

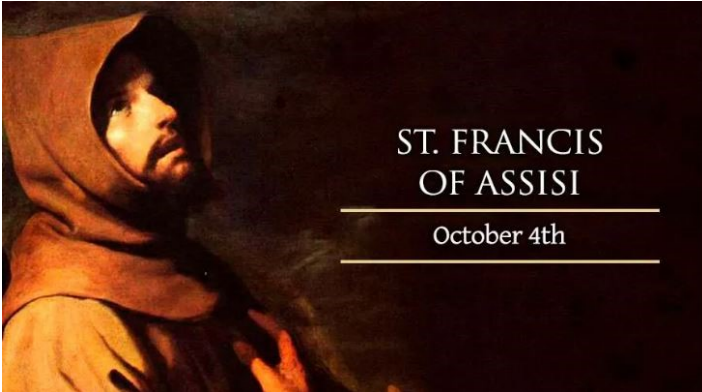


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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 4th

On Oct. 4, Roman Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian deacon who brought renewal to the Church through his decision to follow Jesus' words as literally as possible.

In a January 2010 general audience, Pope Benedict XVI recalled this "giant of holiness" as a "great saint and a joyful man," who taught the Church that "the secret of true happiness" is "to become saints, close to God."

The future Saint Francis was born on an uncertain date in the early 1180s, one of the several children born to the wealthy merchant Pietro Bernardone and his wife Pica. He originally received the name Giovanni (or John), but became known as Francesco (or Francis) by his father's choice.

Unlike many medieval saints, St. Francis was neither studious nor pious in his youth. His father's wealth gave him access to a lively social life among the upper classes, where he was known for his flashy clothes and his readiness to burst into song. Later a patron of peacemakers, he aspired to great military feats in his youth and fought in a war with a rival Italian city-state.

A period of imprisonment during that conflict turned his mind toward more serious thoughts, as did a recurring dream that suggested his true "army" was not of this world. He returned to Assisi due to illness in 1205, and there began consider a life of voluntary poverty.

Three major incidents confirmed Francis in this path. In Assisi, he overcame his fear of disease to kiss the hand of a leper. Afterward, he made a pilgrimage to Rome, where he deposited his money at Saint Peter's tomb and exchanged clothes with a beggar. Soon after he returned home, Francis heard Christ tell him in a vision: "Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin."

Francis began to use his father's wealth to restore churches. This led to a public quarrel in which the cloth-merchant's son removed his clothing and declared that he had no father except God. He regarded himself as the husband of "Lady Poverty," and resolved to serve Christ as "a herald of the Great King."

During the year 1208, the "herald" received the inspiration that would give rise to the Franciscan movement. At Mass one morning, he heard the Gospel reading in which Christ instructed the apostles to go forth without money, shoes, or extra clothing. This way of life soon became a papally-approved rule, which would attract huge number of followers within Francis' own lifetime.

Through his imitation of Christ, Francis also shared in the Lord's sufferings. He miraculously received Christ's wounds, the stigmata, in his own flesh during September of 1224. His health collapsed over the next two years, a "living sacrifice" made during two decades of missionary preaching and penance.

St. Francis of Assisi died on Oct. 3, 1226. Pope Gregory IX, his friend and devotee, canonized him in 1228.

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PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The K of C will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, October 3rd at 7:30pm** in the **parish hall**. A rosary will be said before the meeting at 7:00pm.

**International Rosary
Sunday, October 6th
1:30pm**

St. Gregory's Church

**Marysville Pro-Life Chain
Sunday, October 6th
2:00 to 3:30pm**

**Corner of Hwy 36 and 77
(please park on Broadway)**

**Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 12th
12:00 noon
School Lower Parking Lot**

PRO-LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 1

8:15am † Jack and Jackie Dwerlkotte

Wednesday, Oct. 2

12:05pm ~ Isaiah Friedrichs
Baptismal Anniversary

Thursday, Oct. 3

6:45am † Fr. Joe Cramer

Friday, Oct. 4

8:15am † Taylor White

Saturday, Oct. 5

8:15am † Mark Fisher
5:30pm † Armand Charbonneau

Sunday, Oct. 6

7:00am ~ People of the Parishes of
St. Gregory and St. Malachy
† Francis Voet

10:30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 4

6:00am - 5:00pm Adoration

Saturday, Oct. 5

4:30pm - 5:15pm Confessions

Sunday, Oct. 6

1:30pm International Rosary, Church
2-3:30pm Pro-Life Chain, 36/77 Intersection
6:00pm Confirmation, Music Room

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for September 22nd \$ 7,396.90
ACH for September 25th \$ 3,420.00
(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 09/01/24).....\$232,796.93
Donations (since 09/01/24)..... (\$ 2,762.37)
Total Contributions to Date\$7,874,403.62
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

Curious About Catholicism?

