



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed, Thurs, & Fri - 7:15 am
Rosary at 4:35 pm Saturdays
& 8:05 am Sundays

Confessions:

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 6:30-7:00 am
Saturday - 3:30-4:30 pm
Tues - 5:00-5:30 pm (St. Catherine)
Thurs - 5:00-5:30 pm; 6:00-7:00 pm (St. Catherine)

Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:

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Sacristan 10/05/26 - 10/11/26

Michael Dieker

Weekend Servers

10/03: Maylee & Daylen Ballinger
10/04: Raylon & Maren Ratcliff,
Sawyer McGee
10/10: Lilly Lieneman, Ace Dieker
10/11: Augusta McGee, Aiden Dreier,
Amber Soyez
10/17: Megan Barnhart, Noah Nunley
10/18: Daniel Coughlin, Thomas & Isaac
Arnold
10/24: Rynlea Heins, Tripp Gasche
10/25: Taitlyn Cole, Alisa Skalsky, Bryer
McGee

A reminder that if your child is unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

10/03: Jana Redeker
10/04: Carolyn Cole
10/10: Donna Bolen
10/11: Danny Schneider
10/17: Cass Coughlin
10/18: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC
10/24: Jana Redeker
10/25: Shirley Langley

Gift Bearers

10/03: Michael & Angela Nunley Family
10/04: Joe & Melanie Kerwin
10/10: Michael & Cassie Dieker Family
10/11: Greg & Trish Markowitz
10/17: Willie & Courtney Ward Family
10/18: Ryan & Aubrey Arnold Family
10/24: BJ & Natasha Heins Family
10/25: Mike & Shirley Langley

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin	Daniel Markowitz
Linda Barnard	Debbie Markowitz
Isla Barnhart	Jaxson Markowitz
Maya Bishop	Brian Martin
Danny Broyles	Sylvia Miller
Sheila Broyles	Jenna Moyer
Jeanette Reed	Shea Mueting
Copeland	James Nunley
Donna Dains	Olivia Pimpl
Vicki Dickson	Mrs. Ken Redeker
Kauffman Dieker	Norma Redeker
Sherry	Ken Schade
Elmenhorst	Richard Scheve
LeAnn Eberle	Danny Schmidt
Norman Geiger	Jackie Schmidt
Susan Haag	Greg Schonhardt
Sylvia Haag	Vicki Stark
Darren Heins	Audra Steen
Delores Heins	Carl Lee Stueve
Kurtz Family	Carol Taylor
Kenneth Langley	Mike Wecker



United States Army:

SGM Matthew S. Richter
Sgt. Austin Burenheide
Grant Fath
Lt. Colonel Jacob Haag

Navy:

Grace Coughlin

Air Force:

Megan DePauw
Brayden Lienemann

Air National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	10/03:	5:00 pm	+Gary Trear
Sun.	10/04:	8:30 am	For the Parish
Wed.	10/07:	7:15 am	+Arthur Diddle
Thurs.	10/08:	7:15 am	+Larry Kehres
Fri.	10/09:	7:15 am	+George & Anne Markowitz
Sat.	10/10:	5:00 pm	Living & deceased members of the Leon & Ida Joy Brown family
Sun.	10/11:	8:30 am	For the Parish

The parish office will be closed this week. However, Fr. Mersmann will be around for anyone who needs to meet or needs other assistance. His office and rectory phone numbers are on the first page of the bulletin. Thank you for your flexibility.



Knights' News



The annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held next weekend, October 10-11. Knights will be outside after both Masses. Your generosity to help the intellectually challenged is greatly appreciated.

Knights volunteers are needed to distribute tootsie rolls at St. Catherine's Masses that weekend. Please contact me if you are able to assist.

This month's biscuits and gravy breakfasts will be next Sunday, October 11th and Sunday, October 25th.

This month's Knights' meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight



Notice anything different about the front steps?

Yes, the rails are back and look better than they have in decades. Thank you to the parish angels who painted the metal rails and wooden railings, reinforced them to make them sturdier than ever, and then re-installed them. Our parish is so blessed by wonderful volunteers who keep our infrastructure safe and looking great!.

