

December 26 2021 - The Holy Family

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## THE NATIVITY *of the Lord*

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you  
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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**From the Pastor**

We wish you and your loved ones the graces and blessings of this Christmas season. With Christmas on Saturday this year, the schedule gets a little awkward with Masses for Christmas and the regular Sunday, which this year is December 26 when we will celebrate the feast of the Holy Family!

The parishioners are grateful to the many people, who worked in many areas for the parish celebration of the Christmas Day liturgies. We know the Christmas season is not over on Christmas Day. Liturgically, our celebration of Christmas is only starting Christmas Day.

The Art and Environment team, the ladies and the men, do an outstanding job every year with all the liturgical celebrations. The church looks beautiful and inviting, and we are grateful that you use the gifts and talents God has given you. Thank you for sharing them with us.

The people responsible for the music and song in our liturgies always do a wonderful job in raising our souls and spirits in praise and worship to our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So whether you play an instrument, or sing in the choir, or lead the community in song, thank you very much for your service to the Lord and to us. I'm sure many of you have noticed our Director of Music, Dan Williams, and his loss of weight. He continues losing, and no one knows why. Please keep Dan and Sandy in your prayers.

The word "liturgy" means the work of the people. There are many roles of service like children singing, acolytes serving at the altar, men and women reading and proclaiming the Word of God, sacristans behind the scenes making sure everything is ready and in place, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist assisting the priest in distributing Holy Communion, and the list goes on. We used to have more ministers of the Eucharist as you remember when we shared in the Precious Blood as well as the host. I think that will come back, but it will take some time.

In terms of the feast of the Holy Family, I seek God's blessings on all families, especially the families in our parish. The older the children get, the more busy and complicated their lives get especially with the school, athletics and activities. I know it's idealistic, but I encourage each of our families to strive for sitting down to supper together. Pray together, and share with each other what happened during your day. Seek God's blessings on each member of your family.



**Help Needed:** There are **ministry sign-up sheets for 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 season. Thank you!

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in




softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



**Holiday Schedule**

**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Friday, December 31, Mass at 4:30 pm**  
**Saturday, January 1, 2022, Mass at 9:00 am**  
**(No 4:30 pm Mass)**  
**Sunday, January 2, 2022 Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 27, 6:30: Nancy (Buenker) Will  
 Tuesday, December 28, 6:30: Bob Deters  
 Tuesday, December 28, 7:55: Norma Ruholl  
 Wednesday, December 29, 6:30: Herman F. Runde  
 Thursday, December 30, 6:30: Vera Kroeger  
 Thursday, December 30, 7:55: Hank Ruholl  
 Friday, December 31, 4:30: Frank Wall III death anniv.  
 Saturday, January 1, 9:00: Dick and Luella Roepke family  
 Sunday, January 2, 6:30: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, January 2, 8:30: Sr. Nadine Overbeck  
 Sunday, January 2, 10:30: Connie Rieman



## Liturgy Schedule



### December 27 - January 2

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Monday,    | St. John<br>Mass at 6:30 am<br>Adoration 1:00 pm until 6:00 am<br>Tuesday morning |
| Tuesday,   | The Holy Innocents<br>Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am                                      |
| Wednesday, | St. Thomas Becket<br>Mass at 6:30 am  |
| Thursday,  | Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am  |
| Friday,    | <b>Solemnity of Mary Vigil</b><br>Mass at 4:30 pm                                 |
| Saturday,  | <b>Solemnity of Mary</b><br>Mass at 9:00 am<br>No 4:30 pm Mass                    |
| Sunday,    | The Epiphany of the Lord<br>Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am                          |

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 28 - 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, December 30 - 6:15-6:45 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



### Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Pruemmer, 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 Pruemmer, 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.



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, December 27

- Adoration, 1:00 pm - 6:00 am Tuesday

### Tuesday, December 28

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

### Thursday, December 30

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm

### Friday, December 31

- New Year's Eve, Mass at 4:30 pm

### Saturday, January 1

- New Year's Day, Mass at 9:00 am



### Planning Marriage

Tyler Belt and Whitney Meyer  
Friday, December 31, 2021  
2:00 pm



### Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 2 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964.