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you searching for answers? Do you want to become Catholic but don't know how to get started?

RCIA will begin soon.
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you would like more information about the Catholic Church, want to become Catholic or wish to renew your faith, this is for you!

Contact Fr. Quentin or the office for more information.

AREA NEWS

Sunday, September 29th - Daniel Oberreuter Parish Mission Concert. St. Monica/St. Elizabeth and St. Columbkillie parishes will host Daniel Oberreuter, lead singer of a Catholic band at 7pm at the Valley Heights-Blue Rapids gym. The mission concert is called **Come Hold My Son** and will take listeners on a journey through the mysteries of the rosary. For more information, please visit www.comeholdmyson.com. Free will offering.

Sunday, Oct. 6th - Holy Family Fall Supper, Summerfield KS. Serving turkey, dressing and trimmings. Drive thru from 3-6pm. \$15. The Thrift Store will be open from 2:30-5pm that day as well. Very low prices. Free coffee and iced tea. Come enjoy shopping and sharing your meal in the school library.

Sunday, Oct. 6th - Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg). Featuring pan fried chicken, ham, BBQ meatballs and homemade pies. Serving from 4:30pm-8:00pm. Adults - \$13, Children - \$6, Preschool - free.

Sunday, Oct. 13th - St. Bede's Annual Soup Supper and Auction, Kelly KS. Serving homemade chili, chicken noodle and vegetable beef soups, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, pie and desserts from 4-7pm. Free will donation. Games for all ages from 5-8pm in parish hall.

Sunday, Oct. 13th - Healing Service at Sacred Heart, Sabetha. Join us for praise and worship, prayer and corporate healing. Fr. Joel will speak on the love and mercy of Jesus and guide us through obstacles we may have to that love and mercy. Dive in as we rebuke lies, offer forgiveness and participate in healing prayer that is poured out through us by the grace of God.

Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata - Rehearsals for this years cantata will start on Sunday, October 6th at 7pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Axtell. The cantata will be **Love is Born** by Lloyd Larson and will be directed by Stan Murphy. For more information contact Amy Schmitz at 785-294-8056 or Schmitz@bluevalley.net. We look forward to singing with you!



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Grandparents Day

Thank you to all the grandparents and parents who were able to attend our Grandparents Day events on Friday. It was a delight to see you all here and to see you enjoying time spent with your children and grandchildren. What a wonderful morning it was!



PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Rich Bruland, Heidi Rutar, Bernice Nietfeld, Carly Cook, Robin Martins, Chris Blanchard, Jolene O’Neal, Fred Lienemann, Jim Borgerding, Dorothy Kramer, Glen Richter, Max Hammes, Greg Boss, Jane Haug, Mary Stryker, Marilyn Hodgen, Scott Wetter, Jess Wetter, Deanna Schroller, KayeLynn Kroeger, Kaylie Kordyak, Preston Runnebaum, Jan Smith.

Long Term Health Issues: Karen Rengstorff, Janel Weigel, Hudson Gartner, Kristi Meyer, Carol Howell, Joan Pacha, Phil Studer, Kathy Jueneman, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Pat Clark, Dorothy Peschel, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Alan Wassenberg, Tony Evans, Mary Landoll, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek and Sami Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

September Virtue of the Month - Magnanimity

This month we have been practicing the virtue of magnanimity. Magnanimity means seeking with confidence to do great things in God. It literally means having a “large soul”. This virtue helps us make sacrifices for God. A sacrifice is a gift that we can offer God. In the Old Testament, people would offer their best animal or their best fruit. Jesus offered His whole life as a gift and a sacrifice for us. Reflect on ways that you can practice the virtue of magnanimity and ask Jesus to help you desire to do great things for Him.

Dear Jesus, We tend to think that we could never be saints but You have called us all to become saints. Help us to be like the saints and desire to do great things for You. Help us, Jesus, to spend some quiet time in prayer asking You how we can live the virtue of magnanimity. Help us to open our hearts to what You want, and pray the same words that Mother Mary prayed: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to Your word.” Amen.

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 30** Damien Keenan, Dolores Bruna, Sandy Schmitz
- Oct. 1** Kim Killer, Jayden Feldkamp
- Oct. 3** Joana Sevilla
- Oct. 4** Jane Keating, Janell Novotny
- Oct. 5** Madeline Capp, Laura Felty, Caroline Gerstner, Mary Crome
- Oct. 6** Don Prell, Eric Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sept. 30** Kenny and Sarah Lee
- Oct. 5** Steve and Gina Nietfeld
- Oct. 7** Tyler and Madison Nemec
Eric and Irish Bussmann
Dominic and Ashley Schmitz

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Baptisms: See website for information
Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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