

December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

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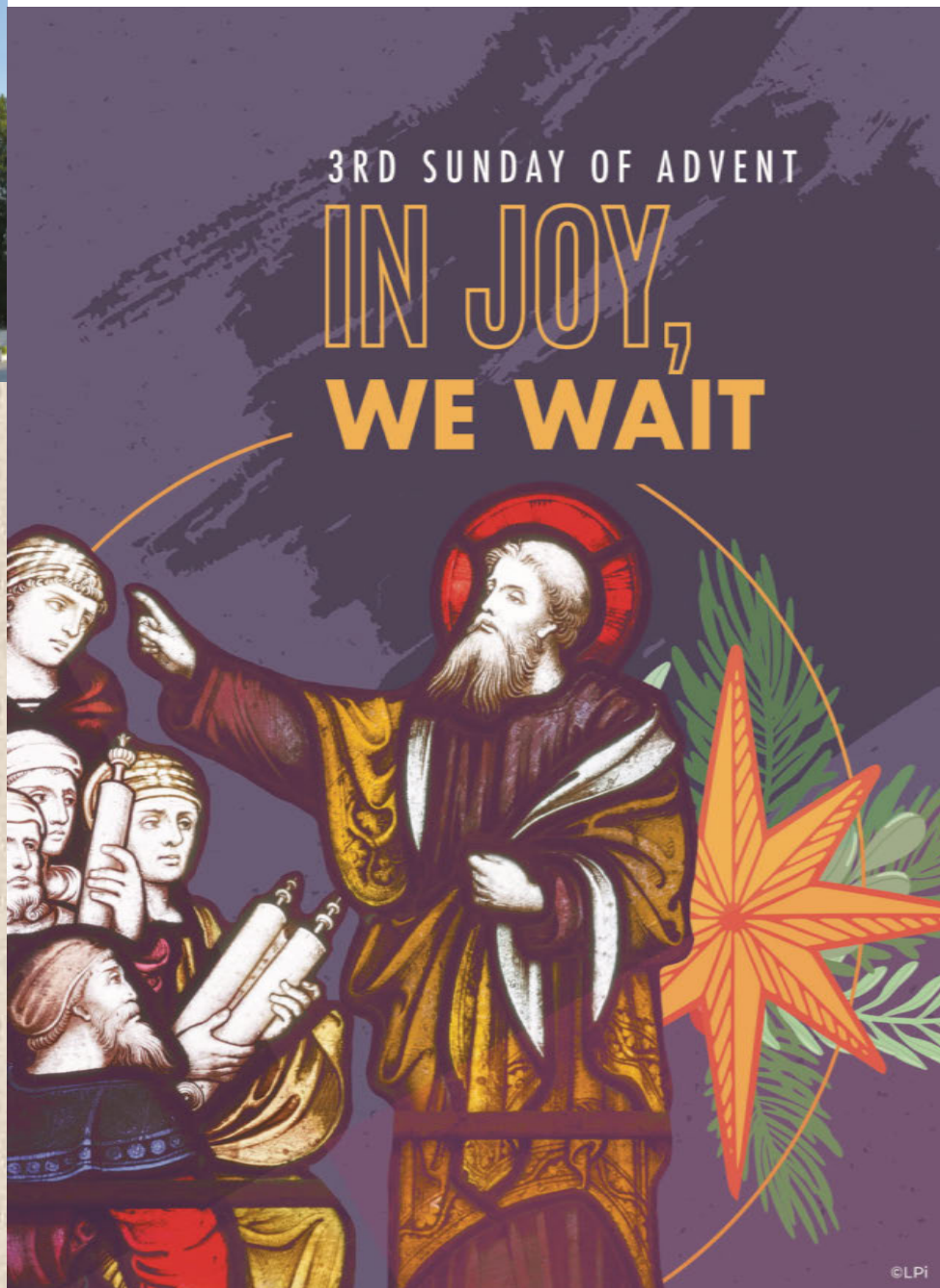
## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Penance service: Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 6:15-6:45 pm

No Confessions during Christmas week.

