

December 19, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Fourth Sunday of* **ADVENT**



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## From the Pastor

The parishioners of St. Francis extend our condolences to the family of Jerry Zerrusen, whose funeral was Thursday, 16 December. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

We thank Fr. Sunder Ery for coming to help us with confessions on Tuesday evening, 15 December, and we are grateful to Fr. Michal Rosa for assisting us with the confessions of our high school students on Wednesday evening. Fr. Ery is pastor of St. Michael's in Sigel, while Fr. Rosa is pastor of Sacred Heart in Effingham.

Next weekend we have Christmas on Saturday. This presents a conflict with our regular Mass schedule. You might wish to mark your calendar to avoid being confused about when the Masses are scheduled. Or bring home a bulletin and post it somewhere prominent in your house.

Friday, Christmas Eve, we have our usual Christmas schedule of 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 pm. Come early for a seat at the Masses, especially the 4 o'clock. On Christmas morning we have Mass at 9 o'clock. Saturday is Christmas, so we will not have the usual confessions at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Nor will we have the vigil Mass at 4:30. On Sunday, 26 December, we will have the usual Sunday schedule of 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

The following weekend, for New Year's eve and the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, 1 January, we will have a 4:30 Mass on Friday evening, New Year's eve, and on New Year's morning, the feast of the Solemnity of Mary we have a 9 o'clock Mass. On Saturday, 1 January, there will not be confessions in the afternoon. Nor will there be a vigil Mass at 4:30. On 2 January, we have the regular schedule for Sunday Masses; i.e., 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30.

You did it again! We had 300 people take tags from the angel or giving tree, and all presents were brought in. Thank you very much for your cooperation and certainly for your generosity. You have made Christmas better for many people!

**Help Needed:** There are ministry sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in the main entrance of church. If you are commissioned to be in any of the ministries: usher, reader, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, please consider sharing your ministry this Christmas. Thank you!



### Holiday Schedule

**Friday, December 24, Mass at 4:00, 6:00, 10:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 25, Mass at 9:00 am**  
(No 4:30 Mass)

**Sunday, December 26, Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am**

**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Friday, December 31, Mass at 4:30**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022, Mass at 9:00 am**  
(No 4:30 Mass)

**Sunday, January 2, 2022 Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am**



Monday, December 20, 6:30: Norma Ruholl  
Tuesday, December 21, 6:30: Alan Hawickhorst  
Tuesday, December 21, 7:55: Hank Ruholl  
Wednesday, December 22, 6:30: Special Intention  
Thursday, December 23, 6:30: Connie Wendt  
Thursday, December 23, 7:55: Eileen Yeh  
Friday, December 24, 4:00: Bernard and Dorothy Ruholl  
Friday, December 24, 6:00: Rich Goldstein  
Friday, December 24, 10:00: Scott Westendorf  
Saturday, December 25, 9:00: Mert McMahon  
Sunday, December 26, 6:30: Pro Populo  
Sunday, December 26, 8:30: Lawrence and Anna Ruholl  
Sunday, December 26, 10:30: Elizabeth Waldhoff



### The Fourth Week of Advent



Sunday December 19 Light all four candles in the wreath. Reread today's Gospel reading. Luke 1:39-45	Monday December 20 Make time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.	Tuesday December 21 Take a moment today to listen to Christmas carols as a joyful symbol of the season.	Wednesday December 22 Today, think about all the Biblical accounts of God's merciful treatment of sinners.	Thursday December 23 Think about all the things you are grateful for.	Friday December 24 Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Read the nativity story in the Bible together as a family.	Saturday December 25 Merry Christmas! Find the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love that Jesus brought from Heaven to Earth on the night he was born.
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## Liturgy Schedule 4th Week of Advent December 20 - 26

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am Tuesday morning
Tuesday,	St. Peter Canisius Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. John of Kanty Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Mass at 4:00, 6:00 10:00 pm</b>
Saturday,	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> <b>Mass at 9:00 am</b> <b>No 4:30 pm Mass</b>
Sunday,	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 21 - 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, December 23 - 6:15-6:45 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am & 4:45 pm



#### Monday, December 20

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

#### Tuesday, December 21

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

#### Wednesday, December 22

- Children's choir, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Young adult choir, 5:30-7:30 pm
- No JH/HS religion

#### Thursday, December 23

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

**Please Note:** The parish office will close on Friday, December 24th at noon for the Christmas holiday, and reopen on Monday, December 27th at 9:00 am.

**2022 Catholic Calendars** are at all entrances of church. A gift to you from the parish.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Prumer, 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 Prumer, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Barb Worman, Leah Newlin, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson, Liz Kremer.

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



### Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 26th are Darlene Buehnerkemper 217-821-3925 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.

**St. Francis Church Choirs and Music Ensembles** are busily preparing for an exciting Christmas Season.



The children's choir will cantor the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass with anthems and carols beginning at 3:30.

