

December 25, 2022 - The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

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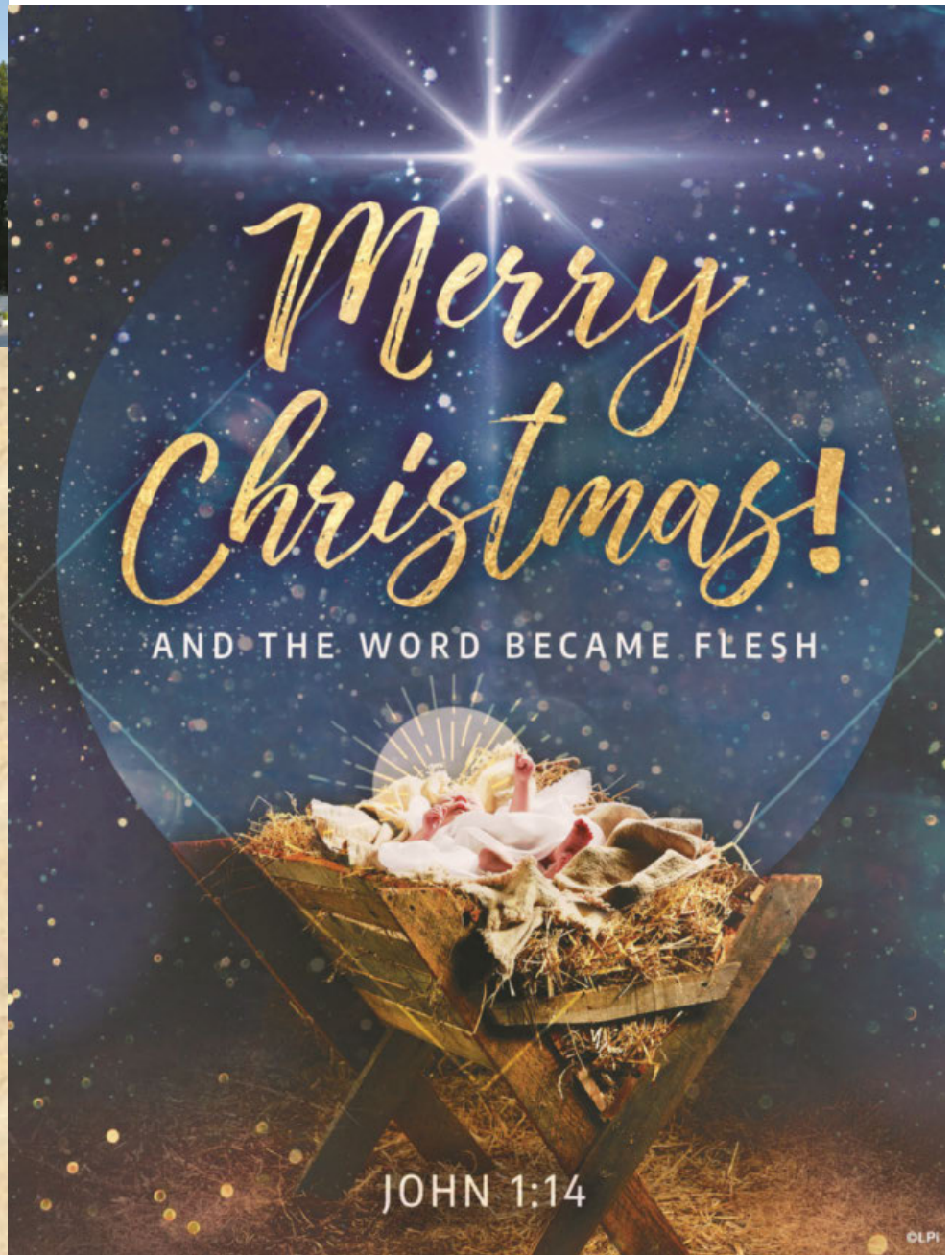
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

From the Franciscans and the staff of St. Francis Parish we wish you and your loved ones the blessings and graces of this Christmas season. We friars thank those of you who sent us Christmas cards and greetings and a promise of your prayers. We all need prayers.

Less than two weeks ago the parish hosted a Christmas party for the people involved with our religious education program. We are indebted to Dan Niemerg and Camille Neihls for all they put into this breakfast/party. It was for our catechists/teachers and the walkers, who bring our students back and forth from the classroom to the church. I told the group that I checked with the Director of Religious Education for the diocese, Mr. Kyle Holtgrave, and I inquired about whether any other of the 128 parishes in the diocese have a program like we offer. He said that he didn't know of one!! We can continue this program because of generous people like our catechists and walkers. Their generosity of time and treasure, their stewardship, makes our program possible. They give each day – not only on Christmas. And thank you again to Dan and Camille.

