



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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December 5, 2021 Year C

Eucharistic Celebration Of The Second Sunday Of Advent

Prayers for Healing: Merle Alexander, Nathan Williamson, James & Carol Laird, Lona Pool, Sherry Williams, Ken Berry, Heath Louviere, John Dietz, Butch & Dot Schott, Cindy Winstead, Billie June Peeler, Bridget Fairbrother, Ashley & Ryley Touns, Karen Faubion, Doug Schutzle, Katie Jones, Melinda Williams Rogers, Daniel Furlow, Kellie Barrett, Iddo Davis, Jeff Beeson, Dale Foster, Brenner Babin, Carla Bayer Holly, Will Stanback, Sophia Murray, Ronnie D. Lee, Ricky Whitehead, Kathy Bailey, Lonnie May Young, Gene Scoggins, Ben Williams, Sonny Parsons, Madeline King, Loren Mays, Robin Rushing, Robert Wusterbarth, Paul Phillips, Cindy Galey, Ginger Dees, Georgia Kirton, Maryn Touns, Emily Picou, Mason Rodrigue, Connor Bray, Sally Nations McKee, Sue Peets Berch, James Howard, Lacy Sholar, Ron Gaudin, Kate Stark, Evie Greer, Chris Blackmon, Sandra Hebert, Brittany Roberts, JoAnn Kling, Gayle Galey, Bob Hadley, Robert Wickham, The Corkern Family, Tina Coates, Joe Feduccia, Mark Flynn, Norman Louviere III, Maria & Eric Ardoin, Michelle Smith, Billy Walker

Prayers for the Homebound: Bill Medor, Helen Walters, Elsa & Bela Nagy, John Damico, Judy Rudman.

Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially: Major Charles Andrew Griggs

Senior Citizen Anointing
Mass & Lunch
December 8
Rosary at 11:50
Mass at 12:10

Preparatory Session for Advent

Please join us for this **Advent Program** (Hope, Peace, Joy & Love). It will take place the 4 weekends of Advent, after the Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass & after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in the Parish Center Library. These sessions will be followed by a light meal.

DECEMBER 5th HELP IS NEEDED!

Volunteers are asked to join in and help decorate the church after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 5 for the Christmas Season.

Please stay and lend a hand!

Benediction through The Season of Advent will be after 4:00 PM & 10:00 AM Mass, if possible after 8:00 AM Mass also.

December 15 Knights of Columbus will meet at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center Library.

Staff

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor
Erin Womack, Secretary, DRE
Sue Junkin, Bookkeeper
Angele Bartholomew, Youth Minister

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3:40 PM on Saturday or by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano.

Marriage: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano at least six months in advance.

Weekend Mass Schedule & Intention

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM - In Memory of Pauline Smith Wand (RIP)
Sunday Mass - 8:00 AM - Our Parish
Sunday Mass—10:00 AM
Spanish Mass Sunday at St. Martin (Hazlehurst) 1:00 PM

Daily Mass/Communion Service Schedule

Monday, December 6 - Adoration 9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 7—11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM (Communion Service)
Wednesday, December 8— 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM & 5:00 PM (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
Thursday, December 9 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM
Friday, December 10 - 7:15 AM Mass

R C I A - Everyone is welcome to attend.
Tuesday, December 7 at 6:15 PM. In the Parish Center Library. **Topic: "The Pascal Mystery"**

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8th Mass Times: 12:10 PM & 5:00 PM

Faith Formation
December 8 & 15 5:30 Meal Class 6:00-7:00

Highlights from EWTN

EWTN Highlights (These are just my “must sees”. Check your TV guide for your faves! M.W.)

Advent Specials: Saturdays 2:00 am & Sundays 3:00 pm Advent Reflections. Thursdays 5:30 am The Church and the Poor: An Advent Journey with Dr. Richard Ho Lung.

Dec. 4, 9:00 am, Dec. 9, 3:40 pm – Feasts with the Friar: Advent Special – The Children are encouraged to prepare their hearts during Advent to receive the Infant Jesus by making acts of love to God and to others.

Dec. 4, 7:00 pm – Saint Barbara – St. Barbara becomes a Christian and suffered martyrdom in the early Church.

Dec. 5, 12:30 pm – 29th International Festival of Sacred Art and Music.

Dec. 5 & 8, 3:30 pm – Savoring our Faith, Advent; Marian Feast Days.

Dec. 5, 4:00 pm – The Church Universal: Mary’s Meals; the Call. Over one million meals are delivered daily to impoverished school children around the world. **5:00 pm – Advent at Ephesus.** The daily life, spirituality and musical gifts of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles in Missouri. **9:00 pm – Franciscan University Presents:** Liturgy of Domestic Church Life.

