

December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

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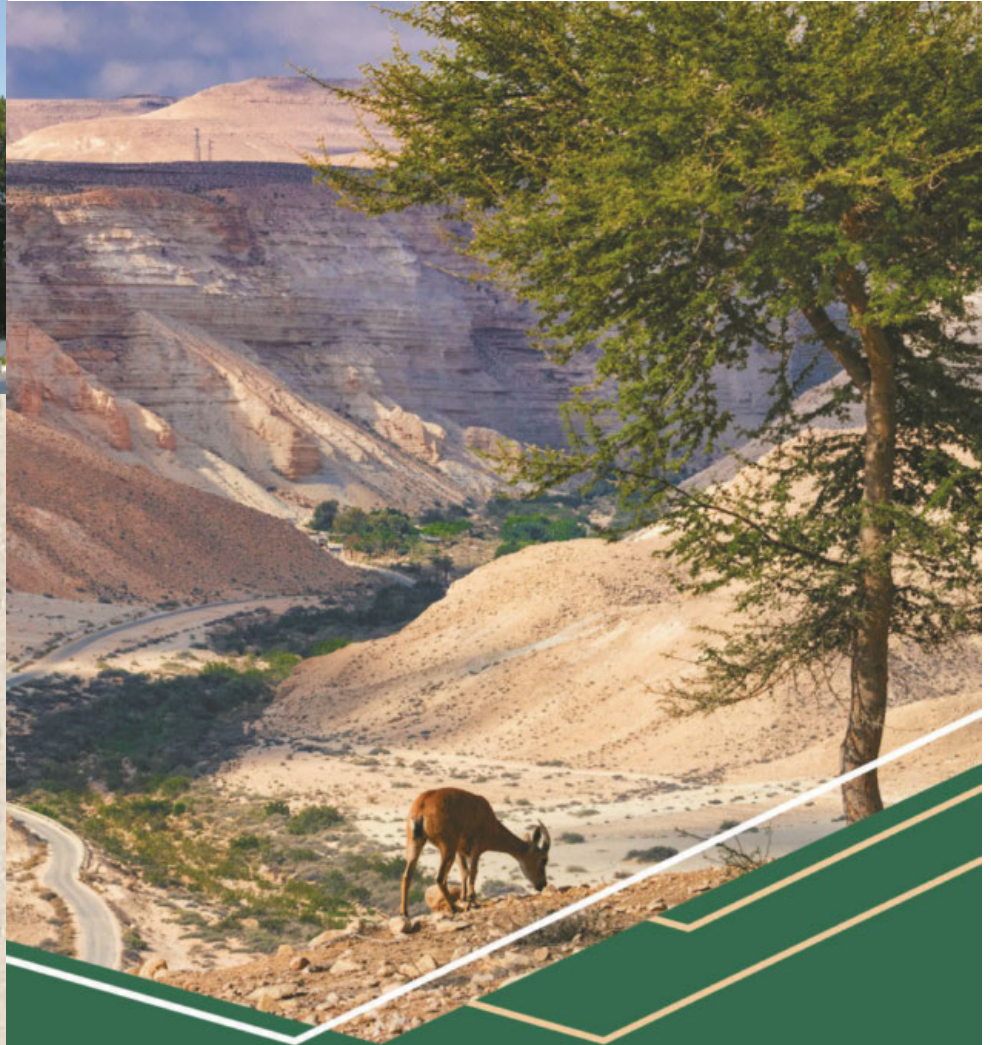
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm

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

Anytime by appointment



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when
the time will come.” - Mk 13:33

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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

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, so we begin a new liturgical year. We start new cycles for readings at Mass. We will have Cycle B for the Sunday readings (there are three cycles) and for the Weekday readings we are in Year 2. There are two cycles for the weekday readings. I was a priest for almost twenty years before a priest (in the Navy) pointed out to me that if the year is odd, like 2023, then the year for the weekday readings is also odd, like year 1!! I never made the claim to be a quick study, but two decades of Masses before learning a basic! We have 2024 coming up, and that's even, so we are in Year 2 for the weekday readings and Cycle B for Sunday.

We don't want to make a second Lent out of Advent. Nevertheless, we aren't in the season of Christmas until Christmas Day. That might be hard to believe with all the Christmas carols and music and Christmas parties taking place. It's almost like the Christmas season starts the day after Thanksgiving! But we are in the season of Advent, a time of preparation rather than celebration. We are in the season of waiting and anticipating, looking forward to the celebration of Christmas. When I lived in Virginia, I recall seeing someone's Christmas tree in the street the day after Christmas! It could well be the family was leaving town for a couple weeks and wanted it taken care of. Or it could be that Christmas for them was over, so let's get rid of the tree. As a youngster in Joliet, our tree didn't get decorated until Christmas Eve. Christmas Day is the start of the Christmas season. Believe it or not. We have a joyful anticipation during Advent. And this is my wish for you and your family.



