

December 15, 2024 - Third Sunday of Advent

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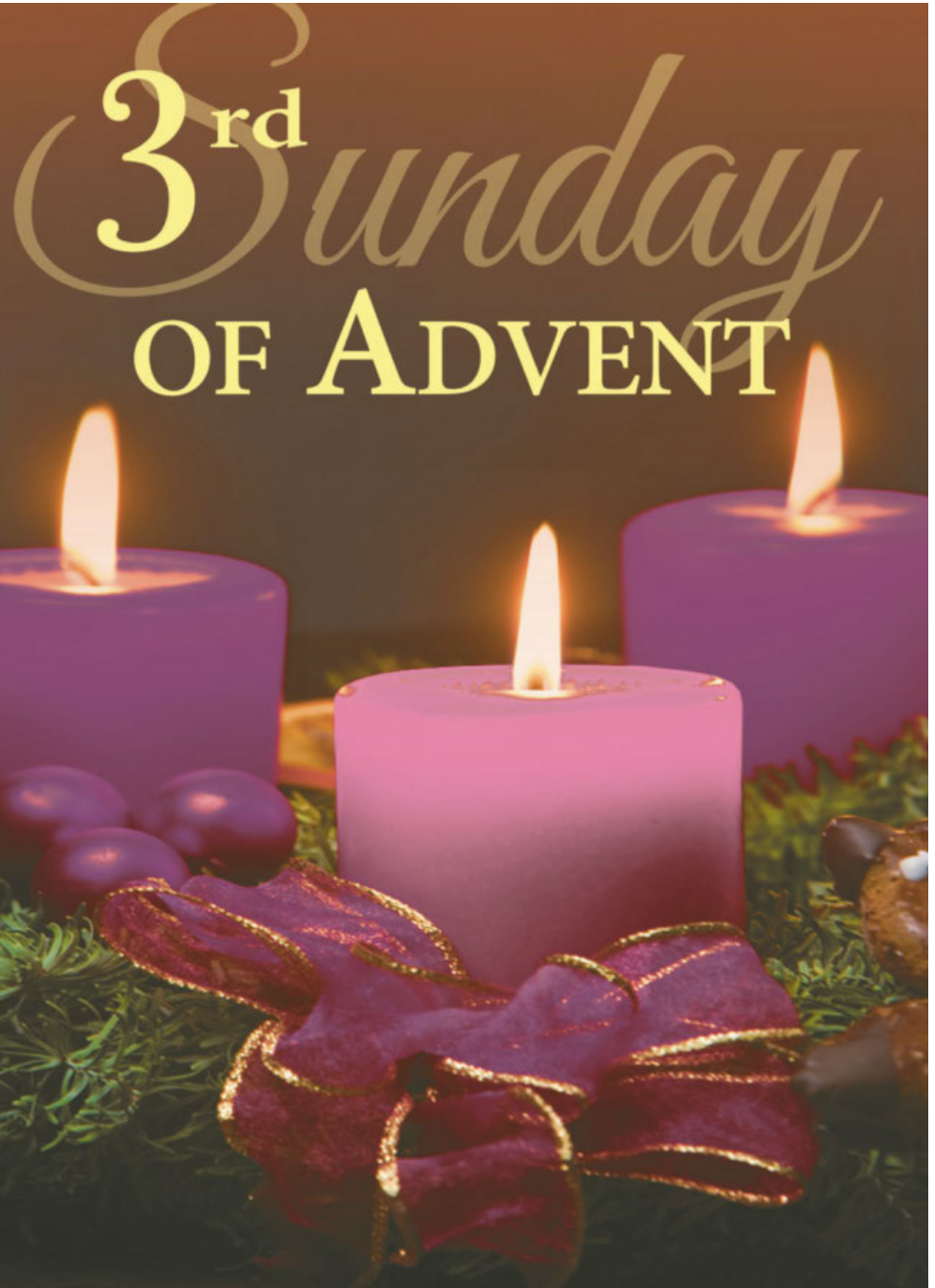
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.



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

Cast of hundreds! Come to church this afternoon (Sunday) at 4 o'clock for our parish concert that involves people of all ages and musical talents and gifts. Our parishioners have worked hard on this, and I have no doubt we will all enjoy it.

This Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock we will have our parish penance service. It is more of an opportunity for you to receive the sacrament of reconciliation than it is a service or a liturgy. We will have our three priests available for confessions that evening.

