### St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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#### Mass Schedule (See page 2 for details)

Mon-Fri: See Schedule on 2nd page Sat: 4:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi Sun: 7:30 am - Our Lady of the Lake 8:45 am - St. Francis of Assisi 11:00 am - St. Francis of Assisi (Extraordinary Form) 12:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi (Polish Mass)

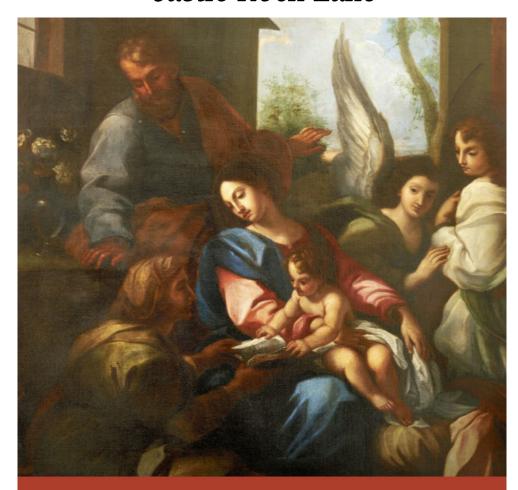
Confessions (St. Francis) Sat: 3:00 to 4:15 pm Daily Confession 30 Minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) All days: 6 am to 8 pm Holy Rosary Every Mass: One half hour early

## Readings for the week of December 26

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

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# THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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## **Our Lady of the Lake**

### **Mass Intentions**

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday, December 26 7:30 am For parishioners of St. Francis

& Our Lady of the Lake

Mary, Mother of God - Mass Time Saturday, January 1 1:00 pm For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

<u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u> Sunday, January 2 7:30 am For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

## Ministry Schedule (January 2)

Lector - Wendy Bruce EMHC\* - Bud Kass \*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

### Please remember the following

members of our parish in prayer: The Sick: Leroy Zulawski, Bill Pecoraro, Jackie Hamm, Tom Brantmeyer Recently Deceased: Karen Caple, Dorothy Zilinski, Delores Zulawski, Alicia Maurer, Mary Bittner Military Personnel: Major Jared Glasenap

Countering the Lies of Gender Ideology Helpful Resources for Parents, Catholic School Teachers and Catechists Gender ideology is rapidly reshaping the culture, and causing confusion and serious harm. Gender ideology is a false system of beliefs about the person that claims human identity is fluid (can change according to feelings) and that human identity is self-defined. Fr. Paul Check presents understandable and foundational information in a session entitled "Pastoral Care and amid Confusion about Sexual Identity, Visit: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-foryourministry Another excellent, user-friendly tool is the Person and Identity Project. This site presents sound information, which helps to illuminate the truth about who we are, but also to counter the lies of gender ideology. This website provides tools for parents, schools and parish programs to see the depth of the gender theory's influence and the seriousness of what is at stake. Visit: personandidentity.com

**Volunteer Needed** - We are looking for a volunteer that would be willing to pick up a parishioner and bring him to the 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil mass. This man lives on HWY 58 5.5 miles south of the church. Anyone interested in this act of charity, please leave a message at the parish office so I can discuss details. Thank you. Paul Arbanas

# Church is Fully Open

Below are a list of public Masses at St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Lake:

Saturday -Sunday - 4:30 pm SF 7:30 am OLL 8:45 am SF 11:00 am (Latin) SF 12:30 pm (Polish) SF

Daily Confessions - 6:30 am to 7:00 am Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

# Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is

open all days from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Advent Schedule <u>Confessions</u> One half hour before daily Mass Saturdays - 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm <u>New Year's Eve - Day</u> January 1 - 7:00 am - St. Francis January 1 - 10:00 am (Polish) - St. Francis January 1 - 1:00 pm - OLL <u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u> January 1 - 4:30 pm - St. Francis January 2 - 7:30 am - OLL January 2 - 8:45 am - St. Francis January 2 - 11:00 am - (Latin) St. Francis January 2 - 12:30 pm - (Polish) St. Francis

March for Life - The dates for the March for Life 2022 in Washington D.C. are Wed. Jan 19, through Sunday, Jan. 23. We will have approximately 25-30 seats at a cost of \$350 each. Anyone wishing to go must contact Ginny Hodal 608-565-2919. I am in need of chaperones too!

**Thank You** - Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Giving Tree. 22 children received presents this year. May God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness! Merry Christmas!

**PCCW Meeting** - The first meeting in 2022 of the PCCW is scheduled for Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Corr Hall. We invite all the ladies of the parish to start your New Year with us!

**Prayer for Vocations** - Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, and the Consecrated Life.

**Relevant Radio** - Remember to listen to Relevant Radio on 93.9. Go to the website at <u>www.dioceseoflacrosse.com</u>.

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## St. Francis of Assisi

# Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27 7:00 am † Harold & Lucy Sauter Tuesday, December 28 7:00 am For Paul & † Yvonne Westhoff Wednesday, December 29 7:00 am † Chester & Laura Zaleski Thursday, December 30 7:00 am † Dorothy Wojciek Friday, December 31 7:00 am † Jim McKee

<u>Mary, Mother of God - Mass Times</u> Saturday, January 1 7:00 am Priest's intention 10:00 am (Polish) Priest's intention

Sunday Masses for January 1 - 2 <u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u> Saturday, January 1 4:30 pm † Rev. James J. Lesczynski Sunday, January 2 8:45 am † Richard Van Hoof 11:00 am (Latin) Priest's intention

The Most Holy Name of Jesus 12:30 pm (Polish) Priest's intention

## Server Schedule

Saturday, January 1 7:00 am A. McNally & P. Heintz 4:30 pm A. McNally Sunday, January 2 8:45 am P. Arbanas, W. Van Hoof & B. Van Hoof 11:00 am Volunteer

Please remember the following members of our parish in prayer: The Sick: Stacey Mia, Patricia Mayer, Sue Kaminski, Christine Van Hoof, Leo LaVov. Rov Borden. Dominic Teumer. Frank Joseph Bryja, Deb Rubel, Eileen O'Loughlin, Francis King, Patricia Jahnke, Benjamin Van Hoof, Betty Glavin, Linda Steiner Pipgrass, Wally Schumer, Marion Merkel, Bob Norton, Fr. Dan Zaleski, Pat Moore, Robert Durec, Jeffrey Moss, Johnathan Thill Recently Deceased: Christine Kaminski, Richard Van Hoof, Gilbert Saylor, Jason Blohm, Donald Siegler, Fr. James Lesczynski, Marcella Hirt, Margery Hirt, Louise May, Dorothy Wojciek, Peggy Kolk, Jean Hatch, Jim McKee, Roman Pikul, Richard Schultz, Isabell Rubel. Richard Lee Housworth Jr., Norman Kinnett, Rose Ann Kinnett, Mary Lechleiter, Mary Murphy Military Personnel: Eric Ryan, Joshua Arbanas, Isaiah Dutscheck, Lauren Hodal, Leo Arbanas, Raymond Van Hoof, Anthony Ledvina, Lawrence Ledvina, Augie Pintarro

**Please remember** St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your will or trust. Thank you!

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine

Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.





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