

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15, 2019

Sat. 12-14 5:30 p.m. **The 3rd Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Claudine Westhoff
 Sun. 12-15 8:00 a.m. **The 3rd Sunday of Advent** (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
 Sun. 12-15 10:00 a.m. **The 3rd Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Thomas George
 Mon. 12-16 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Fred & Anna Beachner
 Tue. 12-17 NO MASS
 Wed. 12-18 6:30 p.m. (St. Francis) + Gene & Beryl Journot
 Thur. 12-19 8:30 a.m. (St. Ambrose) + Bernard Vitt
 Fri. 12-20 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Darold Coomes
 Sat. 12-21 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
 Sat. 12-21 5:30 p.m. **The 4th Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Charles Westhoff
 Sun. 12-22 8:00 a.m. **The 4th Sunday of Advent** (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
 Sun. 12-22 10:00 a.m. **The 4th Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Thomas E. Duling

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m. at St. Francis & 30 minutes before daily & Sunday Masses

St. Ambrose Church

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion: Laura Hoppas

Lector: Donna Bohrer

Server: Brian Schoenhofer

Gifts: Jack & Carolyn McGowen

Ushers for December: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

Donuts & Coffee for December 22nd: Mary Jo and Maria

Stewardship of Treasure

		Total Amount Needed
St. Francis	\$5,792.15	\$5,500.17
St. Ambrose	\$853.35	\$1,014.00

Please remember your parish in your will.

Prayers are asked for the following: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, Jerry Beachner, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Sandra Schoenhofer, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Barbara Workman, Marge McElroy, Nancy Giefer, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, Anna Letcher, David Lero, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Karen Steinbacher, Marilyn Dugan, Frances Fox, Nicholas George, Don Smith, Lorene VanLeeuwen, Jenny & Wren Snell, Ethan Yarnell, Paul Irelan, Jack McGowen, Jerrica Harmon, Sarah Norris-Crews

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

St. Francis Church

Lector:

Sat. Gary VanLeeuwen

Sun. Joe Smith

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Donna Wood

Sun. Connie Spielbusch & Joe Schoenhofer

Altar Servers:

Sat. Josey, Maggie, Kenna

Sun. Hayden, Kiser, Riley

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Mike Schoenhofer

Sun. Kent Winter Family

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Jane Anne Beachner

Sun. Teresa Grosdidier

Ushers for December:

Sat. Don Vitt, Steve Spielbusch, Scott Smith

Sun. Jamie Bradshaw, Mike McCracken, Dan Vitt

Church Cleaners for December 20th: Judy Burns, Paula Jacquinet, Carla O'Brien, Pat Spielbusch

STEWARDED OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? “Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord” (James 5:7). This is the point in Advent when we might begin to grow impatient. We are halfway there and it is likely that Christmas celebrations are already beginning. Resist the urge! Slow down, quiet your mind, and seek Jesus in the silence. Seek Him in prayer. Seek Him in the Eucharist. Seek Him in Adoration and in the Holy Mass. The world is noisy and impatient, and it has been pushing Christmas at us for weeks now. Don't give in to the temptation to bypass the Advent season! “Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:8). Enjoy the WAIT!

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 36 seminarians and 18 retired priests.

THE PARISH PENANCE SERVICE will be **TONIGHT**, December 15th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is offered every Wednesday in St. Francis Church from 5:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His divine peace in your heart. “Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.” Matthew 11:28 More volunteers & substitutes are needed to commit to a prayer time so that we can continue this ministry. **Please call the rectory at 620-449-2224 to volunteer.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: PSR Students in 7th-10th grades will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS PSR PROGRAM classes will be held this Wednesday, December 18th, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the classrooms.

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday, December 24th at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Practice will be **TODAY**, Sunday, December 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All youth K-12th are welcome to join the choir, just come upstairs. We need your voices!

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have entries to the bulletin in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m. for printing each week. Thank you!

LOST RING: A very small, two-tone woman's wedding band was found in the St. Ambrose parking lot on October 6, 2019. We are hoping to find who it belongs to.

HARVEST HOUSE will meet on December 19th at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Café.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will be decorating the St. Francis Church **TODAY**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All help is greatly appreciated and everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are available 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 brought to the St. Francis Rectory.

“PEACE IN THE WOMB” CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Friday, December 27th, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Trust Women Abortion Facility (5107 E. Kellogg Dr., Wichita, KS) Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided. For more information please contact Amelia Cordell (316-706-6917) or Elaina Maus (316-775-8033)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family of Audrey VanLeeuwen, sister-in-law to Judy Fager. *Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*