The guitar ensemble will cantor the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass with anthems and carols beginning at 5:30.

The adult choir and the youth choir will join to cantor the 10:00 Christmas Eve Mass with anthems and carols beginning at 9:30.

Saturday's Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am will be led by a variety of singers. Contact Dan Williams if you are interested in singing with a small group that morning. Music/caroling will precede the Mass beginning at 8:30 am.

Five of your talented members have recently started a Brass Ensemble. They will play Sunday, December 26th at the 10:30 Mass.

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> <u>12/12/2021</u>	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
225 Adult envelopes	\$11,815.52	\$224,026.60
60 Online giving	\$2,778.00	\$57,593.00
Other	\$797.00	\$18,871.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,390.52</b>	<b>\$300,490.76</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$669.00	\$21,604.00
Immaculate Conception		\$1,731.00
Retired Religious		\$1,729.00



## Religious Education News

**December Bake Sale Results:** \$1050.25 was donated by the grade 1-6 students for the missions. After expenses, \$700 was sent to Father Damien in Africa. \$300 was sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Africa.

**January Bake Sale:** Grade 1-6 students next bake sale is scheduled. Grade 1, 2, 5M, 5W, and 6 will be January 11, 2022. Grade 3, 4, 5B, and 5K will be January 12, 2022.

**Catholic Daughters of America Contest:** Grade 4-6 will be participating in the C D of A contest. The students have been given the information. The projects are due on January 7, 2022.

**Christmas Holiday:** Students will be on holiday December 23 through January 3. Religion classes resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

December 18/19 – CHWC cookie sale in St. Clare hall.

December 19 – Christmas caroling 6:30 pm, meet at the teen center.

December 22- NO RELIGION CLASS for Christmas break.

January 12 – Classes resume!



**SCRIP CARD SALES** – Last call for scrip card sales this week in the church office during the lunch hour (11:30-1:00 pm) each day through December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please help our fundraising efforts and get your shopping done at the same time!



**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 are \$16 each and payment is due at the time of the order. THANK YOU for supporting CHWC!



**Our CHWC Christmas cookie/candy sale** is this weekend! Please drop by St. Clare hall after any of the weekend Masses to get your treats. Cost is \$8 per dozen. Pick up your last minute scrip cards and maybe a Cardinal calendar too. St.

Francis CHWC thanks you for supporting us during this Christmas season!



**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!

**Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis as we study the biblical roots of the Eucharist!**

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***Be sure to bring your Bible!***

**Beginning Wednesday, January 12 at 4:00pm**

**10 Sessions**

**continuing every Wednesday**

**from 4:00-5:30pm**

**in the Sr. Ethelbert Center**

**Email Laura**

**at [landerson@stfrancischurch.com](mailto:landerson@stfrancischurch.com) to register!**

**Springfield March for Life** is Friday, January 21, 2022. Mass with Bishop Paprocki at the Cathedral at 10:00 am, followed by an 11:00 am march to the Capitol and back. We will be leaving Effingham Events Center (KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30 am and returning 4:00 pm. The ADULT and YOUTH registration and information paper is in the entrance of church. Deadline is **January 10**. Questions? Call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056.



### Calendar Year End Contributions

Please note that the 2021 contribution ledger will be closed as of December 31, 2021. If contributions are to be considered in the year of 2021 for tax purposes, they must be received in the parish office by 4:00 pm on December 31st or be postmarked before January 1st. All contributions received or postmarked after December 31, 2021 will be posted to the year of 2022. Thank you.

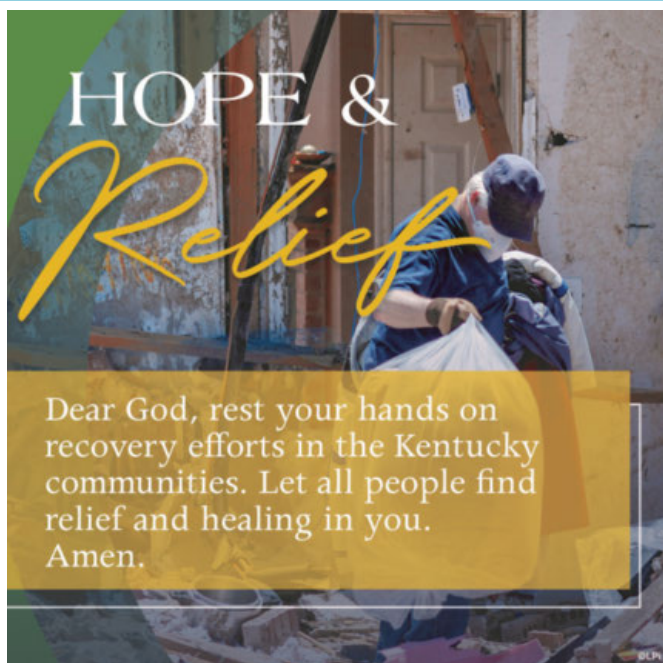
**ATTEND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which translates as "House of Bread." Even in his birth, Jesus was preparing us to approach him under the form of bread. Spending time with Jesus is never a waste. --Taken from "Ten Ways to Make Your Advent More Joyful" by Fr. Dominic Vahling in a special to Catholic Times.



**Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast** will be January 16, 2022 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm with inside dining. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, drinks will be served. There will be a quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to volunteer to help please text Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.



**The Young 3 Kings** will be making their annual visit on January 7, 8 and 9. Contact Clint Goeckner at 217-821-5311.

**Cemetery News**

The age requirement for pre-sales of cemetery graves and columbarium niches 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.

The price of the cemetery graves and columbarium niches will increase on January 1, 2022. The price will increase \$50 to \$550 for parishioners and \$750 for non-parishioners and non active parishioners.

**Christmas Dinner** Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the annual FREE Effingham County Christmas Day Dinner on Saturday, December 25. Due to the coronavirus, there will be no congregated meal. All meals will be delivered or available for curbside pickup. Meal delivery will take place between 10:00 am and noon. Curbside pickup will be available at the Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Banker, Effingham, between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm.

This dinner is free and open to all Effingham County residents and their families; however, donations are always greatly appreciated and may be sent to Effingham County FISH, PO Box 473, Effingham, IL 72401. To reserve home delivered meals and curbside pickup, call the Senior Center at 217-347-5569 by noon on December 22. Residents receiving delivered meals will need to have a cooler or space available for the volunteers to put the meals.

Volunteers are also needed to package and deliver all meals. They will start cutting cakes and packaging meals at 9:00 am. To volunteer, please call Susan Elke at 217-868-5913.

**Collection on Christmas Day** Since 1879, the Catholic Children's Home has served as a 'beacon of hope' for thousands of children in need of a safe harbor and a place to call home. Through the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1918 to the Coronavirus in 2020, the Catholic Children's Home has been there to give the love and compassion these children desperately need. In the spirit of Christ's special affection for all children, please support the work for the Catholic Children's Home and contribute generously to this collection at all the Masses on Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

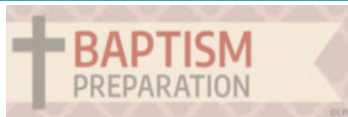
## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Servers Schedule

<u>December 24 - 4:00 pm</u>	<u>December 24 - 6:00 pm</u>	<u>December 24 - 10:00 pm</u>	<u>December 25 - 9:00 am</u>
Andrew Probst Landyn Buening Gavin Buening Cole Breer	Landyn Thoele Jaedyn Thoele Jackson Willenborg Eric Weidner	Ella Neihls Paul Huber Pearl Huber Martin Habing Chris Habing Sarah Habing Maddy Habing Jack Hartke	Michael Habing Alex Habing Anthony Roley Olivia Roley Kaela Neihls Grace Koester Jacob Neihls
		<b>Practice December 23 at 1:00 pm</b>	
			Mary Jane Dennis Luke Dennis Penny Dennis

## Liturgical Ministers for December 26

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Pat Wentz	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Dick Hawickhorst Patty Ruholl
<b>Ushers</b>	*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
<b>Servers for December 26</b>	Paul Huber Pearl Huber	Maddie Zane Abby Zane Macy Petersen	Liam Collins Mary Jane Dennis Luke Dennis

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### Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, January 6, 2022 St. Francis
- Thursday, February 3, 2022, St. Rose
- Thursday, March 3, 2022, St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 5, 2022, St. Isidore
- Thursday, May 5, 2022, St. Francis

All classes begin at 7:00 pm. To register for classes at St. Francis call 217-961-6404; at St. Rose call 217-924-4553; and at St. Isidore call 217-821-9178. All dates are subject to change.

**Please Note:** Baptisms will take place on the first, second and third weekends of each month.

### Parish Office

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### Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the pastor.



**Marriage Requirements** If you have your wedding scheduled at St. Francis, you will be required to attend the following for preparation:

**Pre-Cana** workshops offered in the Effingham area:

- St. Francis, Teutopolis, January 30, 2022.  
Call 217-961-6404 to register.
- St. Mary, St. Marie, March 12, 2022.  
Call 618-455-3155 to register.

Additional dates are available on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org) under marriage and family life.

**FOCCUS:** Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows:

- January 8, 2022
- April 2, 2022
- July 2, 2022
- October 1, 2022

All sessions begin after 4:30 pm Mass in St. Clare hall. To register call 217-961-6404.

### Upcoming NFP Classes

- Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:30-11:00 am on WebEx.
- Saturday, February 26, 2022, 2:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert Center.

To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpriuemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpriuemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.





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