

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sat.	12-12	5:00 p.m.	Third Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Sun.	12-13	9:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Gerald Schoenhofer
Sun.	12-13	11:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Alex Treiber
Mon.	12-14	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +J.B. Smith
Tue.	12-15		NO MASS
Wed.	12-16	7:00 p.m.	PSR MASS (St. Francis) +Dawn Mueller
Thur.	12-17	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Fr. Jerry Beat
Fri.	12-18	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Sandra Ewan
Sat.	12-19	5:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Tom Duling
Sun.	12-20	9:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Sun.	12-20	11:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Betty Paulie

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard on the west side of the St. Francis Rectory every **Saturday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Follow the signs and cones and remain in your vehicle.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, Jerry Beachner, Lu Reeves, Lou Sevart, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Barbara Workman, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, David Lero, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Karen Steinbacher, Marilyn Dugan, Frances Fox, Nicholas George, Don Smith, Lorene VanLeeuwen, Jenny & Eliza Wren Snell, Ethan Yarnell, Paul Irelan, Jack McGowen, Sarah Norris-Crews, Laura Kay Nutter, Ed Lero, Helen Coomes, Joan Unruh, Virginia Westerman, Francie Casey, Christy Torchia, Mary Ann Remer, Carl Yockey, Chris Vitt (Greg's son), Janel Diskin Scales, Vickie Rike, Mike Keal, Mary Ann Rehnert, Carolyn McGowen, Viola Gouvion, Rene Miller, Judy Diskin, Mary Claire Stockebrand, C.L. & Mitzi Warstler, Gary Kilgore, Randy Leach, Jeanine Schettler, Melanie Deckerd

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the parish office at 449-2224.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to have a significant surgery, please call for Anointing of the Sick **before** you enter the hospital.

Stewardship of Treasure

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis: \$ 8,009.00	\$5,565.38
St. Ambrose: \$200.00	\$985.77

Please remember your parish in your Will.

Offertory/Tithe: Place your church envelope inside a regular mailing envelope with your return address on the mailing envelope. Mail to St. Francis Church, P.O. Box 216, KS 66771. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** Also, you may leave your envelope in the basket upon entering Mass.

Parish Ministries:

Saturday, December 19-5:00 p.m.

Lector: Mike Carter
Rosary Leader: Mary Jean Zandler
Ushers: Dan Spielbusch, Steve Spielbusch, Matt O'Hara

Sunday, December 20 -9:00 a.m.

Lector: Don Smith
Rosary Leader: Joe Schoenhofer
Ushers: Jeff Gard, Dan Vitt, Dennis Vitt

Sunday, December 20-11:00 a.m.

Lector: Jene' Noe
Rosary Leader: Tammi Norris
Ushers: Charles Schettler, Kent Winter, Noah Winter, Danny O'Brien

Thursday, December 24-4:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve)

Lector: Cindy Schoenhofer
Ushers: Dan Spielbusch, Mike Schoenhofer, Steve Spielbusch

Thursday, December 24-6:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve)

Lector: Donna Wood
Ushers: Dennis Duling, Matt O'Hara, Steve Grosdidier

Thursday, December 24-8:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve)

Lector: Keaton McCracken
Ushers: Robert Kroenke, Kenny Paisley, Mike Brown

Friday, December 25-9:00 a.m. (Christmas Day)

Lector: Felix Diskin
Usher: Dennis Westhoff, Don Smith, Ken Chambers, Mike Grosdidier

Friday, December 25, 11:00 a.m. (Christmas Day)

Lector: Seth Born
Usher: Joe Smith, Mark Smith, Keith VanLeeuwen

Church Cleaners for December 18: Judy Burns, Paula Jacquinet, Carla O'Brien

Church Cleaners for December 23: Judy Smith, Kristy Mueller, Heather Beachner, Coral Burns

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATIONS: We will be decorating the church for Christmas **TODAY** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to help. Face masks are required. We plan to divide up and work in small groups to keep the 6' distancing.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are available again this year in memory of your loved ones. Please pick up the envelopes on the back table and return them as soon as possible. They can be dropped in the collection at the weekend Masses or mailed to St. Francis Church, P.O. Box 216, St. Paul, KS 66771.

MAGNIFICAT: The Altar Society has ordered the **Magnificat for the month of December** for our parish members. They are on the tables in the church. Remember to bring your copy back with you for Mass.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PARENTS

AND STUDENTS: Our PSR K-12th grade program will be held on **December 16th at 7:00-8:00 p.m.** with Mass in the St. Francis Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Our Diocese is lowering the Sacrament of Confirmation reception age to 6th grade. This means our 5th and 6th grades will receive this Sacrament in 2022. All students need to be attending class or have the homework lessons to be eligible. If you need lessons for home, call or text Suzie at 620-423-0615.

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CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING: One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 33 seminarians and 17 retired priests.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY: Give blood on Wednesday, December 16th, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All precautions will be used for your safety. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, PRAGUE AND GERMANY: You are invited to join Father Michael Schemm on a trip of a lifetime to these holy sites June 14-25, 2021! In Poland we will visit everything honoring St. John Paul II, pray before the original Divine Mercy image and the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Plus, see the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp where St. Maximilian Kolbe died. Then travel to Prague to see the Infant of Prague statue. In Germany another highlight will be seeing the Holy Relics of Aachen. Only every 7 years these relics are on display to the public: the cloak of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the swaddling clothes of the Infant Jesus, the loin-cloth worn by Christ on the Cross and the cloth on which the head of St. John the Baptist was wrapped. For a brochure please go to www.catholicheritagetours.com/sdppg or call Suzie Diskin at 620-423-0615 or Catholic Heritage Tours at 800-290-3876.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? The word of the day is **rejoice!** We hear it multiple times in the readings for this weekend, which is referred to as "Gaudete Sunday." We rejoice because the Lord is near! Spend some time this week reflecting on the Responsorial Psalm (Lk 1:46-54). Here we have the Magnificat... Mary's hymn of praise. In this passage, you can see Mary's Fiat... not only is she willingly cooperating with God's plan, but she is rejoicing in her complete surrender. She is not grieving her loss of self; rather she has found her true identity. We are called into a similar discipleship. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude and praise. We should rejoice in our Savior, who looks upon His lowly servants with deep and merciful love. Perhaps it is cliché, but an "attitude of gratitude" will cause us to give of ourselves in new and generous ways!