

December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday Of Advent

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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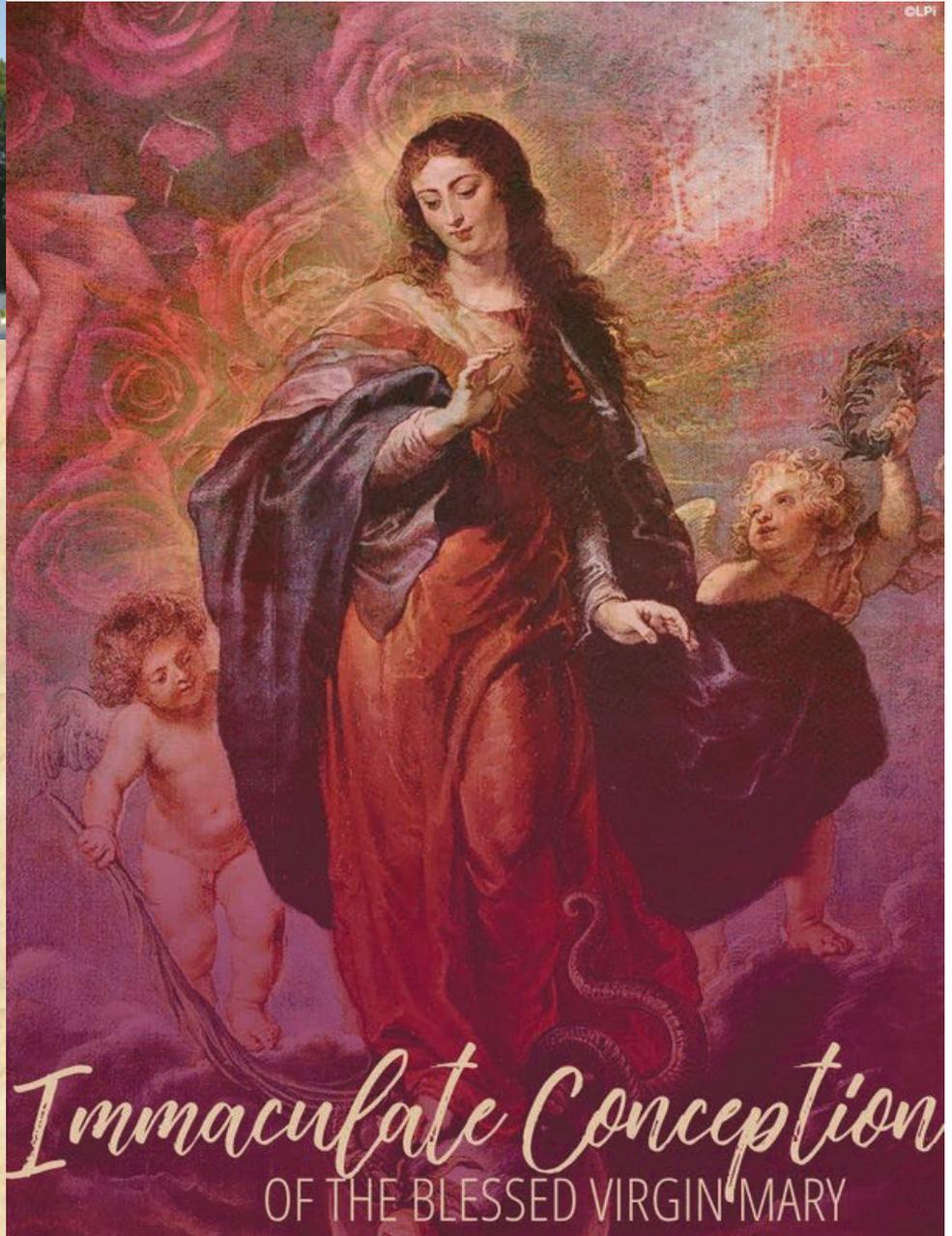
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Tuesday & Thursday: 6:15-6:45 pm

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

Thursday before First Friday: 3:00-4:00 pm

Anytime by appointment



## Sacrament of Matrimony:

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

## Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism Prep class is required before baptism. Please call the office to pre-register.

