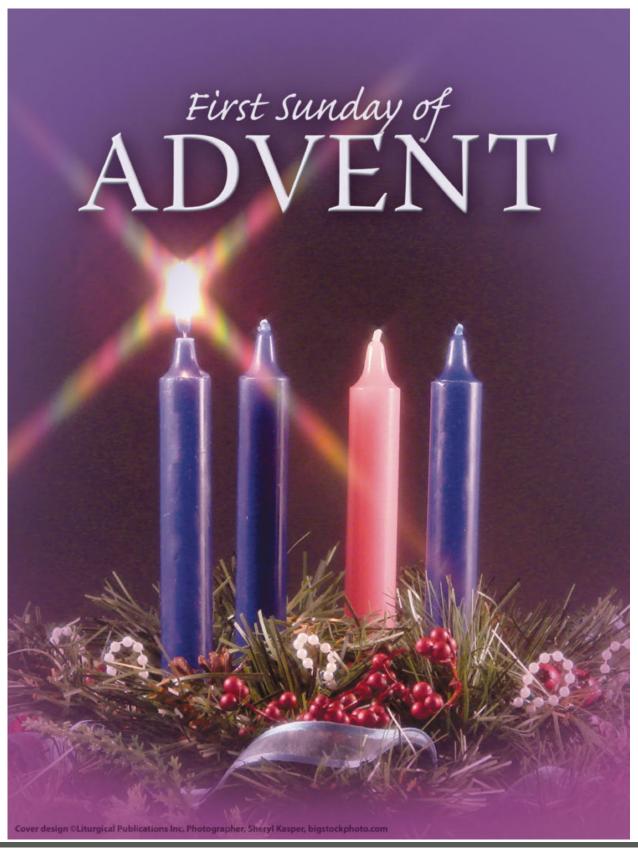
## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



#### From the Pastor

The parishioners of St. Francis extend our sympathies and condolences to the family of David Pals, whose funeral was Wednesday, 18 Nov. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Welcome to the season of Advent! I hope everyone had an opportunity to thank the Lord for the blessings they enjoy and share with others. Tom and Dave Runde have been inviting the friars to join their family for a festive meal at noon on Thanksgiving Day in the Siemer House on the corner across from the post office. It is always a delicious meal, and the friars are grateful to the Runde Family for including us friars to be with them. It's all part of the celebration of Thanksgiving – coming together and sharing.

I hope we are set for Advent. I ordered a little booklet from Bishop Robert Barron that offers reflections for each day and a space to write in ideas or reflections the reader gets. I hope I can maintain my enthusiasm for the spiritual preparation part of Advent. It is so easy to get "trapped" by the demands of the season - writing cards, shopping, baking, cleaning, entertaining, etc. It would be a big help to celebrate Christmas during the Christmas season and not during the advent season. That idea is certainly counter cultural, when society has been celebrating Christmas already!

Had a rather exciting parish council meeting on Tuesday. One of the topics discussed was moving the Scrip Program from Hank Niebrugge's office to the Teutopolis Bank! Hank has certainly done his part over approximately a dozen years to facilitate the selling of the Scrip cards from his office. His help is very much appreciated, and who knows the thousands of dollars he has raised for the parish youth? The date for making this move is to be determined, so stand by. It won't be before Christmas so continue to purchase the Scrip cards for Christmas presents at Niebrugge Country Financial during the week and Kountry Kitchen on Saturday morning during Advent.

Another topic of conversation was the White Lilly Project. Three ladies came to the council meeting and explained they would like to establish an "Angel of Hope" statue as a way of assisting grieving parents who have lost a child. The council was unanimous in supporting this project, and I am in conversation with the diocese to learn more. They would like to have the statue a part of the old Society Hall yard across the street from the church. This would be separate from the church.

The council also discussed the topic of a pictorial directory. The parish custom has been to publish a new directory every 5 years. We are due in 2022. The company that produced the last one doesn't do them for churches any more. So we are researching and discussing other methods of photography and printing. Many parishioners use their directory on a frequent basis. I know I do. Stay tuned.

