that we start in our own life in the same contemplative prayer that Jesus himself had. He went to a deserted place to pray. He is the Son of the Heavenly Father, who would become man so that through his example we can learn ourselves how to live in a world that is disrupted.

Jesus didn’t come to eliminate suffering. He suffered. The one who should never have suffered—he suffered. Never once did he promise a world without struggle, without strife. In fact, he said he came to bring division. But we think somehow that it’s all going to go away. That doesn’t work. That’s not human.

We live in a disrupted world. But what causes us to persevere? Our relationship with Jesus Christ who is bigger than the world.

This is what we preach. We preach a man, not a concept. And we live in hope, even as we live in a disrupted world.

- Fr. Jarrod Lies, pastor

## What's Happening

### ADORERS NEEDED

Perpetual adoration at SFA has resumed, with social distancing and face coverings. If you are interested and willing to commit to one of these hours for adoration, please contact Jenny Morgan at [mollyshome@att.net](mailto:mollyshome@att.net).



- Tuesday, 1:00 to 2:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. URGENT

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

We are excited to offer Financial Peace University again this spring here at St. Francis! Leave money stress behind with this common-sense finance course. Classes begin Thursday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. in Clare Hall Basement, and run for 9 weeks.

Financial Peace University provides a road map to financial freedom. FPU is a life-changing program that can help you no matter where you are on your financial journey--whether you are just starting out and learning about money, mid-life with a mortgage and saving for college, or retirement age. Most people think Dave Ramsey is only for those that want to get out of debt. The truth is, FPU can help everyone. Even if you are doing very well with money, we all can improve. This is your chance to help your future self. Sign up today for FPU.

For more information, please contact Greg via text at 250-3155 or email at [saintfrancisofassisifpu@gmail.com](mailto:saintfrancisofassisifpu@gmail.com). To sign up, visit <https://www.fpu.com/1134087>

### FEED THE HUNGRY LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Lent is upon us and during this amazing time of giving we ask that you consider donating to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry's Feed the Hungry campaign in lieu of the Charities Committees' annual Lenten food drive. The pantry has been shifted to a drive through and has more than doubled its numbers since March of last year, feeding 6,500 individuals monthly. The pantry is able to get food at an extremely discounted rate because of its partnership with the Kansas Food Bank, therefore stretching your dollars. You can donate monetarily at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/feed-the-hungry/c325262>

### SAVE THE DATES: K of C FISH FRY DINNERS

Save the dates! Knights of Columbus Council #4118 Annual Lenten Fish Fry dinners are scheduled for Friday, March 12, and Friday, March 26. Meals will be available from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on both days and are CARRYOUT ONLY. The menu includes: Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Veggie Lomein, Veggie Fried Rice, Mac & Cheese, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, a dessert of choice and a bottled water. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. More information will be printed in the weeks to come!

All high school students in the parish are invited to join us for CYM on Wednesday nights. Throughout the year, we participate in activities that allow us to meet new people, grow in our faith, and serve our community. We have students from five different high schools who attend on a regular basis.

*Save THE Date!*

February 24 – Holy Hour & Confessions

Clare Hall

March 3 – Game Night

Clare Hall

*Please bring a mask.*

## What's Happening

### MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING

Join us for a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 5:30 Mass on Monday, February 22, at St. Francis of Assisi Church. We usually start at 6:15. *Please note:* We will not have a social gathering this month.

### PARISH LIBRARY ACCEPTING ONLINE REQUESTS

The St. Anthony of Padua Library has gone online! You may request to borrow materials from our parish library through a simple online form, found at <https://www.stfranciswichita.com/index.php/resources/library>. Your parish library has over 1500 items, including books, CDs and DVDs, all available to enrich the spiritual lives of our parish family and support growth in our Catholic Christian faith. Both the online form and lists of all library items may be found on the parish website under Resources. The online request form is easy to fill out and you will be contacted by a library volunteer to arrange pickup of the items you request.

### CYM WATER DONATIONS NEEDED

CYM is in need of packages of plastic water bottles for our high school students to use. If you can help, please drop your donations in the church office with a note that they are for CYM. Thank you for your support!