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## From the Pastor

The parishioners extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Joni Goeckner, who was buried from St. Francis church on Monday, 28 November. And we also express our condolences to the family of Mary Hoelscher. Her funeral Mass was Wednesday morning, 30 November. We are also in sympathy with the family of Lucille Buhnerkempe, whose funeral Mass was Friday, 2 December. Eternal rest grant unto these faithful people, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let's have a "Wooden Shoe Welcome" for Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz! For many years he has served at St. Peter's Church in Chicago's loop. It is a downtown church, and it isn't a parish. Its purpose is to serve the needs of the people who live downtown and especially the people working in the stores and offices. On Ash Wednesday thousands of people come to the church to mark the start of Lent.

Fr. Juan Carlos is transitioning out of the downtown ministry (institutional) and into parish ministry like we have here at St. Francis and most parishes. St. Peter's in Chicago provide Masses, confessions and opportunities for counseling for the people of the loop. Fr. Juan Carlos will be helping us here at St. Francis and also helping other parishes in our deanery as they need a priest. His present assignment at St. Peter's also included his being the Spanish speaking exorcist for the Archdiocese of Chicago. I hope we don't have to draw upon his expertise in this area for our parish! He will also be helping us from time to time. I think back to the time when Fr. Ken had his aneurism and was confined to Springfield, which left me with 6 Masses on the weekend! That was when we dropped a couple Masses, one at St. Rose and one here at St. Francis. With Fr. Frank at St. Isidore's, this will give us 5 friars assigned to St. Francis Friary. It has been a long time since we have had that many friars here.

This Thursday is a holy day of obligation: Immaculate Conception. We have a Wednesday evening Mass at 7 o'clock, and on Thursday we have 6:00 Mass, 8:00 and 12:10 Masses.

Please remember to turn in your Giving Tree presents next weekend, so they can be delivered on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Also mark your calendar for next Sunday, Dec 11, at 2:00 pm in church we will host a special liturgical presentation: Advent Song. You will be glad you came. Our various choirs and musicians get together and do an excellent job.

Looking down the road a couple weeks, we offer the opportunity for receiving the sacrament of Penance on Tuesday evening, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have 3 confessors available, and it starts at 7:00 and continues until the last one.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

*A holy day of obligation.*

Mass times are: Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm  
Thursday, December 8 at 6:00, 8:00 am & 12:10 pm

### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 11, are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.



*Note: There will be no Holy Communion brought to the Homebound on Christmas and New Years Eve Masses.*

Kind words can be short & easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Theresa

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 5, 6:30 am: Mildred & Stu Stumeier

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 am: Leonard & Anna Marie Niebrugge

Tuesday, December 6, 7:55 am: Mike Hewing

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 am: Jim Esker

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 pm: Norma Weber

Thursday, December 8, 6:00 am: Jack Hardiek

Thursday, December 8, 7:55 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper

Thursday, December 8, 12:10 am: Ted Hinkle

Friday, December 9, 6:30 am: Norbert H. Koester

Friday, December 9, 7:55 am: Hank Ruholl

Saturday, December 10, 4:30 pm: Luella Runde

Sunday, December 11, 6:30 am: Pro Populo

Sunday, December 11, 8:30 am: Martha Thoele

Sunday, December 11, 10:30 am: Hank Ruholl

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please remember in your prayers:*

Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill & Rosie Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedl, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Marilyn Zerrusen, Tanner Pruemer, Steve Runde, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wente, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghasst, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, Chad Nelson, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Martha Fearday, Lizzie Westendorf, Lisa Vahling, Ray Lohman.