ATTENTION MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are in need of 3 Ministers of Holy Communion for the 7:00 pm Mass on Thursday, December 7 and the 12:10 pm Mass on Friday, December 8 (Holy Day– Immaculate Conception). Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4, 6:30 am: Ted Hinkle
 Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 am: Sue Borries
 Tuesday, December 5, 7:55 am: Bob Deters
 Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 am: Joyce Burford
 Wednesday, December 6, 7:55 am: Paul & Marian Runde
 Thursday, December 7, 6:30 am: Norbert H. Koester
 Thursday, December 7, 7:00 pm: Karen Went
 Friday, December 8, 6:00 am: Richard & Martha Thoele
 Friday, December 8, 7:55 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper
 Friday, December 8, 12:10 pm: Meg Beckman
 Saturday, December 9, 4:30 pm: Pro Populo
 Sunday, December 10, 6:30 am: Scott Westendorf
 Sunday, December 10, 8:30 am: Luella Runde
 Sunday, December 10, 10:30 am: Dory Thoele

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>11/19/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
215 Annual donations	\$7,772.50	\$211,867.00
60 Online giving	\$2,525.00	\$56,389.20
Other	\$854.50	\$20,235.33
TOTAL	\$11,152.00	\$288,491.53
Assisi to Africa	\$633.00	\$13,375.00
	11/26/23	Year
235 Annual donations	\$10,525.00	\$222,392.00
51 Online giving	\$1,980.00	\$58,369.20
Other	\$1,145.00	\$21,380.33
TOTAL	\$13,650.00	\$302,141.53
Assisi to Africa	\$565.00	\$13,940.00
Thanksgiving Day collection was	\$2,871.56	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:
 Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Bill Myers, Andrea Wernsing, Paula Spencer, Mark Roedl, Linus Willenborg, Cole Wellbaum, Kyndal Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Tanner Pruemmer, Toby McMahan, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Went, Gary Cornell, Sharon Ghas, Jennifer Carlen, Tammy Gebben, John W. Miller, Dustin Borries, Lizzie Westendorf, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Art Deters, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Doug Niemerg, Raymond Vahling, Mandy Schumacher.

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

FEAST OF THE
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

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, Lector, Gift Bearer, or Communion Minister, please consider sharing your ministry this Christmas season. Please check in sacristy the day of the Holy Day to see where you are needed. Thank you for sharing your time and ministry! Also, a reminder that those regularly scheduled for December are expected to serve on Saturday, December 30 (4:30 pm Mass and Sunday, December 31 (6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses).

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.

Liturgy Schedule

First Sunday in Advent December 4—December 10

Monday,	St. John Damascene Mass at 6:30 am Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Nicholas Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Ambrose Mass at 6:30 am & 7:00 pm
Friday,	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:00 am, 7:55 am & 12:10 pm
Saturday,	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Second Sunday of Advent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 5, 6:15-6:45 pm
Thursday, December 7, 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturday, December 9, 3:00-4:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

- Childrens choir, 3:30—5:00 pm
- JH/HS Religion, 7:00—8:15 pm
- Young adult choir, 7:00—8:30 pm
- Bible Study 8:15—9:30 pm, Teen Center

Thursday, December 7

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Mass at 7:00 pm (Immaculate Conception)

Friday, December 8

- Mass at 6:00 am, 7:55 am & 12:10 pm

Saturday, December 9

- Confessions, 3:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, December 10

- Special collection-Retirement Fund for Religious

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 8 in observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2024 calendars are available for pickup at all the church entrances.



Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 10 are Deb Blankenship 217-663-0862 and Brenda Henry 217-857-3964 or 217-343-6242.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR THE NEEDY

We are responsible for buying Bibles for each box and paying the shipping cost of \$10 per box. We will be shipping approximately 120 boxes. If you can help pay for the Childrens' Bibles and shipping, put money in an envelope marked Christmas Shoeboxes and put it in the Sunday collection. *Thank you!*

Donations for Flowers

We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2024. 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.



The St. Francis Giving Tree project begins on Thanksgiving!

Join your parish family in this season of giving by sponsoring a gift from the Giving Tree!

How does it work?