Last Week's Collections:

09/26-27/2026:	
Envelopes (31)	\$ 1,010.00
Plate	467.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,477.00



September Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

09/01	Amy Radwanski	\$25
09/02	Natalie Beckler	\$25
09/03	Kurt Schmidt	\$25
09/04	Addison Irwin	\$25
09/05	Cassie Dieker	\$25
09/06	Cooper Barnhart	\$25
09/07	Blake Skalsky	\$25
09/08	Linda Dieker	\$25
09/09	Brian Schmidt	\$25
09/10	Carol Taylor	\$25
09/11	Lisa Blaufuss Blow	\$25
09/12	Eric & Lynnette Schreiner	\$25
09/13	Dave Cole	\$25
09/14	Macy Haag	\$25
09/15	Tripp Gasche	\$25
09/16	Julie Kuhlmann	\$25
09/17	Stephanie Blaufuss	\$25
09/18	Leon Brown	\$25
09/19	Samantha Barnhart	\$25
09/20	Machelle Nuessen	\$25
09/21	Hannah Schmidt	\$25
09/22	Mike & Lisa Cole	\$25
09/23	LeAnn Eberle	\$25
09/24	John & Deb Kuhlmann	\$25
09/25	Matt Thomas	\$25
09/26	Diana Kuhlmann	\$25
09/27	Donna Farr	\$25
09/28	Ty Gasche	\$25
09/29 - St. Michael the Archangel	Josh Whitmore	\$50
09/30	Megan Wiederholt	\$25



We're **still** looking for one or two more people to help lead the rosary on Saturday evenings before Mass. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for parish service and spiritual enrichment. Please contact Kathy Stevenson at 620-481-0734 if you are willing to help out.

Congratulations

Please congratulate our newest baptized parishioner -Hudson Hayes baptized 9-27.



A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The 2026 Respect-Life theme, "Mary, Mother of Life," reminds us that the life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, "Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life."



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY 2026

This Sunday, October 4th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Intersection of 6th Avenue & Merchant Street, Emporia

We invite you to help us kick off "Respect Life Month" month by participating in Life Chain Sunday this weekend.

The national Life Chain is the largest prayerful, pro-life public witness in the world. More than 1,500 cities across the U.S. and Canada are expected to participate on October 4th.

St. Joseph parishioners are invited to meet at 6th & Merchant Streets in Emporia for an hour of prayer from 3:00–4:00 p.m. We will be praying for respecting all life – from the womb to the tomb. We hope to see you there.

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

2ND ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ANDERSON BUILDING

Join us for a fun-filled time for all ages while we raise funds for our church!

There will be lots of delicious food, entertainment, and prizes!



Father's Corner



A letter from St Francis of Assisi to all the faithful
(Opuscula, edit. Quaracchi 1949, 87-94)

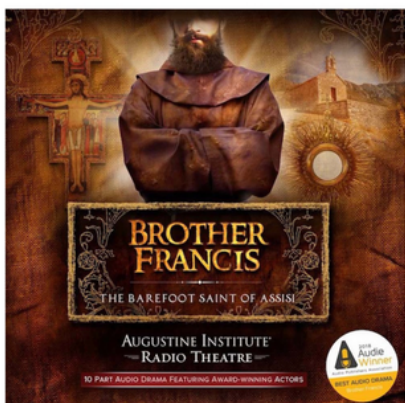
We must be simple, humble and pure

It was through his archangel, Saint Gabriel, that the Father above made known to the holy and glorious Virgin Mary that the worthy, holy and glorious Word of the Father would come from heaven and take from her womb the real flesh of our human frailty. Though he was wealthy beyond reckoning, he still willingly chose to be poor with his blessed mother. And shortly before his passion he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. Then he prayed to his Father saying: "Father, if it be possible, let this cup be taken from me."

Nevertheless, he reposed his will in the will of his Father. The Father willed that his blessed and glorious Son, whom he gave to us and who was born for us, should through his own blood offer himself as a sacrificial victim on the altar of the cross. This was to be done not for himself through whom all things were made, but for our sins. It was intended to leave us an example of how to follow in his footsteps. And he desires all of us to be saved through him, and to receive him with pure heart and chaste body.

O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul; and your neighbour as yourself." Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: "True worshippers adore the Father in spirit and truth." For all who adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers saying: "Our Father, who art in heaven," since "we must always pray and never grow slack."

Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbours as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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