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

## Liturgy Schedule 2nd Week of Advent December 5—December 11

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. Nicholas Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Ambrose Mass at 6:30 am & 7:00 pm
Thursday,	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:00, 7:55 am, & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Our Lady of Loreto Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 6—6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, December 8—6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, December 10—3:00-4:00 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, December 5

- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday
- OCIA, 7:00—8:15 pm, Sr. Ethelbert center

### Tuesday, December 6

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm

### Wednesday, December 7

- Children’s choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- Youth choir, 5:30—6:30 pm
- Mass at 7:00 pm

### Thursday, December 8

- Mass, 6:00, 7:55 am & 12:10 pm
- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm & 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, December 10

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

### Sunday, December 11

- Special Collection—Retired religious
- Advent Mosaic concert, 2:00 pm

### Donations for Flowers

We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2023. Please put your donation in an envelope marked “FLOWERS”, and place it in the collection basket, 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.



### Attention Ministers of Holy Communion

We are in need of 3 Ministers of Holy Communion for the 7:00 pm Mass on Wednesday, December 7 and the 6:00 am and 12:10 pm

Mass on Thursday, December 8 (Holy Day—Immaculate Conception). Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!

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### God Bless Those Serving our Country.

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

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 11/20/22	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
219 Adult envelopes	\$9,616.74	\$198,907.74
58 Online giving	\$2,576.00	\$50,631.00
Other	\$977.00	\$20,462.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,169.74</b>	<b>\$270,001.70</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$2,088.00	\$21,364.00



### Giving Trees

If you would like to give a gift to someone in a nursing home or group home in the Effingham area, please be sure to get your tag from the Giving Trees located at the church entrances! Wrapped Giving Tree gifts, (each with the tag taped to the front), are due back into church by December 13 and can be stacked in front of Mary’s altar. Thanks for brightening the Christmas season for those who need you!

## Religious Education News

**Immaculate Conception**, Thursday, December 8, all school Mass.

**Christmas shoeboxes**—Grade 1 & 2 students filled 87 shoeboxes for the needy children.



**Grade 3 Christmas store**—Students brought in items to be sold as Christmas gifts. Grade 1-6 students will be able to purchase gifts for family members in the Sr. Ethelbert center. Schedule: December 6-Gr. 1 & 5, December 7-Gr. 4 & 6, December 9-Gr. 2 & 3. Proceeds will go to the missions.

**Religion teachers & Mass walkers Christmas party**, Tuesday, December 13, Sr. Ethelbert center. Teachers-8:00 am and walkers –8:45 am.

**All school Mass**, Tuesday, December 13.

**Grade 1 & 2 Christmas play:**

Students will perform in church on Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00 am. Parents and relatives are invited.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Dec. 7 – Religious education (meet in church for Mass)

Dec. 14 – Religion class 7:00-8:15 pm

Dec. 16 – Teen center open 7:00-10:00 pm (Ugly Christmas sweater night)

Dec. 21 – Religion class 7:00-8:15 pm



**St Francis CHWC 2023** is fundraising for their trip to Louisville, KY June 11-16. We will have several fundraisers during the upcoming Advent season....

\*Scrip sales – This is a great way to buy the gift cards you need for Christmas. These are sold at Teutopolis State Bank during lobby

hours and will also be sold at the Kountry Kitchen on Saturday mornings. See the bulletin insert for more information!

\*St. Louis Cardinal calendars – These will be sold from now until Christmas. \$17 each.

\*Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Clare Hall. Call or text Maria with questions 217-961-1500.

**Address Update:** Sister Mary E. Runde, SSND  
320 East Ripa Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125  
Sister Helen Vahling, OSF  
605 Edward Dr., Room 208, Romeoville, IL 60446

## Music Ministry Notes

### CONCERT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2:00 PM

The Music ministry program presents an Advent Mosaic Concert Sunday, December 11, 2:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi. Please attend and support all the incredible musicians that assist our worship each week.

You will hear the Adult Choir, the Guitar Ensemble, the Children's and Youth Choirs AND our Brass Ensemble in this non-stop presentation of exciting Advent music. This concert is FREE to all. It is also an opportunity for the Music program to thank all of you for your generous contributions for the upgrades to our sound system.

Please attend next Sunday and celebrate the season of Advent in a new way, so when He comes knocking at our door, He "finds us ready".