Area nursing homes and group homes are gathering their residents' wish lists. We'll take those lists and make tags for each person. On Thanksgiving, the Giving Trees

will be set out at the entrances of church. Take a tag, purchase one (or more) items on it, wrap it, bring it back to the Mary altar at St. Francis by December 10. It's that easy! Want to spread the joy even a little further? Come to St. Francis on December 11 at 9:00 am & help sort and deliver gifts to the locations! The recipients are always so appreciative and it truly brightens their Christmas! St. Francis parish has been hosting the Giving Tree for over 25 years! **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity and for spreading Christ's love to others!



Religious Education News

Religion Volunteers' Christmas Party is December 12 in the Sister Ethelbert Center. Teachers are scheduled for 8:00 am. All other volunteers are scheduled for 8:45 am. Thanks to all volunteers!

Grade 3 will once again sponsor the Christmas Store

on December 5, 6, and 7. Grades 1-6 will be shopping in the Sister Ethelbert Center.



Reminder--Religion Program for children ages 3-7 during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. If you can help, please call Stephanie Rauch 217-821-1868.

Grade 1 & 2 Christmas play is scheduled for December 18 in Church at 8:00 am.



Grade 1 & 2 Students Christmas shoeboxes were shipped. We are responsible for paying for the shipping of each box. It will cost \$10 per box. If you can help pay for the

shipping, put money in an envelope marked Christmas Shoeboxes and put it in the Sunday collection. Thanks for your help!



Grades 1 and 2 collected 120 shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Thank you students, parents, catechists and to those who donated for shipping the boxes.

Donations for the shipping is continuing.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Dec. 6 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15 pm
- Dec. 13 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15 pm
- Dec. 15 - Teen center open 7:00-10:00 pm
- Dec. 16/17 - CHWC cookie sale (St. Clare Hall)
- Dec. 20 - Religious Ed 7:00-8:15 pm

CHWC News - St Francis CHWC 2024 is fundraising for their mission trip to Nashville, TN. We have several upcoming fundraisers...



***Scrip sales** – This is a great way to buy the gift cards you need. These are sold at Teutopolis State Bank during lobby hours and Kountry Kitchen on Saturday mornings until Christmas.

***St. Louis Cardinal calendars** – These will be sold from now until Christmas. \$17 each. Contact a camper to order yours!

***Our annual Cookie Sale**—Our group will be selling Christmas cookies and candy on December 16 & 17 after Masses in the 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 2024!



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Happy 1st week of Advent!

The Monastery Museum will be selling wooden shoe souvenirs, cookbooks, and Teutopolis history books in St. Clare hall after the Masses on the weekend of December 16 & 17. Stop by and help support the Museum.

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, Gift Bearer, or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please consider sharing your ministry this Christmas Season. Thank you!

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Liturgical Ministers for December 9/10

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Dan Niemerg Jamie Habing	Pat Wentz	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Dick Hawickhorst Patty Ruholl
Ushers	*Glen Waldhoff Tim Ordner Larry Habing Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Todd Probst	*Mike Tipton Allen Koester Steve Mette Dave Runde Joe Runde Chris Hartke	*Steve Witges Dennis Gillespie Todd Voelker Mark Probst Cory Wermert Dan Habing	*Denny Runde Carl Waldhoff Logan Waldhoff Russ Deters Brian Ruholl Jeff Thoele
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Turkey bingo was a huge success! Many families and parishioners came out to have a good night of wholesome fun. There were over 500 people in attendance. The men’s sodality would like to give a special thanks to all of the many volunteer workers. Also to McMahon Meats for supplying the turkeys. A great big thank you to the Teutopolis banquet hall and very importantly to the Men’s Sodality’s wives. We could not put on this great event without the sponsors and all the volunteers. Again, thank you all and we are looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

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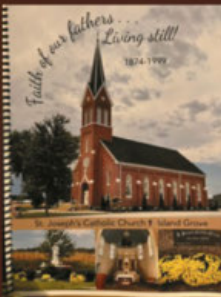
Tentative Schedule
9AM Arrival + Check in (light breakfast provided)
9:30AM Conference begins
12:00PM Lunch BYO
5:30PM End

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No registration fee, but a collection will be taken to support the Norbertines.

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Sesquicentennial Celebration
St. Joseph’s Church



St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Island Grove will be commemorating 150 years as a Faith Community throughout 2024. A public celebration is in the planning for September 8th, 2024. Orders for spiral reprints of prior centennial books are now being accepted. Pickup dates for purchases will be conducive for Christmas (2023) gift giving on orders placed in a timely manner. The purchase price for the 1974 & 1999 combination reprint is \$25 dollars (cover image included here); \$15 for the 1924 reprint. For inquires and orders, please contact Sandy Meinhart: 217-273-1758 sameinhart@gmail.com or St. Isidore Parish Office: 217-925-5788 office@stisidore.dio.org

Samples of the books are in the office entrance.

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