Less than two weeks away is Christmas. We have 3 Masses on Christmas Eve: 4:00; 6:00; and 10:00. On Christmas morning we have Mass at 9:00. Our ushers count the number of people participating in our Sunday liturgies. Every parish in the diocese counts their parishioners at the Sunday Masses in the month of October. I understand other dioceses do this also. We ask our ushers to do a count at each Sunday Mass for a couple reasons. One reason is that the number they get is electronically sent to the sacristan so he or she knows how many hosts the priest needs to consecrate. If the number of hosts in the large paten in the rear of church is lower, then the sacristan can add hosts to the paten before it is brought up as part of the offertory gifts. Another reason is this metric can be used for future planning of how many people to expect for a particular Mass. The 4 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve has the largest number of people than other Masses, and the Picnic Mass in September is second to it. Of the four Masses for Christmas, if you can choose a Mass different than the 4 o'clock on Christmas Eve, you'll have more room when you come to church.



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!*

Calendar Year End Contributions Please note that the 2024 contribution ledger will close as of December 31, 2024. For contributions to be considered in the year of 2024 for tax purposes, they must be received in the parish office by 4:00 pm on December 31 or be postmarked before January 1. All contributions received after December 31, 2024 will be posted to the year of 2025. Thank you.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 16, 6:30 am: Dolores Esker
 Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 am: Larry & Mert McMahon
 Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:55 am: Sonny Will
 Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 am: Living & deceased teachers
 Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:55 am: Wilma Buhnerkempe
 Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30 am: Kenny Grunloh
 Friday, Dec. 20, 6:30 am: Ted Hinkle
 Friday, Dec. 20, 7:55 am: Barbara Hardiek
 Saturday, Dec. 21, 4:30 pm: Dale Pruemmer
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 6:30 am: Bob Waldhoff
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 8:30 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:30 am: Nichole Schumacher

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>12/1/24</u>	<u>Year</u>
235 Envelopes	\$10,818.00	\$216,562.00
72 Online giving	\$4,040.09	\$66,503.56
Other	\$1,188.60	\$23,686.43
TOTAL	\$16,046.69	\$306,751.99
Assisi to Africa	\$1,463.00	\$16,373.00

Liturgy Schedule

Third Week of Advent December 16— December 22

Monday,	Adoration 1:00 pm Monday until 6:00 am Tuesday Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 7:55 am
Saturday,	St. Peter Canisius Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday,	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 17, 6:15-6:45 pm
 Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm
 Thursday, December 19, 6:15-6:45 pm
 Saturday, December 21, 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 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm

Wednesday, December 18

- Children's choir, 3:45-5:00 pm
- Young adult choir, 6:00-6:45 pm
- Religious education, 7:00-8:15 pm
- Parish penance service, 7:00 pm
- Religious education catechist party, 8:15-10:00 pm

Thursday, December 19

- Confessions, 6:15-6:45 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- Parish council meeting, 7:00 pm, Sr. Ethelbert

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

- Brass ensemble rehearsal, 7:00-8:30 am
- CHWC cookie drop off, 9:00-11:00 am
- Confessions, 3:00-4:00 pm
- CHWC cookie sale after 4:30 pm Mass, St. Clare

Sunday, December 22

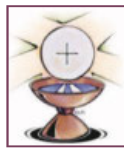
- Children's liturgy at 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- CHWC cookie sale, 6:30 am-noon, St. Clare

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome to our faith Family:

Emery Rose Finfrock
 Daughter of Timothy Finfrock & Brooke Ozenkoski
 Vivee Ann Finfrock
 Daughter of Timothy Finfrock & Brooke Ozenkoski
 Hallie Marie Flach
 Daughter of Joseph & Emily (Koester) Flach

Attention Homebound



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, December 22 are Jodi Isley 217-857-3645 and Rita Habing 217-857-3006.



**DATE CHANGE-delivering on
 Sunday, Dec. 15!**

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!

Collection for the Catholic Children's Home

The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years. CCH continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. This includes an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children with severe autistic challenges. "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3 The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children. Please continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection on Christmas Eve.

Religious Education News

Religious Education

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




to all our program volunteers. Thank you so much for all that you do. We look forward to seeing you all back again after the Christmas break.

Mark your calendars for the **Grade 2 First Reconciliation meeting** in January. Parents may attend one of the two meeting days available.

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert center
Thursday, January 23, 7:00 pm in the Sr. Ethelbert center

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.



A big thank you to all the parents and catechists for your support with the Christmas Store. We were able to raise \$4,000 for Father Damien's mission in the Congo. This is three hundred dollars more than we raised last year!

FREE MOSAIC CONCERT
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The CCW would like to welcome our new officers,

Margo McMahon, Tammy Kreke, and Amy Hoelscher.

A special thank you to our outgoing officers, Jill Ruholl, Gina Drees, and Sharon Waldhoff!

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

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).

2025 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 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, February 15, 2025 9:30-11:00 am, virtual class on WebEx

Contact Kate Pruemer, CFCP. Email her at 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.

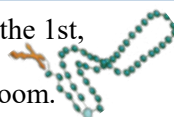
To register for classes at St. Francis call 217-961-6404; at St. Rose call 217-821-5663; and at St. Isidore call 217-821-9178. All dates are subject to change.

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 21/22

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
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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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



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