

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 15, 2024

Sat.	12-14	5:30 p.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Tom & Betty Duling
Sun.	12-15	8:00 a.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-15	10:00 a.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Jerry Beachner
Mon.	12-16	8:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Tue.	12-17	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Connolly Reagan
Wed.	12-18	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Colleen Cook
Thur.	12-19	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Johnny Gautreaux
Fri.	12-20	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Brayden Beachner
Sat.	12-21	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Memorial Mass for Tommy Harmon (St. Francis)</b>
Sat.	12-21	5:30 p.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Bob & Emma Beachner
Sun.	12-22	8:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-22	10:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Dennis Riggs

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis and 30 minutes before each daily and Sunday Mass.

## ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Sunday, December 22nd-8:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Bill Schoenhofer

**Lector:** Ed Spielbusch

**Altar Server:** Rusty Lero

**Gifts:** M/M Brian Schoenhofer

**Sunday, December 25th-8:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rusty Lero

**Lector:** Jim Carlson

**Altar Server:** Brian Schoenhofer

**Gifts:** M/M Ed Spielbusch

**December Ushers:** Wade/Laura Hoppas

**Fr. Matthew's Email:**

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**Sacramental Emergency Number:**

**620-236-0705**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$5,408.00                      \$6,348.40

St. Ambrose \$1,295.00                      \$1,128.85

**Please remember your parish in your Will.**

**If you are 70 1/2 or older, consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA. For more information on this tax free donation, contact your IRA trustee.**

Please pray for: Fr. Sam Pinkerton and the sick and homebound in our parish. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list call the office at 620-449-2224. The prayer list will be updated the first of each month.

**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.

## ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, December 21st-5:30 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Jorja, Megan, Brynlea

**Lector:** Cindy Schoenhofer

**Eucharistic Minister:** Marcia Gard

**Gifts:** M/M Clarke Westhoff

**Rosary:** Elaine VanLeeuwen

**Sacristan:** Mike/Cindy Schoenhofer

**Sunday-December 22nd-10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Cassie, Kaydra, Kori

**Lector:** Ken Trepagnier

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jene' Noe

**Gifts:** M/M Ken Chambers

**Rosary:** Joe Schoenhofer

**Sacristans:** Ken/Cheryl Trepagnier

**Saturday, December 24th-4:00 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Jackson, Bryton, Landon, Daxen

**Lector:** Mike Carter

**Eucharistic Minister:** Terry Diskin

**Gifts:** Joel VanLeeuwen Family

**Sacristan:** Jeff/Marcia Gard

**Sunday-December 25th-10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Brec, Henry, Julian

**Lector:** Mike Mann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rodney Noe

**Gifts:** Kristy Mueller Family

**Sacristans:** Mike/Debbie Mann

**December Ushers:**

**Saturday-5:30 p.m.**—Dennis Duling, Steve Spielbusch,

Dennis Westhoff

**Sunday-10:00 a.m.**—Joe Smith, Dan Vitt, Jimmy Voorhies

**Church Cleaners-December 21st**—Kari Chambers, Paula

Jacquinet, Mary Lou Wiatrak, Judy Smith

## THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE

Tuesday, December 24th-4:00 p.m. at St. Francis

Wednesday, December 25th-8:00 a.m. at St. Ambrose

Wednesday, December 25th-10:00 a.m. at St. Francis

**RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION:** There will be class on Tuesday, December 17th at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be Church Triumphant: Saints & Mary.

**PSR** will have class on Wednesday, December 18th.

**DECORATING ST. FRANCIS CHURCH:** We will be decorating the St. Francis Catholic Church Sunday, December 15th immediately following 10:00 a.m. Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.

**DECORATING ST. AMBROSE CHURCH:** We will be decorating the St. Ambrose Catholic Church Sunday, December 15th. All help is very much appreciated.

**HARVEST HOUSE** will meet Thursday, December 19th at noon for lunch at the St. Paul Café. We will have an Antique Road Show. Bring an item that is 100 years or older. For more information call Marlene Clark 620-687-4401 or Judy Fager 620-423-9144.

**VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. FRANCIS:** There will be a training session Sunday, December 15th beginning at 7pm in St. Francis Parish Hall. The goal of providing Virtus training is to help our Parish to become more aware so as to prevent any wrongdoing and promote awareness in regard to sexual abuse. Training is highly recommended for everyone, but is required for individuals working or volunteering in our Parish who are around minors. You can register for this meeting by going to [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org) and completing the required information.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will have a meeting Sunday, December 15th at **6:30 p.m.** in the east side of the St. Francis Hall.

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH HARVEST SALE:** The Fall Harvest Sale totaled more than \$34,600.00. The Parish would like to thank those individuals who donated and purchased items at the sale. Your generosity along with donations by the following businesses made the sale a success. Beachner Bros., Beachner Grain Co., HMS Enterprises, Inc., K-W Trucking, Farmers Bank, Grosdidier Construction and Harmon Construction. A special thank you to JDH Cattle Co. for use of the corral and Ken Buntin our auctioneer.

**THE STEWARDSHIP FORMS** are on the back table. Please take one and return it. We need your updated family information and ministries to serve. You may return it to the parish office, put in the collection basket, or mail it to St. Francis/St. Ambrose, P.O. Box 216, St. Paul, KS 66771.

**2025 CALENDARS** are available and will be on the back tables of the churches. Thank you, Forbes Hoffman Funeral Home and Carson Wall Funeral Home for these beautiful Catholic calendars!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** are available in memory of your loved ones. The names are placed on the altar during Christmas. Please pick up the envelopes on the back table and return them. They can be put in the collection at the weekend Masses or brought to the church rectory.

**PASTOR MUSINGS:** This week is the only week of Advent where we light a different color candle: pink (rose). It is intentionally right in the middle of the Advent season. Traditionally, rose is a color representing joy. This is not mere happiness. I might be happy when my sports team wins a game, or when I win an argument, or when I drive a substantial distance at night on a country road without hitting a deer! We are happy when things go our way. But joy is different. CS Lewis wrote a short book titled: "Surprised by Joy." He talks about happiness and pleasure often being substitutes for joy of our choosing. But Joy (he capitalizes it, something more profound than an emotion) is never in our power, outside of ourselves. That's why you can be "surprised by Joy". Some will assign each candle on the Advent wreath to a particular person involved in the first Christmas, helping us meditate on the Christmas mysteries. The rose candle is the Shepherd's candle: simple people, out in the field keeping watch of the sheep, who are surprised by an angel from heaven (Luke 2:8). Inside the cave they find the Light of the World, under guise of a little infant born of purest Mother. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen..." When was the last time we have experienced something like the shepherds did, if ever, where a spontaneous 'glorifying and praising God' emits forth from our being?

**THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL MASS** for Tommy Harmon at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 21, 2024 at the St. Francis Church.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop in anytime during Adoration to make a visit.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Congratulations,

Saylor Jo McCracken

Child of Alex and Josie McCracken

**90TH BIRTHDAY:** Wishing Clara Whelan a Happy 90th Birthday. Cards can be sent to 21750 130th Rd. St. Paul, KS 66771.

**CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING 2024:** One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worry about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 41 Seminarians and 20 retired priests.

**IRELAND PILGRIMAGE WITH KANSAS STATE FOOTBALL:** August 16-24, 2025 from Wichita. Fr. Matt will be going. 7 days of sightseeing, daily Mass, K-State Football. \$5,450.00 Estimated. For more information contact [www.DuclnAltumPilgrimages.com](http://www.DuclnAltumPilgrimages.com) or call 888-424-6266.

**MAN FULLY ALIVE 2025:** Saturday, February 1, 2025 at the Catholic Church of the Magdalen, 12626 East 21st Street, North Wichita, KS 67206. MAN FULLY ALIVE is an annual Catholic Men's Conference. If you have yet to attend MAN FULLY ALIVE, you will not want to miss this! Come join us for a day of prayer, friendship, and inspiring speakers.