

December 1, 2024 - First Sunday of Advent

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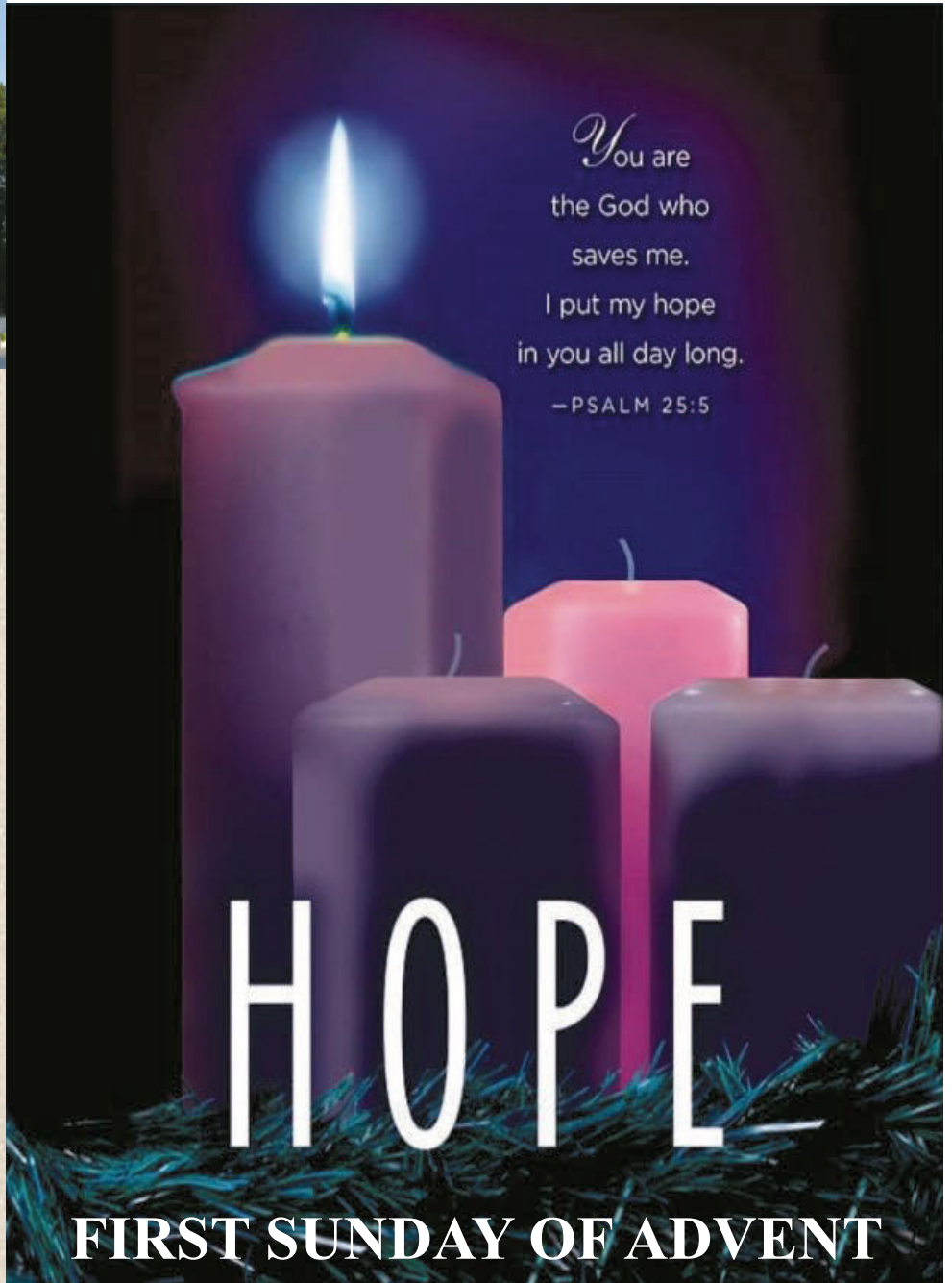
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



You are
the God who
saves me.
I put my hope
in you all day long.

—PSALM 25:5

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Christmas is quickly approaching. Advent has a different spirituality about it than does the season of Lent. Even though the priest wears the same color of vestments during the two seasons, purple or violet, and each season has a Sunday in the middle when rose colored vestments can be worn, Advent has more of a spirit of joy and anticipation about it than does Lent. There is a somber and penitential sense with Lent.


Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent, but it falls on December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception! One source tells us that even though the feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to the next day, the 9th, the obligation to attend Mass does not move with it. However, that is only one source. I wrote the diocese about the question, and the answer I received back is: the obligation to attend Mass moves to Monday the 9th. Maybe in a different diocese a bishop grants a dispensation for the obligation, but here we will have our regular schedule of Masses that we have on a holy day: 6:00 a.m.; 7:55; 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Adoration will start at the usual time, 1:00 p.m., on Monday, and then there will be a break for the celebration of the Eucharist. Adoration will continue immediately after Mass and conclude at the usual time 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, in time for the 6:30 Mass.

