

December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday Of Advent

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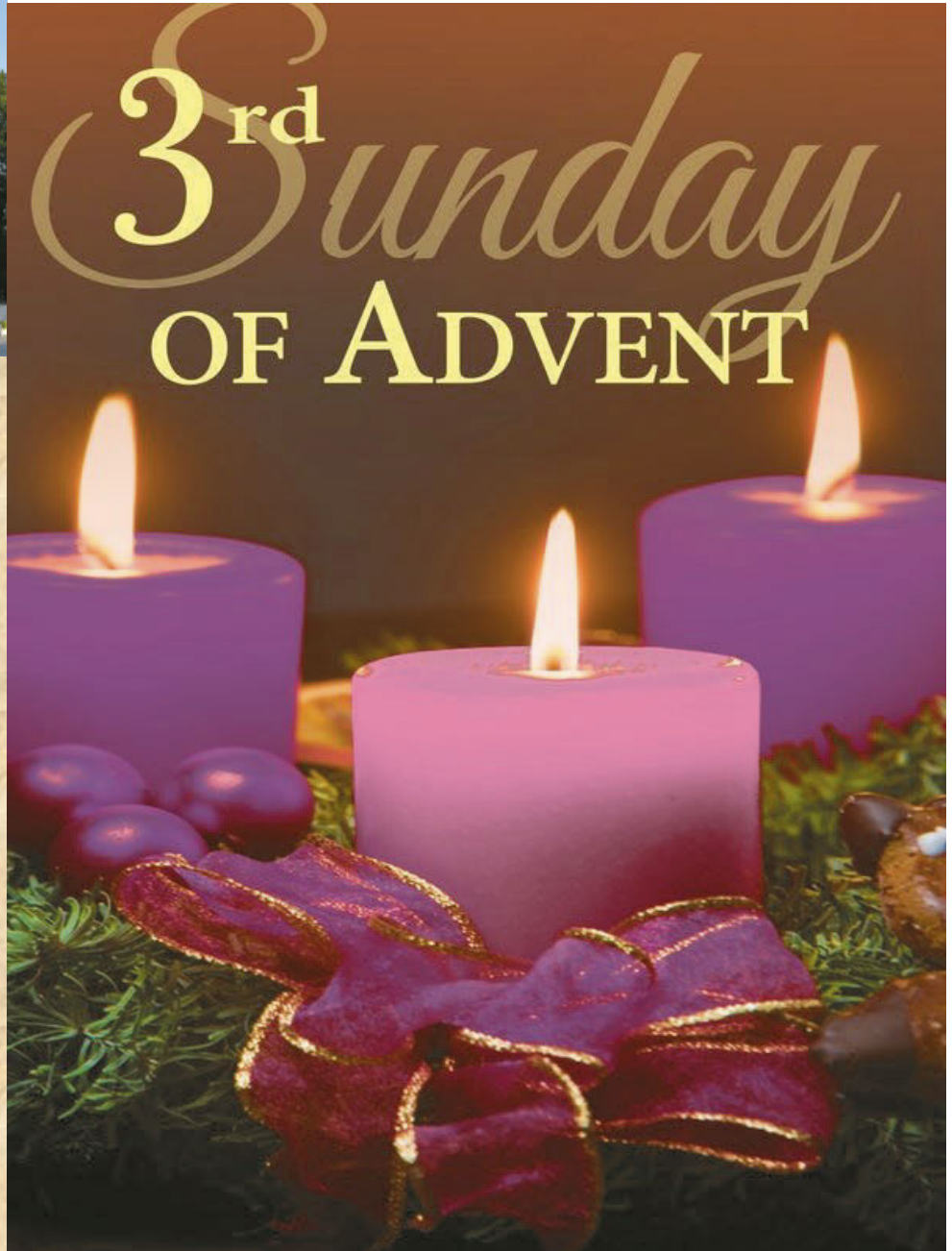
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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 of St. Francis extend our condolences to the family of Wayne Thoele, who was buried from St. Francis Church on Saturday, December 3. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Treat yourself to some beautiful music this afternoon, Sunday, at 2:00. You will be amazed at the talents and gifts that God has given the members of our parish, especially in the area of music. So often we think of basketball and baseball as the gifts in the parish, but God has been very generous with us in so many ways. Thank you to Dan Williams for all the work he has put into this presentation. I'm sure you will enjoy it.