### OPERATIONS COUNCIL

In this Year of St Joseph, may we turn our hearts toward our spiritual father to guide and lead us. As a parish, may the intercession and consecration to St. Joseph show us how to prayerfully reflect on his son. These can be cold and dark days in our lives. May St. Joseph be our light, our pillar, the patriarch and protector of our Holy Church.

*- The Operations Council*

### SFA KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR 2021-2022

Applications for admission for the 2021-2022 kindergarten class are available on the school website, [stfranciswichita.com/school](http://stfranciswichita.com/school). To begin the admission process, please turn in your completed application to the school office. Questions? Call the school office at (316) 722-5171.

If a Catholic education is something that you do not feel is possible for your family, please contact Mr. Pat Burns, director of stewardship and finance, at (316) 722-4404 or [pburns@stfranciswichita.com](mailto:pburns@stfranciswichita.com) to learn more about the Stewardship Way of Life.

### SFA PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR 2021-2022

Enrollment applications for the preschool classes for the 2021-2022 School Year are now available on the school website: [stfranciswichita.com/school](http://stfranciswichita.com/school). Once you complete the online form, your child will be placed on a waitlist for your selected class. The enrollment process is not completed until all supporting documentation, and an enrollment fee of \$60, is received in the school office. Preschool classes that have open spots include:

- 4 YR MWF AM Class: 7:50 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- 4 YR M-F PM Class: 12:30 p.m.-3:20 p.m.

For more information about the St. Francis Preschool Program, contact the school office at (316)722-5171.

## What's Happening

### ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION INFORMATION

St. Francis will be walking through the Consecration to St. Joseph February 15 to March 19 for the Year of St. Joseph. The consecration is found in a book by Fr. Donald Calloway which we have purchased in bulk at a discounted price. You may call the parish office to purchase a copy. We will distribute a limited number of copies on a first-come, first-served basis.

We will **not** meet in person to pray together the Consecration to St. Joseph, with the exception of the consecration prayer on March 19. This prayer will be prayed together after the 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses at St. Francis. Additionally, we will be sending out weekly videos from Fr. Luke and several parishioners with videos of stories, encouragement, and practical tips to integrate devotion to St. Joseph in your life. If you do not already receive emails from the parish but would like to, please call the parish office at (316) 722-4404.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday in Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:10 p.m. in the church, immediately following Mass and Evening Prayer.

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Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPi

## Around the Diocese

### MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The 6th Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities, Their Families and Caregivers will be held on Saturday, March 13 at the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church (3642 N Ridge Road, Wichita). Walk-through activities and carry-out dinners will be available after Mass for those with reservations. For reservations or questions, please contact Myra Jacobs at 316-269-3900, or [jacobsm@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:jacobsm@catholicdioceseofwichita.org)

### LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites all adults to a Senior Ministry Lenten Day of Reflection, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 25, at the Spiritual Life Center. Fr. Isaac Coulter and Fr. Hien Nguyen will give the reflections. There will also be Mass, a luncheon, recitation of the rosary, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cost is \$15. For more information and to register, visit [www.slcwichita.org](http://www.slcwichita.org) or call (316) 744-0167.

### OPEN POSITION AT THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Wichita seeks an outstanding individual to serve as Secretary for the Office of Ministry with Persons with Disabilities and Database Assistant for the Office of Development and Planned Giving. Secretarial support includes event planning and correspondence; maintaining files, databases, websites, and social media; answering inquiries; and scheduling appointments. Database support includes maintenance and updates of a collaborative database serving major ministries; processing contributions and preparing acknowledgments/receipts; ensuring accuracy of gift data entry; and creating reports, queries, and exports. Deadline is noon on February 23. For more info, visit [catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers](http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers).



### LENTEN PODCAST SERIES BY KAPAUN'S MEN

"The Battle" is an 8-week Lenten Podcast collaboration between Kapaun's Men and the men of Rekindle the Fire (Indiana) to help you get into the spiritual fight. The devil wants to attack our identity as men, fathers, husbands and friends. Lent is the perfect time to embrace the tools the Church offers to help us draw closer to God. To join us in The Battle, simply listen to the Podcast each week starting February 10, do the weekly challenge, and pray the Prayer to St. Michael daily. [www.kapaunsmen.com/foxhole](http://www.kapaunsmen.com/foxhole)

## Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY 22 - 28, 2021

<b>Monday 22</b>	8:00 a.m. † Diana Fredelake Spec. Int.
	5:30 p.m. † Joe Murillo
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	8:00 a.m. † Jaime Sanchez
	5:30 p.m. Dec. Mem Freund & Simon Fam
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	8:00 a.m. Kristi & Andrew Bird & Fam.
	5:30 p.m. † Terry Fritz
<b>Thursday 25</b>	8:00 a.m. † Betty Lovejoy
	5:30 p.m. Spec. Int. of Mary & Martha Guild
<b>Friday 26</b>	8:00 a.m. † Mark Netzel
	5:30 p.m. † Carlos Vasquez
<b>Saturday 27</b>	8:00 a.m. † Ves Temaat
	5:00 p.m. † Helen Damm
	7:00 p.m. † Francisco Salgado
<b>Sunday 28</b>	7:00 a.m. † Paul Lopez
	8:30 a.m. † Maynard Reid
	10:00 a.m. For the People
	11:30 a.m. Addison Dugan & Family
	1:00 p.m. † Donald Smith, Jr.

## This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY** All Masses  
**ROSARY GROUP** Church, 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**MARIAN MANTLE ROSARY GROUP** Church, after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP** Church, after 5:30 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROSARY GROUP** Church, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP** Clare Basement, 6:30–7:30 a.m.  
**CALLED & GIFTED** Stewardship Hall, 6:00–10:00 p.m.  
**RCIA** Clare Hall, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**THURSDAY MORNING ROSARY GROUP** Clare Basement, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** Stewardship Hall, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Church, 6:10 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

No events

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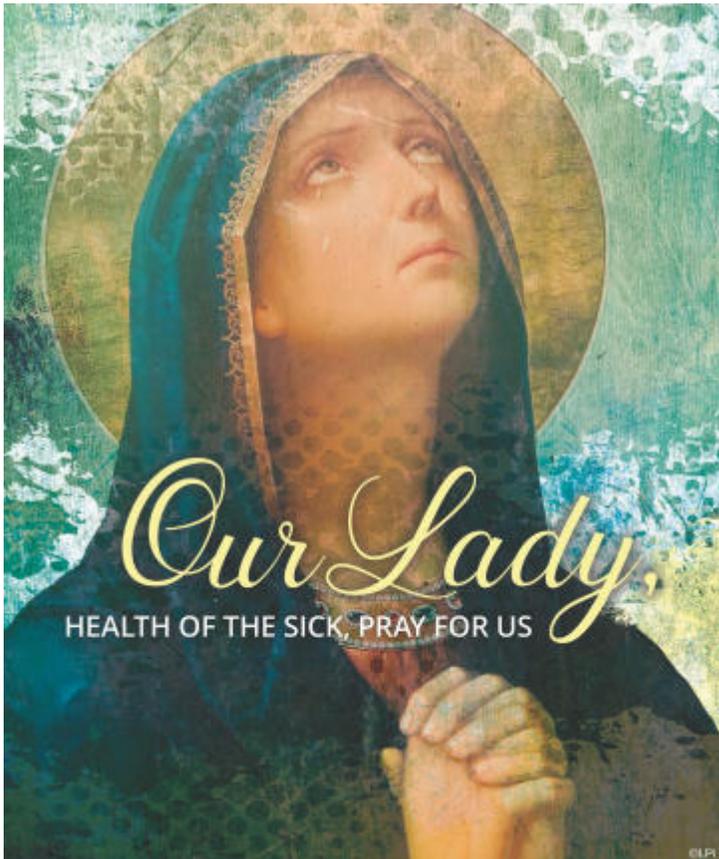


WATCH

### THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10 THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.

To sign up for FORMED, visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and search "St. Francis of Assisi Wichita."



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 E-mail.....[sfapraychain@gmail.com](mailto:sfapraychain@gmail.com)

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### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LIBRARY

Hours: Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Call 706–7185 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**UNPLANNED PREGNANCY? CALL 1.800.848.LOVE**

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Those interested in attending NFP classes may contact the diocesan office at 316–685–5240. Website: [www.nfpwichita.org](http://www.nfpwichita.org).

### LOST AND FOUND

Please check Lost and Found in front walkway. Items are kept for two weeks before being donated to Goodwill.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please keep the church office informed of changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. By letting us know you have moved, we can save money on postage returns and keep our membership roster up to date.

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