

December 8, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.



FEAST OF THE

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



## 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

As you know, we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent today. We continue our journey to the celebration of the Incarnation, when the second person of the Blessed Trinity emptied himself of his divinity and took on our humanity. Christmas. It is fast approaching! I know it isn't fast enough for our children, but it's probably too fast for our mothers, who have a long list of things that need to be accomplished.

In addition to marking the second Sunday of Advent today, we are also celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Because of the coincidence of having these two feasts on the same day, the obligation to attend Mass for the Holy Day, and the celebration of that day, moves to Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

We have our usual schedule of Masses for the holy day of obligation beginning with a Mass at 6:00 a.m. and then Masses at 7:55; 12:10 and the evening Mass will be at 7:00 p.m.

At our recent Parish Council meeting we dealt with the issue of the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. I suspect that every church in the country, that has a Christmas service on Christmas eve, is going to have a large crowd in attendance. At the Council meeting we discussed the possibility of having another Mass earlier in the afternoon to help deal with the crowding, like a Mass at 2:00 p.m. I knew the earliest Mass one can have by way of anticipation on a Saturday is 4:00, but I thought with a holy day it might be different than a Saturday. We learned that 4:00 is the earliest time for Mass anticipating a holy day, so that ruled out that possibility. We also discussed a 6:30 Mass on Christmas morning, but that would likely not decrease the number of people choosing to attend the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass. The Holy Spirit will guide us.

You might have seen the news coming from Rome. During the Jubilee of Teenagers, April 25 to 27, 2025, the Church will canonize a millennial saint. His name is Blessed Carlo Acutis. He was born in 1991, and he died 2006. The more I read about him, the more I am impressed with how he cooperated with the work of the Holy Spirit in his life. A possible slogan for him could be: Non Io ma Dio. This could be translated: It's not about me; it's about God! His final wish was to be buried in Assisi. Carlo's tomb is housed in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Assisi. There will be three saints for people to visit when they come to Assisi: St. Clare, St. Francis and Saint Carlo.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MINISTRY SIGN UP** -There are ministry sign up sheets for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, 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 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, Shawn Zerrusen, Ali Kingery,  
 Andrew Simmons, Jesse Koester, Justis Coventry,  
 Braydan Bushue, Mallory Stone, Damon Sabo,  
 Myles Stortzum, Gavin Tegeler, Avry Kreke.



**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 McMahan, Debbie Meyer, Nicholas  
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 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. 9, 6:00 am: Mickey Weber  
 Monday, Dec. 9, 7:55 am: Ellouise Wallin  
 Monday, Dec. 9, 12:10 pm: Meg Beckman  
 Monday, Dec. 9, 7:00 pm: Harold "Butch" Esker  
 Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 am: Philip Wendt  
 Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:55 am: Luella Runde  
 Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:30 am: Joseph Weis  
 Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7:55 am: Special intentions  
 Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 am: Scott Westendorf  
 Friday, Dec. 13, 6:30 am: James Waldhoff  
 Friday, Dec. 13, 7:55 am: Ellouise Wallin  
 Saturday, Dec. 14, 4:30 pm: Rockney Weber  
 Sunday, Dec. 15, 6:30 am: Pro Populo  
 Sunday, Dec. 15, 8:30 am: Leroy Niebrugge  
 Sunday, Dec. 15, 10:30 am: Jane & Brian Austin

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>11/24/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
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Other	\$765.00	\$22,497.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,916.50</b>	<b>\$290,705.30</b>
Assisi to Africa	\$112.00	\$14,910.00

## Liturgy Schedule

### Second Sunday of Advent December 9— December 15

Monday,	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration 1:00-7:00 pm and 8:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:00 & 7:55 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	Our Lady of Loreto Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	St. Damasus I Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Lucy Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. John of the Cross Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Third Sunday of Advent Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 10, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Thursday, December 12, 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday, December 14, 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 9

- Adoration 1:00 -7:00 pm and 8:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday

### Tuesday, December 10

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

### Wednesday, December 11

- 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 12

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

### Friday, December 13

- Catholic young adult group, 7:00-10:00 pm

### Saturday, December 14

- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm

### Sunday, December 15

- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Mosaic Concert, 4:00 pm in the church

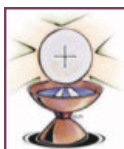


The parishioners extend our sympathies and condolences to the families of Harold Esker and Ellouise Wallin. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.



### 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!*



### Attention Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 15 are Lenora Drees 217-857-3583 and Lori Mette 217-663-0869.

### 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.



### DATE CHANGE

for Giving Tree SORTERS/DELIVERERS -

*Our giving tree gifts will be going out after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 15! If you were planning to help on Monday, Dec. 16, we'd love to have you on Dec. 15 at 11:30 am instead! Thanks so much for your generous spirit in helping the Giving Tree be a success!*



### The St. Francis Giving Tree

Join your parish family

in this season of giving by sponsoring a gift from the Giving Tree! Take a tag for an area nursing or group home resident, purchase one (or more) items on it, wrap it, bring it back to the Mary altar at St. Francis by 10:30 am Mass, December 15. Want to spread the joy even a little further? Come to St. Francis on December 15 at 11:30 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

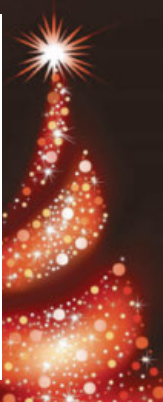
**We have an all school Mass on Monday, December 9 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 7:55 am.**

**All school Mass on Tuesday, December 10, at 7:55 am.**

**Religion Program Volunteers Christmas party** will be Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Breakfast will be served in the Sr. Ethelbert center. A big THANKS to all our program volunteers.