**See you all next Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm!**

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Soon, our parish will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure - both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

You are asked to support many worthy causes. Please give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

**Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers.** Please consider donating your time. 217-857-1458



### Shoeboxes for the needy

The children in grades 1 and 2 made shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. 87 boxes were received for a chance for 87 children to hear the gospel, many for the first time. They prayed over their boxes asking God to enter the child who receives their box's life. Thank you to the parents who supported this mission and thank you to those who donated for shipping/course materials.



THANK YOU

**Substitute teachers needed**  
for Wednesday night religious education classes!  
Please call Maria at 217-961-1500 to set up a training session if you are interested in being on the list.



**Volunteers**  
These rosary ladies helped put together the giving tree tags.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
*Welcome to our faith Family:*  
Raphael Thomas Vahling  
Son of Anthony & Jamie (Rexroat) Vahling

**SUBMITTED PHOTOS** If you submitted a photo for the directory, please stop by the office to pick up.  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—4:30 pm

**Monastery Museum Fundraiser**  
The Monastery museum has small gift ideas for that Christmas stocking. These will be used to raise money for much needed painting and patching of the walls on the second floor of the museum. We will offer souvenirs and books in the St. Clare hall after Masses on the weekend of December 17 & 18.



**Liturgical Ministers for December 10/11**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Jamie Habing	Pat Wentz	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Dick Hawickhorst Patty Ruholl
<b>Ushers</b>	*Glenn Waldhoff Tim Ordner Larry Habing Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Dave Tegeler	*Mike Tipton Allen Koester Steve Mette Dave Runde Joe Runde Chris Hartke	*Steve Witges Dennis Gillespie Todd Voelker Mark Probst Cory Wermert Gerald Witges	*Denny Runde Dan Beckman Brian Ruholl Russ Deters Greg Addis Jeff Thoele
<b>Servers</b>	Maddie Habing Martin Habing Chris Habing Sarah Habing	Addison Hoene Lexi Hoene Mark Lynch Owen Lynch	Jacob Neihls Ella Neihls Ella Tarter	Nolan Runde Gavin Runde Devin Kreke
<b>Music</b>	Guitar Ensemble	Jim Schumacher	Toddie Eckelberry	Bob Feldhake

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**Upcoming  
EVENTS**



**K of C Family  
Christmas Party**  
December 11—1:00 pm  
All members and their families are welcome!



**The Teutopolis Knights of Columbus**  
Will hold an initiation for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees on Wednesday, December 7 at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall starting at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested call Rich Walk at 217-821-4963 or John Burford at 217-821-0998.



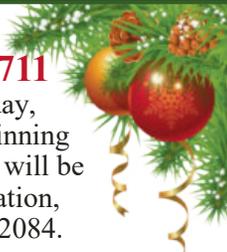
**Baptism Prep Dates**

- Tuesday, December 6, St. Isidore
- Thursday, January 5, 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.



**A Walk Through  
Christmas Past & Present**  
Get into the Spirit of Christmas by coming to the 2022 St. Isidore CCW Christmas Walk Sunday, December 4, 2022  
Holiday home tours, 1:00—4:30 pm  
Eric & Emily Brummer, Joe & Hilarie Repking, Eric & Lexi Niemerg and Todd & Kelly Schmidt.  
In addition, the Immaculate Conception Hall in Dieterich will have all kinds of nostalgic Christmas décor, refreshments, raffle items and chance to win a handmade Christmas quilt.  
Walk proceeds go to the Mattoon Deanery Seminarians & proceeds from quilt go to Operation Santa (a military organization). Tickets: Adults \$10, 8-12 years \$5  
Immaculate Conception hall 12:30-5:30 pm with raffle drawings at 5:00 pm



**The Teutopolis Catholic Daughters of the Americas #1711**  
is having their Christmas party on Monday, December 5 at the Kountry Kitchen beginning at 5:30 pm. Please plan to attend as this will be an important meeting. For more information, please call Regent Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.

**Chad Nelson Cancer Benefit**  
December 10, 2022 1-10 pm  
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