

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 22, 2024

Sat.	12-21	5:30 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Bob & Emma Beachner
Sun.	12-22	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-22	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Dennis Riggs
Mon.	12-23	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12-24	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Adrian & Bertha Coomes
Tue.	12-24	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve (St. Francis) +George & Helen VanLeeuwen
Wed.	12-25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day (St. Ambrose) +Mary Marlene Dick
Wed.	12-25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day (St. Francis) +Alex & Leslie Treiber
Thur.	12-26	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	12-27	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Floyd Diskin
Sat.	12-28	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) Our Loved One's Return to the Faith
Sat.	12-28	5:30 p.m.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (St. Francis) +Darold Coomes
Sun.	12-29	8:00 a.m.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (St. Ambrose) Fr. Sam Pinkerton
Sun.	12-29	10:00 a.m.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (St. Francis) People of the Parishes

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 29th-8:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister: Lois Carlson
Lector: Brian Schoenhofer
Altar Server: Wayne Shively
Gifts: Chad Boaz Family
December Ushers: Wade/Laura Hoppas
Wednesday, January 1st-8:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister: Bill Schoenhofer
Lector: Ed Spielbusch
Altar Server: Wayne Shively
Gifts: M/M Asa Bohrer
January Ushers: Rusty/Cindy Lero

Fr. Matthew's Email:
pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com
Sacramental Emergency Number: 620-236-0705

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Total Amount Needed
St. Francis \$4,473.00	\$6,348.40
St. Ambrose \$396.00	\$1,128.85

Please remember your parish in your Will.

Please pray for: Fr. Sam Pinkerton, Robin Burke 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.

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 28th-5:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Brynlea, Anderson, Sadie
Lector: Donna Wood
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Spielbusch
Gifts: M/M Keith Smith
Rosary: Mary Jean Zandler
Sacristan: Jeff/Alice Corn
Sunday-December 29th-10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Bensen, Knox, Kolton
Lector: Cheryl Trepagnier
Eucharistic Minister: Jamie Aday
Gifts: Seth Born Family
Rosary: Teresa Grosdidier
Sacristans: Ken/Cheryl Trepagnier
Tuesday-December 31st-5:30 p.m.
Altar Servers: Isaac, Ian, Daxen
Lector: Mike Carter
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Fager
Gifts: M/M Dan Spielbusch
Sacristans: Ron Reeves
Wednesday-January 1st-10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Patrick, Brec, Benson, Knox
Lector: Mike McCracken

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Smith

Gifts: M/M David Diskin

Sacristans: David/Jean Diskin

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 28th—Carla O'Brien, Tristan O'Brien, Pat Spielbusch, Lisa Vitt

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
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, Holy Day of Obligation: Tuesday, December 31st-5:30 p.m. at St. Francis
 Wednesday, January 1st-8:00 a.m. at St. Ambrose
 Wednesday, January 1st-10:00 a.m. at St. Francis

FRIDAY MASS: Beginning in January, Friday Mass will be in the Prairie Mission Chapel at 9:00 a.m. On the First Fridays there will be Mass at St. Francis at 8:00 a.m. and at Prairie Mission at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to come to the weekly Mass at Prairie Mission.

RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION: There will not be class until January.

PSR will not have class until January.

THERE WILL NOT BE ADORATION at St. Francis on Wednesday, December 25th nor Wednesday, January 1st.

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)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Virginia Westerman, who passed away on December 13, 2024. *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.*

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.

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING 2024: "The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

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!

PASTOR MUSINGS: As kids get out of school for the semester and people take off work, we are reminded to pause and glory in the reality of Christmas. As an Italian priest named Fr. Luigi Giussani, one of my absolute favorites whom you will hear me quote often, put it in describing the moment transferring from common day life to Christmas: "We want to return to, dispelling the fog of habit from our eyes and hearts, we want to return to the great news, the great announcement, the great fact...our Destiny, has made itself a Presence...a travelling companion: Emmanuel, God with us!" Return to this Truth that changes everything in life. The very destiny of why we are made, the Word that spoke and gave life to each human soul, has humbled Himself to our human state to be accessed by all. He has come from the pure and perfect state of the heavenly realm and entered the world of human sin and dysfunction. This is why kids are out of school and adults take off work. To forget this and continue to live ordinary life as 'ordinary', is to deny our very selves. I pray you may rest in this Truth that sets us free! Have a very blessed and merry Christmas!

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 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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