I can't call this a Penance Service because that sounds like Scripture readings and songs and mediation, but this is the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation or penance. Is this different than Saturday afternoon or Tuesday or Thursday evenings? No. Some people find it difficult to quit what they're doing at 3 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon and come to church for confession. As you know, we also offer Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 6:45. I suggest that families come together on Tuesday, December 20th, to receive the sacrament. So often I hear from children, receiving the sacrament, that the last time they received the sacrament was when they came as a class in the PSR. Just once I would like to hear: "the last time was when I came with my family." How powerful is that when teenagers see their father and their mother come to confession? You can't purchase that!

After the 10:30 Mass this Sunday someone approached me about when he can pick up his pictorial directory. I realize he represents a large number of people. I also would like to see the book. And I will. When is the big question. It isn't going to be for a while yet. Keep in mind that this process is different than what was done in the past because the company doing the directory discontinued doing parishes. They still did school photography but not for a parish. So we did the next best thing. It is taking longer than we wanted, but we want to make the wait worthwhile by having a directory you can be proud of. It does no one any good to push through a book that has the wrong names under pictures, names not spelled correctly, wrong streets and incorrect phone numbers in the back of the book. You get the idea. It just takes time. We will let you know when the directories are ready. Advent is a time of waiting and patience!



CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SIGN-UP



There are ministry sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in the main entrance of church. If you are commissioned to be in any of the ministries: usher, lector, gift bearer, or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, please consider sharing your ministry this Christmas season. Also, please check in the sacristy the day of the Holy day to see where you are needed. Thank you for sharing your time and ministry!

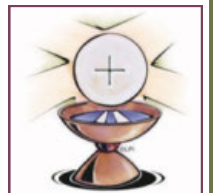
God Bless Those Serving our Country.

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

Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 18, are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 12, 6:30 am: Marilyn Meyer
Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 am: Gerry & Mary Ann Zerrusen
Tuesday, December 13, 7:55 am: Johnny Stumeier
Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 am: Anthony Schumacher
Thursday, December 15, 6:30 am: Leroy Niebrugge
Thursday, December 15, 7:55 am: Gloria Meyer
Thursday, December 15, 12:10 pm: Fred Meyer
Friday, December 16, 6:30 am: Karen Waldhoff
Friday, December 16, 7:55 am: Dan Runde
Saturday, December 17, 4:30 pm: Larry & Mert McMahon
Sunday, December 18, 6:30 am: Leonard & Anna Marie Niebrugge
Sunday, December 18, 8:30 am: Patty Pruemmer
Sunday, December 18, 10:30 am: Pro Populo

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 Pruemmer, 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 3rd Week of Advent December 12—December 18

Monday,	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. Lucy Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. John of the Cross Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30, 7:55 am, & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 13—6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, December 15—6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, December 17—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 12

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

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

- Children’s choir, 3:45—5:00 pm
- Youth choir, 5:30—6:50 pm

Thursday, December 15

- 55+, St. Clare, after the 12:10 pm Mass
- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult choir, 7:00 pm

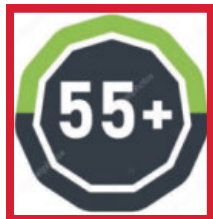
Saturday, December 17

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm
- CHWC cookie sale fundraiser after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 18

- CHWC cookie sale fundraiser after Masses
- Secular Franciscans, 1:00-4:00 pm, church and St. Clare

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.



55 PLUS

Please join us on December 15, 2022 for the 55 Plus gathering following the 12:10 pm Mass, in St. Clare hall. Enjoy good company and a meal of turkey, ham, twice baked potatoes, carrots, noodles, salad and pie. Feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share—or not, that is fine also. We ask that you RSVP by Monday, December 12 so that we have plenty for all. There will be extra if you do forget to RSVP, so please come, have fun and enjoy being together.

RSVP by calling 217-961-6404.

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!



Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 11/27/22	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
235 Adult envelopes	\$11,797.50	\$210,705.24
46 Online giving	\$1,526.00	\$52,157.00
Other	<u>\$917.00</u>	<u>\$21,379.96</u>
TOTAL	\$14,240.50	\$284,242.20
Assisi to Africa	\$2,088.00	\$23,452.00

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Religious Education News



Religion teachers, Mass walkers and morning supervisors
 Tuesday, December 13,
 Sr. Ethelbert center
 Teachers-8:00 am and
 walkers-8:45 am.

Morning supervisors are invited to come at 8:00 or 8:45 am

All school Mass, Tuesday, December 13.

Grade 1 & 2 Christmas play:

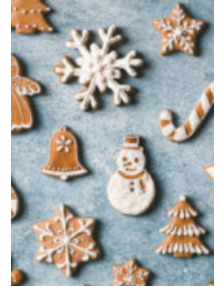
Students will perform in church on Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00 am. Parents and relatives are invited.

Christmas Vacation, December 23—January 3
 Religion class resumes January 4

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- 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 CANCELLED
- Jan. 11—Religion classes resume

CHWC Annual Cookie Sale – Our group will be selling Christmas cookies and candy on December 17th and 18th after Masses in St. Clare Hall. We will also have Cardinal calendars and scrip cards for sale at the same time. All proceeds go towards our mission trip in June of 2023!



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.

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



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.

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

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

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

Music Ministry Notes

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 this free concert and celebrate the season of Advent in a new way, so when He comes knocking at our door, He "finds us ready".

See you this afternoon at 2:00 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.



Baptism Prep Dates

- Thursday, January 5, St. Francis
- Thursday, February 2, St. Rose
- Thursday, March 2, St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 4, St. Isidore

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.

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:

- St. Francis, Teutopolis, February 5, 2023. Call 217-961-6404 to register.
- St. Mary, St. Marie, March 11, 2023. Call 618-455-3155 to register.

Additional dates are available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org under marriage and family life.

FOCCUS: Scheduled dates at St. Francis are as follows: January 7, 2023 — April 1, 2023 — July 1, 2023 October 7, 2023

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

Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

- Saturday, January 14, 2023, 1:30-3:00 pm on WebEx. To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at kpruemer@gmail.com or call or text 217-821-1840.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Allison Kate Buehnerkemper
Daughter of Lee & Sara (Lindsay) Buehnerkemper

2023 calendars are available for pickup at all the church entrances.



Liturgical Ministers for December 17/18

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Jamie Habing	Pat Wentz	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Dick Hawickhorst Patty Ruholl
Ushers	*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
Servers	Cole Breer John Breer Lily Breer	Estella Mette Eva Mette Clara Mette Anthony Mette	Ella Wermert Jackson Willenborg Dalton Willenborg	Karissa Neihls Kaela Neihls Addisyn Koester
Music	Bob Feldhake	Jason Schumacher Jim Schumacher	Stephanie Rauch	Adult choir

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Upcoming EVENTS



K of C Family Christmas Party

 December 11—1:00 pm
 All members and their families are welcome!

Sisters to host mini-retreat on religious life
 Are you a single woman aged 18-42? Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for a virtual mini-retreat from 7:30-8:45 p.m., Eastern Time, on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. Sister Jessica Vitente, SP, will share her journey to religious life. During the informal gathering, reflect on the question “Is God calling me to religious life?” as Sister Jessica shares. Sister Jessica will also answer questions. Register at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or call Sister Joni Luna, SP, at 361-500-9505 or email jluna@spsmw.org.

CCW Cookie / Candy Sales
 St. Anthony of Padua
 101 E Virginia Ave, Effingham, IL

December 17—3:00—6:00 pm
 December 18—7:00—1:00 pm
 The ladies of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Effingham would like to invite you to shop at our annual Holiday Cookie / Candy Sale. We will also have a raffle for a beautiful Christmas quilted throw.

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BIBLE STUDY

"Bible Study will resume on January 12th. We will be studying “Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.” This will be a 8 week study. A morning and evening session will be offered, a morning session starting at 9:15 am following the 8:30 am Mass. The evening session at 6:30 pm. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register. Any questions you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com.

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