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**

Mark your calendar: Penance Service is on this Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. We don't have a Penance Service in the sense of Scriptural readings and songs, and a homily, but we offer the opportunity for people to receive the sacrament of healing and forgiveness. We will have three confessors available. There isn't a much better way for one to prepare herself or himself for Christmas than by making a good confession.

On behalf of the members of our CCW, who went to St. Louis on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, I want to thank the members of the CCW, who did the planning and made the trip happen. Both cathedrals in St. Louis are interesting, but the "new" one on Lindell Blvd. is a "show stopper." I've said before that people without any faith come to the cathedral just to study and appreciate the art work that is there, all the mosaics. It took decades for the artisans to accomplish this. I'm glad so many ladies took advantage of the opportunity to pray in the cathedral and enjoy seeing it.

Adoration on both Christmas Day and the feast of the Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day) is cancelled. If you are in the habit of coming to pray in the side chapel on Monday afternoon/evening during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, then please note the change in schedule. Thank you to the men and women, who come and adore during our days of prayer and exposition – day and especially all night! Adoration will resume in the new year with our regular schedule.

Please check the schedule for Masses on the weekends of Christmas and New Year's. Next Sunday, for example, we have two Masses on Saturday evening, two on Sunday morning and three Masses in the afternoon!

**There will not be confessions** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm between Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, January 1st.

**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 Pruemer, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wentz, Sharon Ghast, 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, Luella Waldhoff.

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



**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).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 18, 6:30 am:	Ray Lohman
Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 am:	Joyce Habing
Tuesday, December 19, 7:55 am:	Alice Pruemer
Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 am:	Sr. Patricia Haarmann
Wednesday, December 20, 7:55 am:	Jerry Brickley
Thursday, December 21, 6:30 am:	Norma & Peele Weber
Friday, December 22, 6:30 am:	James Waldhoff
Friday, December 22, 7:55 am:	Ruth Schmidt
Saturday, December 23, 4:00 pm:	Joseph H. Buscher
Saturday, December 23, 6:00 pm:	Bob Deters
Sunday, December 24, 6:30 am:	Pro Populo
Sunday, December 24, 8:30 am:	Margaret Pruemer
Sunday, December 24, 4:00 pm:	June Zerrusen
Sunday, December 24, 6:00 pm:	Eileen Yeh
Sunday, December 24, 10:00 pm:	Leo Pruemer

**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.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>12/10/23</u>	<u>Year</u>
217Annual donations	\$7,934.00	\$212,028.50
8Online giving	\$ 372.00	\$54,236.20
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TOTAL	\$9,440.00	\$286,779.53
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## Liturgy Schedule

### Third Week in Advent December 18—December 24

Monday,	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,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	St. Peter Canisius Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. John of Kanty <b>Mass at 4:00 &amp; 6:00 pm</b>
Sunday,	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Mass at 6:30 &amp; 8:30 am</b>

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 pm  
Thursday, December 21, 6:15-6:45 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday—11:45 am & 4:45 pm

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, December 18

- Grade 1 & 2 Christmas Play, 8:00 am
- Adoration, 1:00 pm Monday—6:00 am Tuesday

### Tuesday, December 19

- Parish Penance service 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, December 20

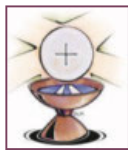
- Childrens choir, 3:30—5:00 pm
- JH/HS Religion, 7:00—8:15 pm
- Bible Study 8:15—9:30 pm, Teen center
- Decorating church, 5:00 pm

### Thursday, December 21

- Confessions, 6:15—6:45 pm
- Adult & young adult choir, 7:00—9:00 pm

### Saturday, December 23

- No Confessions



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 24 are Jodi Isley 217-857-3645 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.