Picnic results were reported at the meeting, and they will be communicated to the parish. It was a good year in many respects – God blessed us with excellent weather, people had an enjoyable time visiting; and we did very well financially. We keep learning and tweaking the picnic, making adjustments to various needs.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A holy day of obligation. OF THE Slessed Virgin Mary. Mass times are:

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00 and 8:00 am



Tuesday, December 14 7:00 pm

**ADORATION:** Adorers and subs, please pick up an updated chart in the chapel entrance. Subs are now listed with hours of availability. If you prefer receiving this by email or text, please call or text Cindy Vahlng at 217-821-3366. Thank you all for your faithfulness!

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, November 29, 6:30: Bob Deters

Tuesday, November 30, 6:30: Living and Deceased of

Clem F. and Kathryn Kaufman Family

Tuesday, November 30, 7:55: Hank Ruholl

Wednesday, December 1, 6:30: Special Intention

Thursday, December 2, 6:30: Doris Kremer

Thursday, December 2, 7:55: Adeline Barclay

Friday, December 3, 6:30: Doris Repking

Friday, December 3, 7:55: Herman and Della Kremer Family

Saturday, December 4, 4:30: Roger Renschen

Sunday, December 5, 6:30: Pro Populo

Sunday, December 5, 8:30: Millie Nosbisch

Sunday, December 5, 10:30: Hank Ruholl





#### The First Week of Advent





Sunday November 28 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week.

Monday November 29 Develop a new prayer to say before each meal during Advent. Write it down and scribe it in a say it every year during Advent.

Tuesday November 30 Offer your parish the gift of your time, talent, or treasure. De-Christmas card and send it to your pastor.

Wednesday December 1 Include in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year as a witness to God's love.

Thursday December 2 Even if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.

Friday December 3 In honor of St. Francis Xavier, one of the first Jesuits, try the practice of the Daily Examen.

Saturday December 4 Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.

# Liturgy Schedule 1st Week of Advent November 29 - December 5

Monday, Mass at 6:30 am

Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am

Tuesday morning

Tuesday, St. Andrew

Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 am

Thursday, Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Friday, St. Francis Xavier

Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am

Saturday, St. John Damascene

Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

#### **Confession Schedule**

Tuesday, November 30 - 6:15-6:45 pm Thursday, December 2 - 3:00-4:00 & 6:15-6:45 pm Saturday, December 4 - 3:00-4:00 pm

#### **Liturgy of the Hours with Friars**



Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill and Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedl, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Heather Ordner, Sara Ordner, Marilyn Zerrusen, Roddnie Deters, Korrie Hartke, Tanner Pruemer, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Barb Worman, Leah Newlin, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office at 217-961-6404.

**Donations for Flowers** We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2022. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" and mail it or drop it off at the parish office. If the donation is

or drop it off at the parish office. If the donation is being made in memory of a loved one, please note this on the envelope also.

Giving Trees Wrapped Giving Tree gifts, (each with the tag taped to the front), are due back into church by December 12 and can be stacked in front of Mary's altar. Thanks for brightening the Christmas season for those who need you!

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number - 217-321-1155



#### **Farish Calendar**

#### Monday, November 29

- Adoration, 1:00 pm 6:00 am Tuesday
- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center

#### Tuesday, November 30

- Rosary after 7:55 Mass
- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice. 6:45 pm

#### Wednesday, December 1

- Children's choir, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00 pm
- JH/HS religion, 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, December 2

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 and 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, December 3

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- Maximilian presentation, 7:00 pm, Church



#### Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, December 3. No Communion to you on Sunday, December 5.

### BIRTHDAYS

- 12/3 Mark Koester (81)
- 12/13 Margaret Pruemer (92)
- 12/15 Roger Niebrugge (81)
- 12/18 Shirley Funneman (88)
- 12/18 Jeanette Westendorf (88)
- 12/20 Lawrence Buhnerkempe (83)
- 12/26 Nancy Pals (81)
- 12/27 Donald Beckman (84)
- 12/30 Pauline Beckman (82)
- 12/30 Alice Koester (83)
- 12/31 Michael Hewing (81)



**Effingham Area Right to Life** The next Effingham Area Right to Life meeting will be Tuesday, November 30th, at Guardian Angel Adult Daycare at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE – January 21, 2022 March for Life Mass and march with Bishop Paprocki in Springfield, IL. A Bales bus is reserved. Registration fee is \$30.00 and a package of diapers to be donated to the Family Life Center. All 7th grade – college aged students and adults are welcome!! The Right to Life Breakfast supporting this event will take place on January 16. More details to follow.