**Merry Christmas!**

8:00-8:45 am—Catechists  
8:45-9:30 am—Mass walkers and before school supervisors



**Grade 1 and 2 Christmas play** is on Monday, December 16 in the church at 7:55 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.



**FREE MOSAIC CONCERT**  
**“THE YEARNING”**  
SUNDAY, Dec. 15, 2024  
at 4:00 PM  
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## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Dec. 11- Religious education, 7:00-8:15 pm
- Dec. 18- Religious education, 7:00-8:15 pm
- Dec. 20- Teen center open 7:00-10:00 pm
- Dec. 21/22- CHWC Cookie/Candy Sale
- Jan. 8– Religion classes resume

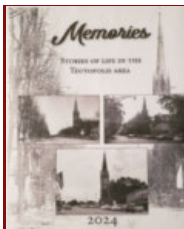


**CHWC News** - St Francis CHWC is fundraising for their 2025 trip to Kansas City.

**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 Monastery Museum will be selling the “**Memories**” book, featuring life stories of growing up in this community and other souvenirs. We will be selling these in St. Clare hall after Masses on December 21 & 22.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

*The Effingham Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers!* The Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up food, sort and put away food, and help to give out food through the pantry. Second Hand Rose is in need of volunteers to run the cash registers.

These volunteer opportunities are available Monday -Friday. Please call the Eff. CC office at 217-857-1458 and ask for Crystal (Pantry) or Brigid (Second Hand Rose).



**St. Francis of Assisi Calendars**

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

# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24  
4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, December 25  
9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary—New Year's Eve  
4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary—New Year's Day  
9:00 am

## 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, Teutopolis,*  
February 2, 2025

Call 217-961-6404 to register.

*St. Mary, Ste. Marie, March 8, 2025*

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 4, April 5, July 5 and October 4, 2025.

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

### Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes

- Saturday, December 14, 2024 8:00-9:30 am at the Sr. Ethelbert Ctr., St. Francis Church in Teutopolis, IL.
- Saturday, February 15, 2025 9:30-11:00 am, virtual class on WebEx

Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com) or call or text 217-821-1840.



## BAPTISM

### Prep Dates

- Thursday, January 2, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Thursday, February 6, 2025 at St. Rose of Lima
- Thursday, March 6, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at St. Isidore

All classes begin at 7:00 pm.

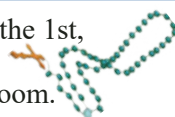
To register for classes at St. Francis call 217-961-6404; at St. Rose call 217-821-5663; and at St. Isidore call 217-821-9178. All dates are subject to change.

**Please Note:** Baptisms will take place on the first, second and third weekends of each month.

## 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.

**ROSARY**—Please join us at 9:30 am on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of each month at Lakeland Nursing home in the small dining room.



**PAPER DEPOT OPEN! Recyclables Accepted:**  
Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper  
*Proceeds to: Monastery Museum & Charities.*  
Aluminum Cans—*Proceeds to: Teutopolis Youth Group*

**Liturgical Ministers for December 14/15**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Jamie Habing Jeannie Burrell	Pat Wentz	Shannon Hinkle Monica Kremer	Anabelle Habing Patty or Emma Ruholl
<b>Ushers</b>	*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
<b>Servers</b>	Robert Niemerg Charles Niemerg Aiden Funneman	Clara Mette Anthony Mette Rayanna Mette Leo Mette (3 servers)	Noah Imburgia Eli Imburgia Macy Petersen	Logan Westendorf Brianna Westendorf Leslie Westendorf

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Effingham Catholic Young Adults**

**DEC. 13TH @ 7PM**

**HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR**

CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-35

**HOLY HOUR** 7-8pm @ St. Francis Church  
203 E Main St, Teutopolis

**HAPPY HOUR** 8-9pm @ Teutopolis Hall  
210 Pearl St, Teutopolis

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**TEUTOPOLIS AMERICAN LEGION POST 924**

*Invites Veterans to Their Annual Pearl Harbor Breakfast*

Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Served at 8:00 am—Teutopolis Banquet Hall

2024

**Young Adult Advent Retreat**

sponsored by The Forge

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Lunch is Bring-Your-Own

Please scan QR code to RSVP by December 9th

There is no registration fee, but a collection will be taken to support the Norbertines

Questions? Email: [theforgespringfield@gmail.com](mailto:theforgespringfield@gmail.com)

**Sunday, December 15th**

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1/31/2025—2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO  
4/4/2025—4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO  
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worldwide marriage encounter

**Catholic Bible Study of the Book of Revelation!**

Revelation literally means “to pull back the veil”. This pulling back of the veil, allows us to see the nature and beauty of the Church. Come and learn with us. Sessions will begin on Thursday, January 9th at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm for 10 weeks. You may choose to attend at either time. Please call the St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129 to register for materials by **January 2nd**. If you have any questions, you may contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or [kateweber51@gmail.com](mailto:kateweber51@gmail.com)

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