

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24, 2017

Sat.	12/23	5:30 p.m.	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) + Ed & Marilyn Vitt & Judy Mullen	
Sun.	12/24	8:00 a.m.	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish	
Sun.	12/24	10:00 a.m.	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) + Charlotte Carter	
Sun.	12/24	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Nativity of The Lord</i> (St. Francis) + George & Helen VanLeeuwen	CHRISTMAS MASS
Mon.	12/25	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Nativity of The Lord</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish	CHRISTMAS MASS
Mon.	12/25	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Nativity of The Lord</i> (St. Francis) + Gene & Beryl Journot	CHRISTMAS MASS
Tue.	12/26	7:30 a.m.	<i>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</i> (St. Francis) No Mass	
Wed.	12/27	6:25 p.m.	<i>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> (St. Francis) + Charles Stein	
Thur.	12/28	8:30 a.m.	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> (St. Ambrose) + Mary Jo Maher	
Fri.	12/29	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Darold Coomes	
Sat.	12/30	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the Faith	
Sat.	12/30	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Holy Family</i> (St. Francis) + Charlie VanLeeuwen	
Sun.	12/31	8:00 a.m.	<i>The Holy Family</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish	
Sun.	12/31	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Holy Family</i> (St. Francis) + Barbara Seiwert	

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

St. Ambrose Church

December 31st 8:00 a.m. Mass

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion: Ed Spielbusch
Lector: Donna Bohrer
Server: Rusty Lero
Rosary Leader: Doris
Gifts: Cindy Lero & Laura Hoppas
Ushers for December: Cindy Lero & Laura Hoppas
No Donuts and Coffee for December 31st

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 Christmas.

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

St. Francis Church

December 30th & 31st

Lector & Song Leaders:
Sat. Cindy Schoenhofer & Jennifer
Sun. Pat Smith & Youth Choir
Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:
Sat. Jill Coomes
Sun. Connie Spielbusch

Altar Servers:
Sat. Caroline, Paige, Emma
Sun. Rebecca, Claire, Gennie

Gifts:
Sat. Ross Albertini Family
Sun. Dan Vitt Family

Rosary Leaders:
Sat. Mary Jean Zandler
Sun. Jean Diskin

Church Cleaners for December 29th: Judy Smith, Mary Lou Wiatrak, Kristy O'Brien, Patricia Reasoner

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

WELCOME HOME FR. ANDREW HOFER O.P. St. Francis & St. Ambrose Parishes would like to welcome Fr. Andrew to the Masses this week while Fr. David is away. Fr. Andrew is here for a few days visiting his family for the holidays.

MASS THIS WEEK: There will be NO MASS on Tuesday, Dec. 26th at St. Francis.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday is the Feast Day of St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Wednesday is the Feast Day of St. John, Apostle, Evangelists
Thursday is the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION There will no classes next week. Enjoy your Christmas Break!!

STEWARDED OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? In our first reading, we witness King David being called to build the temple – a sacred place to house the Ark of the Covenant. In the gospel, we see Mary being called to carry the infant Jesus – the New Covenant. And today, if you take the time to look in a mirror, you will see a baptized Christian, called to carry Jesus in his/her heart and share Him with everyone he/she encounters. There is beautiful continuity from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and from sacred scripture to you and I. It is one of the most beautiful gifts we could receive on this Christmas Eve. Today, find a moment of silence. Humble yourself before God and give thanks.

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.

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 CALL TO SHARING by now you should have received the Christmas Call to Sharing envelopes from the Diocese in the mail. If you have misplaced yours or did not receive one, there are extra envelopes are on the back table in the Church. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our seminarians and retired priests.

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!

THANK YOU!!! To everyone who helped decorate both Churches. They are beautiful!!!

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 (Boone) 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 \$5,535.75
 St. Ambrose \$608.00

Please remember your parish in your will.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!