



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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December 12, 2021 Year C

Eucharistic Celebration Of The Third 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 Toups, Karen Faubion, Doug Schutze, 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 Toups, 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

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.

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



Natalie Britt (Dec. 15)
Adam Smith (Dec. 17)
Isabella Rejon (Dec. 17)



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.



Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.”



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. 10, 5:30 pm – Explore with the Miracle Hunter: Loreto. Miracle Hunter Michael O’Neill probes the truth behind the Holy House of Loreto, said to have been transported from the Holy Land by angels and eventually deposited in Loreto, Italy.

Dec. 11, 1:00 pm – Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message. Jim Caviezel narrates the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe from her miraculous apparition to the relevance her message still holds for Catholics today. **4:00 pm – Grab Your Catechism with Fr. Connor:** Introduction to the Celebration of the Christian mystery. How the liturgy is the summit of the activity of the Church and the font where all her power flows. **5:00 pm, Metanoia, Sin and Mercy. 5:30 pm, Advent at Ephesus.** The daily life, spirituality and musical gifts of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles in Missouri. **7:00 pm, 1531: A Story That is Not Finished Yet.** Through this riveting, yet unfinished story, relive the testimonies of St. Juan Diego, Bishop Zumarraga and the Friars and soldiers who witnessed the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Dec. 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Check your EWTN TV guide for Mass times. **12:30 pm, Guadalupe Mysteries,** a documentary. **1:30 pm, Explore with the Miracle Hunter:** Guadalupe. Mr. O’Neill travels to Guadalupe, the world’s most visited Marian shrine, to investigate the miraculous image emblazoned on St. Juan Diego’s tilma, which has inspired the faithful for centuries.

Dec. 13 – 15, 4:30 pm, Catholic Scotland. Embark on a spiritual journey to discover the rich history of the Church in Scotland and see how the faith is celebrated by Catholics today in this original EWTN miniseries. **Dec. 16, 4:30 pm, Armed with Faith.** Born without arms, John Foppe became a world-traveling motivational speaker and devoted husband and father by trusting in God. In this powerful special, he challenges Catholics to do likewise. **Dec. 17, 9:30 am, On Assignment Magazine:** Holiday Edition. A special holiday gathering for the homeless and poor.

2022 Altar Flowers — If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion, the cost is 60.00 and the flowers are arranged by Shipps Florist. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the wall in the vestibule of the church. If you have any questions, please email or call the church office.

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.

Altar servers resumed.

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

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 resumed.

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.

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.

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.

St. Francis Parish Offertory

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
December	\$ 5,515.00	\$ 24,333.00	23%
YTD	\$ 115,047.00	\$ 146,000.00	79%
Annual	\$ 115,047.00	\$ 292,000.00	39%

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

Parish Wide Advent Confession at 5:30 PM - Tuesday, December 14

R C I A - Everyone is welcome to attend. Tuesday, December 14 at 6:15 PM. In the Parish Center Library. Topic -The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

Faith Formation

December 15 5:30 Meal Class 6:00-7:00

Mass Date & Time	Music	Cross Bearer & Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Lector & Commentator
Saturday, December 18 4:00 PM	Quiet	Alice Methvien	Bowman & Bergeron	L & C – Cathy Fuselier
Sunday, December 19 8:00 AM	Tara, Diane & Emily		Jeff Phillips & Jim Bonner	L & C – Jim Craig
10:00 AM	Quiet	Achord	O. Junkin & T. Junkin	L & C – Sue Junkin
Friday, December 24 Christmas Vigil 4:00 PM (Children’s Mass)	Johnna & Emily	Cathy Ditcharo	Barrett & Womack	L & C - Jeff Phillips
Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day 9:30 AM	Eileen & Celine	Norman Ratliff	Jim Craig & A. Achord	L & C – Diane Acy