### 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.

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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Welcome to our faith Family:*

Peyton John Worman  
Son of Philip & Heather (Pruemer) Worman

### 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.



### Weekend of December 23/24 Mass schedule

Saturday, December 23—4:00 and 6:00 pm  
Sunday, December 24—6:30 and 8:30 am

### Christmas Mass schedule

Sunday, December 24—4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 pm  
Monday, December 25—9:00 am

### Weekend of December 30/31 Mass schedule

Saturday, December 30—4:30 pm  
Sunday, December 31—6:30, 8:30, and 10:30 am

### New Year's Mass schedule

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God*  
Sunday, December 31—4:30 pm  
Monday, January 1—9:00 am



## Religious Education News

**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!

**Christmas Break:** December 22—January 2, 2024. Religion program resumes January 3.

Diana Althoff prayer sponsor for 1Ki religion, visited and shared a treat with students.



*Christmas Store*



## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Dec. 16/17—CHWC cookie sale (St. Clare Hall)

Dec. 20—Religious Ed 7:00-8:15 pm

Jan. 10—Religious Ed resumes

**CHWC News** - St Francis CHWC 2024 is fundraising for their trip to Nashville, TN. We have several fundraisers going on in Advent...



**\*Scrip sales** – This is a great way to buy the gift cards you need for Christmas. Forms are available on the church website or where cards are sold. Our CHWC group will sell Scrip cards on Saturday mornings at the Teutopolis State Bank from 9:00-11:00 am and at the Kountry Kitchen from 7:00-10:00 am during December. Scrip cards are also sold at the Teutopolis State Bank during regular lobby hours for your convenience.

**\*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!




**SAVE THE DATE** CHWC Trivia night will be February 17 at the Teutopolis banquet hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm with a free will donation dinner and trivia starts at 6:30 pm. \$20/person or \$160/team of 8. Snacks are included during trivia! Reserve your table today by contacting any camper, email Maria at [mkingery@stfrancischurch.com](mailto:mkingery@stfrancischurch.com), or call 217-961-1500.




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## BAPTISM



### Prep Dates

- Thursday, January 4, 2024 at St. Francis
- Thursday, February 4, 2024 at St. Rose
- Thursday, March 7, 2024 at St. Francis
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 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.

### 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 of Assisi Church, 203 E. Main St. Teutopolis Sunday, February 4, 2024, call 217-961-6404 to register.

St. Mary Church, Ste. Marie, Saturday, March 9, 2024, call 618-455-3155 to register.

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 6, 2024	April 6, 2024
July 6, 2024	October 5, 2024

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

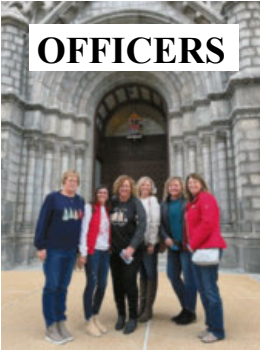
### Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

- Saturday, February 10, 2024 1:00-2:30 pm, on **WebEx**. To register contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



*Be vigilant at all times*

LUKE 21:36



CCW

# TRIP!



Liturgical Ministers for December 23/24				
Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Dan Niemerg Jamie Habing	Pat Wente	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
Servers	<u>Dec. 23, 4:00 pm</u> Cole Breer John Breer Shane Breer Lily Breer (any 3)	<u>Dec. 23, 6:00 pm</u> Eric Habing Alex Habing Michael Habing	<u>Dec. 24 6:30 am</u> Pearl Huber Paul Huber Jack Hartke	<u>Dec. 24 8:30 am</u> Grady Jansen Maggie Jansen ????

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Teutopolis Park District**  
Fitness Programs (January 1-March 29): Sign up by December 17



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.  
**2/2/2024—2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO**  
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\$20 for 1 ticket or \$100 for 6  
 Drawing on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Teutopolis Banquet Hall at 8 pm  
 Buy your tickets from the following locations:

- Blondies, Dieterich Bank, Dozers, Kenter’s Tavern, Kountry Kitchen, McMahon Meats, Niebrugge Furniture, Teutopolis Banquet Hall, TSB, Wessel’s

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:sameinhart@gmail.com) or St. Isidore Parish Office: 217-925-5788 [office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org)

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