



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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December 19, 2021 Year C

Eucharistic Celebration Of The Fourth 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

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.



Cathy Fuselier (Dec. 18)
Alice Hearn (Dec. 18)
Thomas Taylor (Dec. 19)
Susan Smith (Dec. 19)
Annie Cuevas (Dec. 19)
Ricky Dunaway (Dec. 20)
Ryley Toups (Dec. 20)
Natalie Womack (Dec. 20)
Chad Townsend (Dec. 24)

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.



Highlights from EWTN

EWTN Highlights - Wonderful Advent and Christmas specials too numerous to list in this space. Please check your TV guides daily so you don't miss anything! Here are a few:
Dec. 18, 8:30 am, Children's special, Feasts with the Friar. 1:00 pm, The EWTN Family Christmas Special. 4:00 pm, Life on the Rock, Cenacolo Christmas Special. 7:00 pm, A Time to Remember. 9:00 pm, In Concert: The Kings Singers-Christmas. 10:00 pm, Respite at Christmas.
Dec. 19, 12:30 pm, In Concert: Christmas in Vienna. 2:00 pm, Christmas Concert from Knock. 7:30 pm, Keep Christ in Christmas. Catholics Come Home. 4:00 pm, Advent Reflections, 4th Week in Advent. 9:00 pm, The Life of Christ, The Savior.
Dec. 20, 4:30 pm, Christmas in Harvard Square, The Boys of St. Paul's Choir. 10:00 pm, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring with the Dominican Sisters of Mary.
Dec. 21, 9:00 pm, Amahl and the Night Visitors. 10:00 pm, Christopher's Classic Christmas. Dec. 22, 3:00 pm, San Juan Children's Choir Presents: Siempre Navidad. 4:30 pm, A Star Shall Rise. 10:00 pm, Christmas Matins from Bavaria.
Dec. 23, 9:30 am, In Concert, An Austrian Christmas. 4:00 pm, The Church and the Poor: Caribbean Christmas.
Dec. 24, 12:30 pm, Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve in Rome. 4:00pm, Path of the Messiah, pt. 1.
Dec. 20 – 23 Watch for Women of Grace Specials, The Sounds of Christmas Music pts 1 – 4 and children's programming usually 3:00 – 4:00 pm. M – F.

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.



Christmas Flower Offerings as of December 17:
Given By: June Smith—For Thanksgiving for Children
Given By: Phyllis Hobbs—For Emily Catherine Smith-DiLisio
Given By: Dan Smith & Paige Jackson— In Memory of David Ratliff, Margaret Smith & Mary Ratliff



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.

You should have received envelopes this week. If you did not and you want them, contact the office.

St. Francis Parish Offertory			
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022			
	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
December	\$ 12,416.00	\$ 24,333.00	51%
YTD	\$ 121,948.00	\$ 146,000.00	83%
Annual	\$ 121,948.00	\$ 292,000.00	42%

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 Mary Ratliff (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

Monday, December 20- Adoration 9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 21—11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM
Wednesday, December 22— 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM
Thursday, December 23-11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00 PM—In Memory of Wade Ditcharo (RIP)
Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

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

R C I A - Everyone is welcome to attend.
Tuesday, December 21 at 6:15 PM.
In the Parish Center Library.
Topic -Why Do I Need the Church?

CYO Will meet
December 19 from
5:30-7:00. Grade
4th and up.

Faith Formation
January 5 at 5:30 Meal Class 6:00-7:00

On Sunday, January 2, 2022
there will be only 1 mass. It
will be at 9:30 AM.