At this time of Christmas I also want to acknowledge people we so easily and so often take for granted like Anita Broom and Barb Weber. As you know, these are the people you deal with when you have business in the office. It's sort of the old deal that when the train is running smoothly and on time, no one notices, but just let there be a problem and look out! We are blessed to have Anita and Barb on the front line of the parish. Anita is the "go to" person for questions about an issue. She has the history of the parish. We are blessed to have them.

Please keep Ron Ruholl in your prayers. He's not sick that I know, but he would be difficult to replace if something did happen. He also has history – he knows the building from the basement to the top of the steeple. And he is available when there is an emergency. Our cemetery always looks great! He can make things happen. And recently, December 11th, we witnessed the blessing that Dan Williams and his wife, Sandy, are to the parish. God has blessed them with musical talent, and they share those blessings with us. We are also grateful to Maria Kingery for her work with the high school religious ed program and the Catholic Heart Work Camp. And we would be hurting if Jeanette Runde did not do such an excellent job of cleaning both the church and the rectory. She is a very conscientious worker. And in the past I have failed to mention our appreciation to the Money Counters, who come in and count and bank the Sunday offering or tithe. If I have missed some people, like those who serve the funerals, the parish is grateful to all of you for your service and stewardship.

Stewardship is alive here in St. Francis. Thank you to all of you, our parishioners, for pitching in with your time and talent in so many ways especially with our liturgy and worship, from sacristan to servers, lectors to ministers of the Eucharist – many people and many gifts. Blessed Christmas to you all.



Calendar Year End Contributions Please note that the 2022 contribution ledger will be closed as of December 31, 2022. If contributions are to be considered in the year of 2022 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, 2022 will be posted to the year of 2023. Thank you.

CCW News

The Ladies CCW Group would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to following individuals: Mary Lou Gier for sending get well cards to our members; Louise Sheehan for making the baptism gowns for all the newly baptized.

All St. Francis Parish members that volunteer their time and talents to Second Hand Rose!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26, 6:30 am: Nancy Buenker Will
 Tuesday, December 27, 6:30 am: Roger & Barb Worman
 Tuesday, December 27, 7:55 am: Eileen Yeh
 Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 am: Doris Kremer
 Thursday, December 29, 6:30 am: Herman F. Runde
 Thursday, December 29, 7:55 am: Hank Ruholl
 Friday, December 30, 6:30 am: Andrew Ruholl
 Friday, December 30, 7:55 am: John Worman
 Saturday, December 31, 4:00 pm: Mike Hewing
 Saturday, December 31, 6:00 pm: Pro Populo
 Sunday, January 1, 8:30 am: Barb Worman
 Sunday, January 1, 10:30 am: Herman J. Runde

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 The Nativity of the Lord December 26—January 1

Monday,	St. Stephen Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	St. John Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	The Holy Innocents Mass at 6:30 am
Thursday,	St. Thomas Becket Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Sylvester I Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Sunday,	Solemnity of Mary Mass at 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 27, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, December 29—6:15-6:45 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Please Note: The parish office will close on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year holiday, and reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 am.

2023 Catholic Calendars are at all entrances of church. A gift to you from the parish.



Holiday Schedule

Solemnity of Mary
Saturday, December 31, Mass at 4:00, 6:00 pm
Sunday, January 1, 2023, Mass at 8:30, 10:30 am

God Bless Those Serving our Country.

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH



Monday, December 26

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

Tuesday, December 27

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm

Thursday, December 29

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm

Saturday, December 31

- New Year's Eve Masses, 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 1

- New Year's Day Masses, 8:30 am & 10:30 am



Attention Homebound

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



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Eva Marie Hardiek
Daughter of Andrew & Emily (Yarnell) Hardiek

Noah Raymond Lucht
Son of Trevor & Sarah (Fuesting) Lucht

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 12/11/22	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
242 Adult envelopes	\$12,416.00	\$238,111.74
31 Online giving	\$1,407.00	\$57,850.00
Other	<u>\$1032.00</u>	<u>\$23,049.32</u>
TOTAL	\$14,855.00	\$319,011.06
Assisi to Africa	\$6.00	\$25,087.00

Religious Education News

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Vacation

December 23 through January 3; January 4 is the first day of religion for students in Grade 1-6.

First Reconciliation

Grade 2 students start preparing for Reconciliation in January. Parent meetings are scheduled for January 23 and January 26 at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Grade 2 parents need to attend one of the meetings. First Reconciliation is scheduled for March 18, 8:30 am or 10:00 am.

