

CHRISTMAS-DECEMBER 24, 2023

Sat.	12-23	4:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Ambrose) +Paul Heady
Sat.	12-23	5:30 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-24	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Francis) +Brenda Harmon
Sun.	12-24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve (St. Francis) +George & Helen VanLeeuwen
Sun.	12-24	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve (St. Ambrose) +Ken Smith
Mon.	12-25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day (St. Ambrose) +Brayden Beachner
Mon.	12-25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day (St. Francis) +Debbie Schoenhofer
Tue.	12-26	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Fr. Frank Keenan
Wed.	12-27	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Kent Davis
Thur.	12-28	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) Fr. Sam Pinkerton
Fri.	12-29	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Darold Coomes
Sat.	12-30	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) Peace
Sat.	12-30	5:30 p.m.	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (St. Francis) +Jim Hofer
Sun.	12-31	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (St. Ambrose) +Sue Shively
Sun.	12-31	10:00 a.m.	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.

ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, December 31st-8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Lois Carlson

Lector: Laura Hoppas

Altar Server: Rusty Lero

Gifts: M/M Brian Schoenhofer

December Ushers: Ed/Kim Spielbusch

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$6,140.00 \$5,525.87

St. Ambrose \$1,543.00 \$1,078.37

Please remember your parish in your Will.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Ron Lallemand, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jane Anne Beachner, Jerry Beachner, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Barbara Workman, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Karen Steinbacher, Marilyn Dugan, Frances Fox, Sarah Norris-Crews, Laura Kay Nutter, Ed Lero, Joan Unruh, Virginia Westerman, Rene Miller, Judy Diskin, C.L. & Mitzi Warstler, Jeanine Schettler, Beverly Simmons, John Schoenhofer, Irene Baldwin, Lu Reeves, Miles Smith, Fr. Sam Pinkerton, Don George, Jimmy Schoenhofer, Donna Vitt, Pat Kanute, Helen George, Steve Schoenhofer, Harrison Hill (*Francis Grosdidier's Great Grandson*) Shirley VanLeeuwen Gray, Sean Kernick, Janie Schibi, Mary Hines, Mona Pitts, Jake Andrews, Aaron Mann, Betty Duling, Christine Schettler, Lois Carlson, Ruth Ann Schoenhofer, Wade Westhoff, Geanita Birks, Jack McGowen, Joe O'Malley, Paul Schettler, Stan Beachner, Richard Ewan

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. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Altar Servers: Megan, Brynlea, Leah

Lector: Marcia Gard

Eucharistic Minister: Connie Spielbusch

Gifts: Joel VanLeeuwen Family

Rosary: Cindy Schoenhofer

Sacristans: Jeff/Marcia Gard

Sunday, December 31st-10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Cassie, Ariana, Ella

Lector: Don Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Jamie Aday

Gifts: Seth Born Family

Rosary: Joe Schoenhofer

Sacristans: Mike/Kim McCracken

December Ushers:

Saturday-5:30 p.m.—Dennis Duling, Steve Spielbusch,

Dennis Westhoff

Sunday-10:00 a.m.—Tim Harmon, Dan Vitt, Dennis Vitt

Church Cleaners-December 30th—Kristy Mueller, Pat

Spielbusch, Lisa Vitt

Fr. Theodore Khin (620) 778-3436. This number is only for an emergency and only to talk directly to him.

To reserve the St. Francis Parish Hall please call the parish office at 620-449-2224.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd-4:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose*

5:30 p.m. at St. Francis

Sunday, December 24th-10:00 a.m. at St. Francis

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th-5:00 p.m. at St. Francis

9:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose

Monday, December 25th-8:00 a.m. at St. Ambrose

10:00 a.m. at St. Francis

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

Monday, January 1, 2024 is **not** a holy day of obligation this year. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at St. Francis.

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. For those who are unable to make a regular commitment, please know that you are welcome to drop in anytime during Adoration to make a visit.

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." St. Mother Teresa

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: There will be no PSR classes on Wednesday, December 20th and 27th for Christmas break. Contact Lyndon McCracken with any questions at 316-239-9994. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING 2023: "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 WAY OF LIFE: 2023-2024. Please pick up your Stewardship envelope in the back of the church. Please update your family information and ministries to serve. You may return it to the parish office, put it in the collection basket, or mail it to St. Francis/St. Ambrose, P.O. Box 216, St. Paul, KS 66771. Thank you to all who have returned the Stewardship information. It is very helpful!

2024 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!

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT STORE: Come see us! We have something for all occasions this winter. The Thrift Store hours are as follows: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Drop off donations anytime in the back shed. Thank you for your support!

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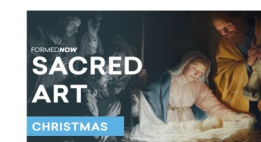


Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts, but when they caught in one of their antics, Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds as models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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