Dec. 6 – 9, 4:30 pm, My Lourdes Faith Journey – Pilgrimage volunteers recall what serving at Lourdes has done for them in practicing and sharing their Catholic faith with others and in deepening their relationship with Jesus and our Blessed Mother.

Dec. 7, 10:30 am, An EWTN Holy land experience – Frs. Joseph and Mark reflect on the life of Mary as they visit the biblical sites blessed by the presence of the Mother of God.

12:00 pm Women of Grace, Through Advent with Maria Von Trapp. And **Dec. 8, 10:30 pm WOG** – Tis the season, Books for the Children.

2:30 pm In Concert: Magnificat in C Major, Amsterdam Orchestra and Choir. Dec. 8 Check Mass times for Immaculate Conception. **Dec. 8, 9:45 am, Heart-beat of My Soul** – Learn what it takes to become a priest in this revealing visit to St. Francis de Sales academy. Seminarians and alumni share their individual stories, their commitment to serving Christ and their hopes for the future. (Program times subject to change without notice.)

St. Nicholas is one of the patron saints of children. EWTN has many programs for kids (and the young at heart) throughout Advent and Christmas such as Nicholas, the Boy who Became Santa on **Dec. 6 at 3:00 pm and Dec. 20 at 3:30 pm.** And, on **Dec. 9, 3:00 pm Saints and Heroes, Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe.** The Blessed Mother appears to a simple man of faith, choosing him to help unite diverse peoples.

Everyone is invited to a Retirement Reception Honoring Beth DeLaughter for her 36 1/2 years of service to our church family. Sunday, December 12 in Serio Hall following the 10:00 AM Mass.

All Ladies are invited to the Ladies of St. Francis Christmas Party on December 12 at 4:00 PM in Serio Hall. Please bring an appetizer & an ornament.



Philip Wilson (Dec. 4)
Gina Britt (Dec. 6)
Rob Mason (Dec. 7)
Karen Gaudet (Dec. 8)
Valerie Hall (Dec. 10)

St. Francis Parish Offertory

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
November	\$ 24,734.00	\$ 24,333.00	102%
YTD	\$ 109,532.00	\$ 121,666.00	90%
Annual	\$ 109,532.00	\$ 292,000.00	38%

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available in the vestibule. If you would like to make a flower donation in memory or honor of someone please fill out an envelope and place it in the collection basket.



Covid Protocols Up-dated October 14, 2021

Given the recent rise in COVID cases St. Francis is changing some protocols to better protect our parishioners:

Bishop Joseph Kopacz has lifted the general dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

All daily masses will take place in the chapel.

Holy water is available to those who would like to use it. All individuals are encouraged to wear a mask. Separate seating for those wearing a mask and wishing to separate from people not wearing a mask will continue to be available at St. Francis Altar or Mary’s Altar.

Music will continue with a limit of 3 total people in the choir loft.

Altar servers will resume Nov. 28.

Children’s liturgy will not take place until further notice.

Ushers will wear mask when they greet parishioners, offer hand sanitizer to all incoming attendees, taking up the collection and when passing out bulletins.

Parishioners will be encouraged to use both the main doors and the handicapped entrance to leave the facility.

There will be three masses per weekend, Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturdays, and 8:00 am, 10:00 am on Sundays.

Reconciliation is at 3:40 PM on Saturdays or by appointment.

The cry room is available.

Adoration at the 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM Masses on the 1st weekend of every month will resume Dec. 4.

The parish center will be open along with the restroom behind the office, the code is 1799.

Offering will be taken up using a non-touch basket by adults only.

Communion will be disbursed in the form of bread only, with 1 Eucharistic Minister and will only be offered in the hand. There will be no placing of the host on a tongue. Communion procedure will return to the Pre-COVID way using the center aisle.

Everyone’s vigilance with proper distancing, hygiene, and other measures is necessary whenever we gather. Thank you for your cooperation as we adhere to these guidelines.

Second Sunday of Advent

“The Lord has done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.”



Beginning January 2022, offertory envelopes will be mailed to parishioners on a bi-monthly basis. If you DO NOT wish to receive envelopes for your contributions, please contact the office. Many of our parishioners utilize our on-line giving program, and therefore have no use for the envelopes. Other families do not use their envelopes for a variety of reasons. Thanks, and please contact the office with any questions.

Mass Date & Time	Music	Cross Bearer & Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Lector & Commentator
Saturday, December 4 4:00 PM	Eileen, Hilda & Alice	Norman Ratliff	Chandler & Bergeron	L & C– Shelley Harrigill
Sunday, December 5 8:00 AM	Tara, Emily & Diane		Jim Bonner & P. Riley	L & C – Cathy Fuselier
10:00 AM	Quiet	K. Calcote	Barrett & C. Calcote	L & C – Valentine