Bake Sale—Grade 4 students will host the next bake sale on January 18 in the Sr. Ethelbert Center. Each student will be asked to bring items to be sold. Proceeds go to the Missions in Africa.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Jan. 6 - Teen center open 7:00—10:00 pm
- Jan. 11- Religion classes resume 7:00—8:15 pm
- Jan. 18 – Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm
- Jan. 20 – Teen center cancelled
- Jan. 25 – Religion class 7:00—8:15 pm



CHWC NEWS



to all who supported our Advent fundraisers for our CHWC mission trip! St. Francis Youth Ministry wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



SAVE THE DATE - CHWC Trivia night will be February 25th at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Get your team ready!

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The 3 Kings

will be making their annual visit on January 6, 7 and 8.

Contact Clint Goeckner at 217-821-5311.



Merry Christmas



Music Ministry Notes



"Thank you to all who played a part in "Somebody's Knockin'". Maria Kingery assisted with programs and lights, Bob Feldhake with sound, Beth Sturgeon with herding children, Pat Niererg with ushers, and Anita Broom with anything else we needed, as usual. Over 50 musicians performed 18 pieces of Advent music in a fast-paced mosaic concert that was, as you can see from the pictures, a great success! The Guitar Ensemble, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Brass Ensemble all joined in this presentation to thank YOU for your generous contributions in May to improve our sound system.

The Music Ministry program also had a great showing at the 5K Santa Stomp race held Saturday morning, December 17. Three groups of carolers and Brass players entertained the walkers/runners along the race route. A cold but very enjoyable time was had by all! Pictures to come.

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.



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.

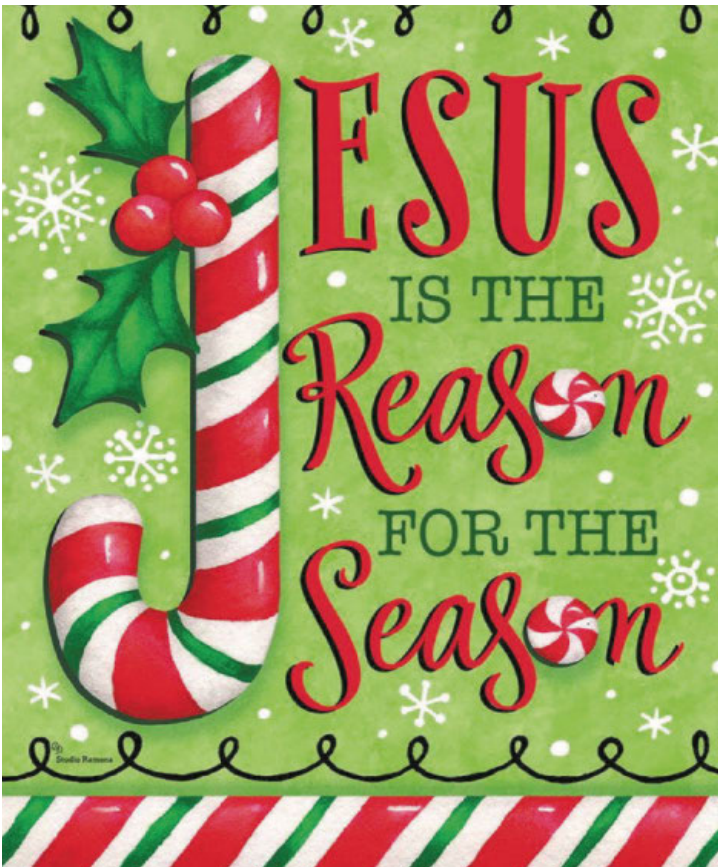
Liturgical Ministers for December 31 / January 1

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	<u>6:00 pm</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Readers	Sr. Sandra Sudkamp Jamie Habing	Volunteer	Jerry Brummer Angie Esker	Sue Esker Stacey Ruholl
Ushers	*Glenn Waldhoff Tim Ordner Larry Habing Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Dave Tegeler	*Volunteer	*Ken Ritz John Flach Jason Niebrugge Ryan Jansen Tom Rauch Greg Bergfeld	*Kyle Jansen Addison Brumleve Brock Brumleve Roy Brumleve Bruce Buhnerkempe Jason Ruholl
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Upcoming EVENTS



Right to Life Breakfast
 January 15, 2023 Free will donation
 Teutopolis Banquet Hall
 7:00 am—12:00 pm
 Whole hog sausage & egg breakfast
 50/50 raffle baskets for all ages!
 To volunteer call or text: Susan Vogt 217-663-2084



Teutopolis Park District
 Fitness Programs (Jan. 2—Mar. 31)
 Sign up continues—late fee applies

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.

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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