**Thank you** to all the carolers and brass players who provided entertainment along the route during the annual 5K Santa Stomp run last Saturday.



### 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.

**Stewardship of Treasure** The collection totals for December 19 will be in the January 2nd bulletin.



*Merry  
Christmas*

## Religious Education News

**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 through January 3. Religion classes resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

January 12 – Classes resume!



**The St. Francis CHWC group** thanks the community for their support during this Advent season. Whether you volunteered to sell Scrip cards, purchased items from our fundraisers, or made a monetary donation, it doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks for supporting us in our goal to help others!

**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.



### January Birthdays

- 1/1 Barbara Worman (87)
- 1/4 Donald Meyer (86)
- 1/5 John Meyer (86)
- 1/6 Bob Lee (84)
- 1/7 Doris Deters (80)
- 1/7 Barbara Pals (87)
- 1/11 Anna Kitten (80)
- 1/12 Stella Esker (90)
- 1/18 Rita Pals (85)
- 1/24 James Weis (85)
- 1/24 Joseph Weis (85)
- 1/29 Marilyn Meyer (89)



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

**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!**

### Christmas Humor

Q. Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?  
A. Because they're Santa's star bucks!

Q. How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?  
A. He was hooked on trees his whole life.

Q. Why did Santa bring 22 reindeer to Walmart?  
A. Because what he wanted to buy cost around 20 bucks, but just in case it was more, he brought some extra doe.

### 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.

**CCW** The next meeting of the St. Francis Ladies CCW will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. All ladies of our parish are welcome! Please join us for installation of our new officers, a dessert contest, and fellowship! If you've never been to a meeting, please join us for a relaxed and laid-back evening.



If you have a competitive edge, and love desserts, this meeting is for you! All ladies attending are asked to bring their favorite homemade dessert of their choice, AND, a copy of the recipe! We'll all taste test, vote for our favorites, and be able to snap a picture (bring your cell phones) of the recipes we want to add to our own collection! A prize will be awarded to the winner, and there will also be door prizes!

We'll also have a collection box available, and money collected will be donated to Catholic Charities.

See you on Monday, January 10th!

**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, and 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.

**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 at 4:00 pm. The ADULT and YOUTH registration and information forms are in the entrance of church. Deadline is **January 10**. Questions? Call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056.

## Christmas Gifts

### Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

### Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

## December 26, 2021

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

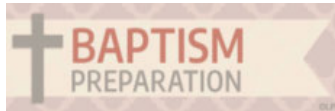




**Liturgical Ministers for January 1/2**

| Ministry | 9:00 am  | 6:30 am  | 8:30 am   | 10:30 am  |
|----------|--|--|---|---|
| Readers  | Denise Will<br>Jim Quatman   | Herman Brummer   | Jerry Brummer<br>Angie Esker  | Sue Esker<br>Stacey Ruholl  |
| Ushers   | *Tony Runde<br>Brian Drees<br>Brent Weichman<br>Doug Smith<br>Charles Semple<br>Mark Weber | *Mark Willenborg<br>Ryan Willenborg<br>Don Tegeler<br>Pat Wentz<br>Dave Westendorf<br>Don Zerrusen | *Ken Ritz<br>John Flach<br>Jason Niebrugge<br>Ryan Jansen<br>Tom Rauch<br>Greg Bergfeld | *Kyle Jansen<br>Addison Brumleve<br>Brock Brumleve<br>Roy Brumleve<br>Bruce Buhnerkempe<br>Jason Ruholl |
| Servers  | Penny Dennis<br>Mary Jane Dennis<br>Luke Dennis  | Ozzie Pals<br>Jack Hartke<br>Ella Tarter   | Derek Hewing<br>Will Hewing<br>Addison Hewing   | Nicholas Blickem<br>Korynn Westendorf<br>Logan Westendorf   |

**Clean Linens - Tess Probst**



**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.

**CHRISTMAS**



**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 [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.

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