

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2017

Sat. 12/16 5:30 p.m. **3rd Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Thomas E. Duling
 Sun. 12/17 8:00 a.m. **3rd Sunday of Advent** (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
 Sun. 12/17 10:00 a.m. **3rd Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Jim VanLeeuwen
 Mon. 12/18 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Darold Coomes
 Tue. 12/19 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Fr. Joe VanLeeuwen C.P.
 Wed. 12/20 6:25 p.m. (St. Francis) + Clarita Bryant
 Thur. 12/21 8:30 a.m. (St. Ambrose) + Joyce Westhoff
 Fri. 12/22 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Marjorie LeFever
 Sat. 12/23 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) For loved one's return to the Faith
 Sat. 12/23 5:30 p.m. **4th Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Ed & Marilyn Vitt & Judy Mullen
 Sun. 12/24 8:00 a.m. **4th Sunday of Advent** (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
 Sun. 12/24 10:00 a.m. **4th Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Charlotte Carter

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 4:30 p.m.—5:20 p.m. at St. Francis & 30 minutes before daily & Sunday Masses

St. Ambrose Church

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion: Jack McGowen
Lector: Lois Carlson
Server: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer
Rosary Leader: Doris
Gifts: Jim & Lois Carlson
Ushers for December: Cindy Lero & Laura Hoppas
No Donuts and Coffee for December 24th

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: This year, because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, that day is not only the Fourth Sunday of Advent, it is also the Vigil of Christmas. And yes, the Sunday obligation to attend Mass and the Christmas obligation to attend Mass must be fulfilled with two different Masses. Below is the Mass schedule for the Christmas weekend.

DECEMBER 23RD & 24TH MASS SCHEDULE
 Saturday, December 23rd: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Francis
 Sunday, December 24th 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose
 Sunday, December 24th 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
 Sunday, December 24th 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Francis
 Monday, December 25th 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose
 Monday, December 25th 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis

Confession Schedule: * CHANGE******
We will have a Penance Service on Thursday, December 21st from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church
Confessions Saturday, Dec. 23rd Fr. David will be in the confessional from 4:30 p.m.—5:20 p.m.

St. Francis Church

Lector & Song Leaders:
Sat. Judy Fager & Jennifer Salazar
Sun. Brian Carlson & Bob Schoenhofer
Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:
Sat. Mary Jean Zandler
Sun. Jene' Noe

Altar Servers:
Sat. Maggie, Ashlyn, Sophia
Sun. Trey, Colton, Austin
Gifts:
Sat. M/M Gary Wood
Sun. Jamie Bradshaw Family

Rosary Leaders:
Sat. Jane Anne Beachner
Sun. Jim Hofer
Church Cleaners for December 22nd:
 Carla O'Brien, Jeannie O'Brien, Pat Spielbusch

Ushers for December:
Sat. Jay O'Brien, Steve Spielbusch, Scott Smith
Sun. Jamie Bradshaw, Mike McCracken, Dan Vitt

ADORATION: We will not have Adoration at either Church this week.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION There will no classes for the next 2 weeks. Enjoy your Christmas Break!!

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS:WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? The gift-giving and gift-receiving season is upon us, and parents, in particular, are preaching the importance of GRATITUDE! However, there is no need to wait for this time of year to practice what we preach! Our second reading today reminds us to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks to God..." What a perfect time to consider the gifts God has blessed us with and show Him our gratitude by sharing these gifts with our family and friends. And how can we share them with the stranger, the poor, those who live in the margins of society?

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE will be Dec. 17th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m. They will sing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30 p.m. and again Dec. 31st at the 10:00 Mass. All youth 2nd grade to seniors are invited to join the choir.

DECORATING THE CHURCH We will be decorating St. Francis Church on Sunday, December 17th starting at 1:00 p.m. All help is greatly appreciated.

2018 CALENDARS are on the table in each Church. Please take one per family. We would like to thank Forbes/Hoffman Funeral Homes and Carson Wall Funeral Homes for supplying us with them again this year.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are available again this year in memory of your loved ones. Please pick up envelopes on the back table and return them as soon as possible. They can be dropped in the collection at the Masses or brought to the Rectory.

ST. FRANCIS ALTAR SOCIETY purchased the book "Perfectly Yourself" by Matthew Kelly. They are on the back table in the Church. Please take one per family.

Christmas Ministries Schedule St. Francis Church

Lector & Song Leaders:
Sun. 5:30 p.m. Marcia Gard & Youth Choir
Mon. 10:00 a.m. Don Smith & Adult Choir
Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:
Sun. 5:30 p.m. Keith Smith, Rodney Noe, Terry Diskin
Mon. 10:00 a.m. Joe Schoenhofer, Joe Smith
Altar Servers:
Sun. 5:30 p.m. Anthony, Brenden, Grant, Caleb
Mon. 10:00 a.m. Anna, Katelin, Emily, Sydni
Gifts:
Sun. 5:30 p.m. Brock Aday Family
Mon. 10:00 a.m. Mike McCracken Family

St. Ambrose Church Monday 8:00 a.m.

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion: Rusty Lero
Lector: Pat Holland
Server: Paul Irelan
Rosary Leader: Pat
Gifts: Rex & Frances Bohrer

IMPROVEMENTS TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH GROUNDS In order to make our church garden and grounds even more beautiful and safe, a lighting project is under way! Approximately 14 lamp posts will line the sidewalks of the garden including the sidewalk to Prairie Mission Retirement Village. Additional lighting will also be added between the church and the church rectory to ensure the safety of our PSR children on Wednesday evenings. During this season of giving, please consider a donation to help complete this project. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Donations may be mailed to the church rectory or left in the weekend collections. Be sure to earmark your donation for the "lighting project". Envelopes for the project may be found in the back of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Address for Susie Coeme: Susie Coeme Room 202, Health South of Round Rock, 1400 Heasters Crossing, Round Rock TX. 78681

Prayers are asked for the following: Carter Roberts, Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Don George, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Leonard Kennedy, Gary Brown, Teresa Neff, Sue Baldwin, Susie Coeme, Eric Westhoff, Rosie Brogan

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

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Francis \$2,700.50
 St. Ambrose \$862.00

Please remember your parish in your will.