**Stewardship of Treasure** The collection totals for November 21, November 28 will be in the December 5 bulletin.

#### **Religious Education News**

Next Grade School Bake Sales: Grade 1, 2, 5M, 5W, and 6 will be November 30; Grade 3, 4, 5B, and 5K will be December 1; Grades 1-6 homerooms will have two students from each class bring treats for their class. The students will then have the opportunity to buy chances on various items. The proceeds will be sent to the missions.

**Grade 1 & 2 Christmas Play:** The students will perform for family members in Church on December 15 at 8:00 a.m. Parents can help by helping them practice singing their song at home.

Grade 1-6 Religion Teachers and Walkers Christmas Party is December 16: Teachers will meet at 8:00 am in St. Clare hall. Walkers will meet in St. Clare hall at 8:45 am.

#### **DECEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

December 1 – Religion class 7-8:15 pm

December 3 – Teen Center is open

December 8 – Religion class 7-8:15 pm

December 15 – Religion class 7-8:15 pm

December 17 – Teen Center is open

December 18/19 – CHWC Cookie Sale

December 19 – Christmas Caroling (meet at the Teen Center)

December 22- NO RELIGION CLASSES for Christmas break

<u>Teacher needed!</u> – In search of a female teacher to cover the Wednesday night 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls class for spring semester 2022 only! The topic is St. John Paul II Theology of the Body. Book, video, and supplies will be provided! If interested, please contact Maria at 217-961-1500.

**Catholic Daughters of the America** - Court St. Francis Christmas party has been changed to Monday, November 29 at the Kountry Kitchen at 6:00 pm.



The Catholic Heart Work Campers are fundraising for their next service experience in Montague, Michigan in June 2022. We are selling St. Louis Cardinal calendars again this year! These calendars make the perfect gift for the St. Louis Cardinal fan! The Cardinal

schedule is printed on each day for all spring training and regular season games. Great pictures and Cardinal history each month plus an insert of a variety of family-oriented coupons. Calendars can be ordered from any camper or call Maria at 217-961-1500 to order yours today! We are taking orders now through December 16<sup>th</sup>. Calendars are \$16 each and payment is due at the time of the order. THANK YOU for supporting CHWC!



CHWC Group – Our Christmas cookie/candy sale is coming up! Please drop off 4 dozen cookies/candies at St. Clare hall from 9:00-11:00 am on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending out an email to remind you of all the details!



Join us for Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Jr high, high school, alumni in town for break, parents and friends are all invited. Meet at the teen center at 6:30 pm. We will sing around town and then return to the teen center for hot chocolate and snacks!

#### **God Bless Those Serving our Country.**



Anthony Vahling, Ryan Weber, Cody Bushue, Andrew Isley, Shawn Zerrusen, Ali Kingery, Andrew Simmons, Justis Coventry, Jesse Koester, Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone, Paul Schumacher, Damon Sabo.

Liturgical Ministers for December 4/5				
Ministry	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	8:30 am	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Jamie Habing	Pat Wente	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Dick Hawickhorst Patty Ruholl
Ushers	*Glen Waldhoff Tim Ordner Larry Habing Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Dave Tegeler	*Mike Tipton Allen Koester Steve Mette Dave Runde Joe Runde Chris Hartke	*Mark Probst Dennis Gillespie Todd Voelker Steve Witges Cory Wermert Gerald Witges	*Denny Runde Dan Beckman Brian Ruholl Collin Niemerg Greg Addis Jeff Thoele
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Cemetery News - The cemetery board has decided to lower the age requirement for pre-sales of cemetery graves and columbarium niches. Currently the age is 80 years and above for cemetery graves. It has been changed to 70 years and above. The columbarium pre-sales are open to all ages. Please contact the parish office at 217-961-6404 if you are interested in pre-purchasing.



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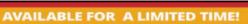


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