

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2019

Sat.	11-30	5:30 p.m.	The 1st Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) + Joseph Irelan
Sun.	12-1	8:00 a.m.	The 1st Sunday of Advent (St. Ambrose) + The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	12-1	10:00 a.m.	The 1st Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) + Gerald Schoenhofer
Mon.	12-2	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Jody Beachner
Tue.	12-3		NO MASS
Wed.	12-4	6:30 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Frank Diskin
Thur.	12-5	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Ann Cost
Fri.	12-6	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Adrienne Smith
Sat.	12-7	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	12-7	5:30 p.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) Betty Duling 93rd Birthday
Sun.	12-8	8:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Advent (St. Ambrose) + The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	12-8	10:00 a.m.	The 2nd Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) + Becky Vitt

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: Paul Westerman

Lector: Laura Hoppas

Server: Brian Schoenhofer

Gifts: Asa & Donna Bohrer

Ushers for December: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

Donuts & Coffee for December 8th: Francie, Virginia and Maher

Stewardship of Treasure

		Total Amount Needed
St. Francis	\$6,976.00	\$5,500.17
St. Ambrose	\$1,520.00	\$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 Segreaves, 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, Ralph Gouvion, 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. Marcia Gard

Sun. Seth Born

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Gary Van Leeuwen

Sun. Kenny Crager & Jene' Noe

Altar Servers:

Sat. Regan, Elise, Kenna

Sun. Chase, Chandler, Adam

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Carl Brungardt

Sun. M/M Mike Grosdidier

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Elaine Van Leeuwen

Sun. Jean Diskin

Ushers for December:

Sat. Don Vitt, Steve Spielbusch, Scott Smith

Sun. Jamie Bradshaw, Mike Mc Cracken, Dan Vitt

Church Cleaners for December 6th: Jane Anne

Beachner, Jolene Born, Coral Burns

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING: Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all. Very soon, you will be receiving an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your gift is used to benefit the 36 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese and the 18 priests in retirement. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift this year to support our priests.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? In many parishes, today is Commitment Sunday. Today you are asked to re-commit to sharing your gift of self with the people of God's kingdom. In an act of stewardship, you must consider the gifts you have and how God is calling you to share them with others. How will you respond to that call? I hope it will be in humble gratitude. In His letter to the Colossians, Paul says, "Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Jesus Christ is King of heaven and earth and YOU have been created for His kingdom. What a glorious thing! May our hearts overflow in generosity and may we always seek ways to grow in our commitment to His kingdom.

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.**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is transferred this year to Monday, December 9, 2019 and is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

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 4th, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the classrooms.

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday, December 15th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and December 24th at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Practices will be on Sundays, December 8th and 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!

ST. FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR will practice Monday, December 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Church. The choir will sing on December 8th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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 brought to the St. Francis Rectory.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: SAVE THE DATE! We will be decorating the St. Francis Church on Sunday, December 15th, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All help is greatly appreciated!

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.

ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY met November 24th and elected officers for 2020. President-Laura Hoppas, Vice President-Donna Bohrer, Secretary-Lois Carlson and Treasurer-Cindy Lero.

ST. AMBROSE PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sunday, December 8th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a finger food. Coffee, tea and wine will be provided by the Altar Society. There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the church for all attending. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sunday, December 1st, at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange game.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY: Be the Lifeline Patients Need! Give blood on Wednesday, December 4th, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Dan and Misty O'Brien, in the death of Misty's brother, Ronald Raida. *Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*