

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 1, 2024

Sat.	11-30	5:30 p.m.	First Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Betty Duling
Sun.	12-1	8:00 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-1	10:00 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Gerald Schoenhofer
Mon.	12-2	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Helen Vitt
Tue.	12-3	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Tommy Harmon
Wed.	12-4	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Becky Vitt
Thur.	12-5	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Stan Beachner
Fri.	12-6	8:00 a.m.	First Friday (St. Francis) +John & Theresa Paulie
Fri.	12-6	9:00 a.m.	First Friday (PMRV) +Leonard Kennedy
Sat.	12-7	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) Peace
Sat.	12-7	5:30 p.m.	Second Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Richard Clark
Sun.	12-8	8:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Advent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-8	10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Owen & Francis Duling

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

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. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS Sunday, December 8th-8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Westerman
Lector: Lois Carlson
Altar Server: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer
Gifts: M/M Rusty Lero
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 \$5,909.25	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$1,235.00	\$1,128.85

Please remember your parish in your Will.

Please pray for 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.

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday, December 7th-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Ian, Isaac, Bryton
Lector: Judy Fager
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Wood
Gifts: M/M Rick Coomes
Rosary: Cindy Schoenhofer
Sacristan: Mike/Cindy Schoenhofer
Sunday-December 8th-10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Ava, Marisela, Adriana
Lector: Jene Noe
Eucharistic Minister: Rodney Noe
Gifts: Alice Coomes Family
Rosary: Tammi Norris
Sacristans: Ron Reeves
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 7th—Jolene Born, Judy Burns, Coral Burns

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is December 9, 2024. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be:
8:00 a.m. at St. Francis
12:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose
7:00 p.m. at St. Francis

RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION: There will be class on Tuesday, December 3rd at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be Church Militant: Human Dignity/CST.

PSR will have class on Wednesday, December 4th.

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. ***"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament"***. (Jesus speaking to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

ALTAR SOCIETY LADIES, our Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 1st at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a \$20 gift for the gift exchange. We will have a fun party and everyone is welcome to join us.

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

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA has scheduled their Christmas Party for Tuesday, December 10 at 1:00p.m. in the St. Ambrose Parish Hall in Erie. A reminder for all members to bring a finger food dish. Secret pals will be revealed with a gift exchange. Please bring gifts for the bingo prize table. Christmas cards will be signed for the PMRV residents, as well as the collection jars for our sponsored charities. **NO JANUARY MEETING.** Come and enjoy the afternoon.

THANK YOU to St. Francis Parish for the kindness and sympathy you showed our family at the loss of our father. To Fr. Matt, Fr. Chris, Fr. David & Fr. Theodore, we appreciate you! And to our Altar Society for the delicious lunch that was provided. Family of Jerry Beachner

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Congratulations,
Lucas David Diskin
Child of Michael and Ali Diskin
and
Noah Patrick Diskin
Child of Anthony and Lauren Diskin

PASTOR MUSINGS: Happy Advent! We enter a new Church year on this, the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time that is not acknowledged by the world, as the world of consumerism begins to sell and promote all things Christmas that might make you spend a few more bucks. But Advent for us as Catholic Christians is a time of preparation, preparing our hearts for the Lord. In recalling the first coming of Christ (His birth in Bethlehem), we are able to put ourselves in a spiritual place to look with hope towards His second coming (to judge the earth at the end of time). The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. One particular aspect of this is the Advent wreath. I hope every Catholic household has an Advent wreath at your home! I'll buy you one if not! This comes before even the Christmas tree for us as Catholics. The circular shape symbolizes eternity – no beginning and no end – which we are made for. We light a new candle each week of Advent to draw us to the light of Christ which shines in the darkness of this world. The first candle we light this week represents hope, specifically the hope of the prophets which foretold the coming birth of a Messiah for God's people. It reads in our first reading from Jeremiah: "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made...in those days Judah shall be safe..." We hope and long for safety from the snares of the Evil One who seeks the demise of our souls. God bless you this Advent season.

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.DuchAltumPilgrimages.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.

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