We are in the middle of our Giving Tree project. This is an excellent example of stewardship. People shop for presents for people they have never met; and people receive gifts from people they don't know! The givers are happy to serve and share, and the people receiving gifts are filled with joy! The ornaments (and information for the presents) are on the trees near the doors of the church. The wrapped presents need to be returned to church by December 15, 2024.



2025 St. Francis of Assisi Calendars


Calendars are available at each entrance of the church.
Please help yourself.



God Bless Those Serving Our Country.
Anthony Vahling, Shawn Zerrusen, Ali Kingery, Andrew Simmons, Jesse Koester, Justis Coventry, Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone, Damon Sabo, Myles Stortzum, Gavin Tegeler, Avry Kreke.



HELP NEEDED Attention Ministers of Holy Communion We are in need of Ministers of Holy Communion for the 12:10 and 7:00 pm Mass on Monday, December 9 (Holy day, Immaculate Conception). Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see where you are needed. *Thanks for your help!*



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:
Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Andrea Wernsing, Art Deters, Mark Roedl, Cole Wellbaum, Kynda Dasenbrock, Bob and Mary Lee, Vivie Kinkelaar, Dawson Lohman, Tanner Pruemmer, Toby McMahon, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas Wenthe, Paula Spencer, Sharon Ghast, Jennifer Carlen, John W. Miller, Lizzie Westendorf, Joseph F. Huber, Betty Jansen, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Doug Niemerg, Mandy Schumacher, Luella Waldhoff, Gene Runde, Anne Weis, Ann Marie Koester, Maria D. Kingery, Allan Gillespie and Kourtney Giles.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

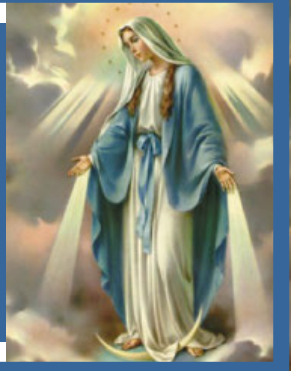
Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30 am: Robert Kralman
 Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6:30 am: Bob Waldhoff
 Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7:55 am: Alice Pruemmer
 Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:30 am: Dave Worman
 Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7:55 am: Ted Hinkle
 Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30 am: All the sick and suffering
 Friday, Dec. 6, 6:30 am: Verena Brumleve
 Friday, Dec. 6, 7:55 am: Mary Katherine (Mihlbachler) Bogemann
 Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:00 am: Gerry Fulle
 Saturday, Dec. 7, 4:30 pm: Richard and Martha Thoele
 Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, Dec. 8, 8:30 am: Jeff Buehnerkemper
 Sunday, Dec. 8, 10:30 am: Linus Willenborg

Stewardship of Treasure

	11/17/24	Year
250 Envelopes	\$10,272.00	\$195,342.50
62 Online giving	\$2,956.00	\$59,713.47
Other	\$1,027.00	\$21,732.83
TOTAL	\$14,255.00	\$276,788.80
Assisi to Africa	\$2,115.00	\$14,798.00

Immaculate Conception

Here in our diocese of Springfield we have the obligation to participate in the Mass on Monday, December 9th. Mass times are 6:00 and 7:55 am, 12:10 and 7:00 pm.



Liturgy Schedule

First Week of Advent December 2— December 8

Monday,	Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Francis Xavier Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. John Damascene Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Nicholas Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Ambrose Mass at 8:00 am & 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Second Sunday of Advent Mass at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 3, 6:15-6:45 pm
 Thursday, December 5, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
 Saturday, December 7, 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 2

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

Tuesday, December 3

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Guitar practice, 6:45 pm
- CCW Chill & Cheer, 6:00 pm, Teutopolis Banquet Hall

Wednesday, December 4

- Children's choir, 3:45-5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-6:45 pm
- Religious education, 7:00-8:15 pm

Thursday, December 5

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, December 6

- Teen center, 7:00-10:00 pm

Saturday, December 7

- Mass, 8:00 am
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, December 8

- Special Collection, retirement fund for the religious
- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, December 6. No Communion to you on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

REMINDER

CCW Chill & Cheer Evergreen Elegance

is December 3, 6:00 pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. If you purchased a ticket we will see you there!



"St. Francis Music Ministry presents "The Yearning"

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 pm.
 This Mosaic concert features the Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs, the Guitar Group and a Brass Ensemble. Please attend Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 pm and enjoy an hour of continuous Advent music as we prepare for the coming of our Lord."



FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTION

December 7, 2024 Rosary—7:40 am Mass—8:00 am
 Meditation—8:30-8:45 am

Giving Tree



Share the Christmas Spirit with those around you!

The St. Francis Giving Tree

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 15. It's that easy! Want to spread the joy even a little further? Come to St. Francis on December 16 at 9 am & help sort & 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 & for spreading Christ's love to others!

Religious Education News

Religious Education



The **Grade 3 sponsored Christmas Store** opens December 3, 4 and 5. It will be located in the Sr. Ethelbert center. Proceeds of this project will be donated to Fr. Damien's boys in the Congo. Students can purchase gifts for parents, siblings, grandparents and other relatives and friends. Gifts will

range in price from \$2—\$8 and will include items like cookie mix in a jar, handcrafted/decorated tree ornaments, small wood-crafted items and many other interesting items. Please send your child to school on their day to visit the store with some money.

We will need parental volunteers to support us in running the store. Please consider coming in to help. Monday, December 2 we will also need a few volunteers to help us set the store up.

The store is open the following days: 7:45-8:45 am
 December 3—Grades 1 and 2
 December 4—Grades 5 and 6
 December 5—Grade 3 and 4

All school Masses on December 9 and 10.



Religion Program Volunteers are invited to attend a Christmas party breakfast in the Sr. Ethelbert center Tuesday, December 10. 8:00-8:45 am catechists and 8:45-9:30 am supervisors and walkers. Thanks so much and Merry Christmas

to all our volunteers in the religion program.

Grade 1 and 2 Christmas play is on Monday, December 16 in the church at 7:50 am.



Subs—We are always looking for subs for the religion program. Contact Dan Niemerg to express your interest in being a before school supervisor, Mass walker or religion teacher.

Children's Liturgy for ages 3-7 during the 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. The children will be asked to come forward before the first reading. Father will dismiss them to St. Clare Hall. Call Stephanie Rauch for more information or to volunteer, 217-821-1868.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Dec. 4 - Religious Ed 7-8:15pm
- Dec. 6- Teen center open 7-10pm
- Dec. 11- Religious Ed 7-8:15pm
- Dec. 20- Teen center open 7-10pm
- Dec. 21/22 - CHWC Cookie/Candy Sale



CHWC News - St Francis CHWC is fundraising for their 2025 trip to Kansas City.

Scrip card 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. Cards are sold at Kountry Kitchen on Saturdays during Advent from 7:00-10:00 am. Scrip cards are also sold at Teutopolis State Bank during regular lobby hours for your convenience!

St. Louis Cardinal calendars – These will be sold from now until Christmas. \$20 each. Contact a camper to order yours!

CHWC Bake Sale – Our annual cookie and candy sale is scheduled for the weekend of December 21st and 22nd. Goodies will be sold in St. Clare Hall after all weekend Masses! \$10 per plate of a dozen treats.



THE FRANCISCAN STORE

‘Tis the Season to find an abundance of beautiful gifts for everyone on your list at The Franciscan Store. Pick up a flyer at the entrances of Church to help with your holiday shopping!

The annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** is December 7/8. This campaign is crucial, benefitting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants, many who worked for little pay and devoted their lives to service. Please consider contributing and continue to keep all our religious in your prayers.

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DONATIONS OF FLOWERS: We are accepting donations for flowers for Christmas and special occasions during 2025. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" and mail or drop off at the parish office. If the donation is being made in memory of a loved one, please note this on the envelope also.

Liturgical Ministers for December 7/8

Ministry	4:30 pm	6:30 am	8:30 am	10:30 am
Readers	Jamie Habing Jeannie Burrell	Pat Wentz	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Anabelle Habing Patty or Emma Ruholl
Ushers	*Glen Waldhoff Tim Ordner Larry Habing Toby McMahon Scott Brumleve Todd Probst	*Mike Tipton Allen Koester Steve Mette Jason Huber 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

SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast Is Jesus Missing?

This coming Friday, December 6 continues to journey through the Holy Land with the Joyful Mysteries.

MEN, come as Jesus’ words in the temple grip the heart, shatter the darkness, and speak life.

All men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony parish center for delicious **hot breakfast** ready after 6:10 am, VIDEO program at 6:30 am, and concluding at 7:30 am. More info: contact the parish office or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495; danwoodsface@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We currently serve almost double the amount of families as we did last year. This has put a lot of pressure on us and gave us an undetermined amount of needed food for the near future. With the help of our community we know we will meet all of the needs God has placed in our path.

Items that are very much needed but not limited to.

Canned Corn, Green beans, Peas, Carrots, Peaches, Pears, Mandarin oranges, Fruit cocktail, Instant potatoes, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake mix, Rice meals, etc.

Also a Save A Lot gift card or check made out to Save A Lot would be another way to donate.

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