

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 2, 2018

Sat.	12-1	5:30 p.m.	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) + Jerry Schoenhofer
Sun.	12-2	8:00 a.m.	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	12-2	10:00 a.m.	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) + Donnie Carter
Mon.	12-3	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Bob VanLeeuwen
Tue.	12-4		NO MASS
Wed.	12-5	6:30 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Frank Diskin
Thur.	12-6	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Stacie Beachner
Fri.	12-7	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Delia Seiwert
Fri.	12-7	5:30 p.m.	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sat	12-8	10:00 a.m.	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Sat.	12-8	5:30 p.m.	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) + Billy & Jennifer Beachner
Sun.	12-9	8:00 a.m.	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	12-9	10:00 a.m.	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) + Betty Westhoff

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

St. Ambrose Church

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Friday: Bill Schoenhofer Sunday: Ed Spielbusch

Lector: Friday: Cindy Lero Sunday: Donna Bohrer

Server: Friday: Rusty Lero Sunday: Wayne Shively

Gifts: Friday: Brian & Carol Sunday: John & Linda Schoenhofer

Ushers for December: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

Donuts & Coffee for December 9th: Kim & Rose

Prayers are asked for the following: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venne- man, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thomp- son, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Sue Baldwin, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Nor- ris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Kenny Ow- ens, Jerry Beachner, Chuck Westhoff, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Josie Oplotnik, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Delma Pillot, Gene McAtee, Nina Madl, Dorothy Petty, Diane Davis, Jason Diskin, Sandra Schoenhofer, Doris Kennedy, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Ralph Gouvion, Barbara Workman, Marge McElroy, Nancy Giefer, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the parish office at 449-2224.

Stewardship of Treasure 11/19/18	11/25/18	Total Amount Needed
St. Francis	\$3,655.00	\$4,463.00
St. Ambrose	\$603.00	\$1,360.00
		\$5,500.17

Please remember your parish in your will.

St. Francis Church

Lector & Music Leaders:

Sat. Pat Smith & Jenni Snell

Sat. Marcia Gard & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Mike McCracken & Bob Schoenhofer

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Terry Diskin & Rodney Noe

Sat. Keith Smith

Sun. Joe Schoenhofer & Joe Smith

Altar Servers:

Sat. Chase, Mason, Riley

Sat. Elise, Rebecca, Claire

Sun. Kiser, Trey, Mason

Gifts:

Sat. Brandon Vogel Family

Sat. M/M Gary Wood

Sun. Ross Albertini Family

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Elaine VanLeeuwen

Sun. Jean Diskin

Ushers for December:

Sat. Jeff Gard, Richard Ewan, Merl Ewan

Sun. Rick Coomes, Ross Albertini, Danny

O'Brien

Church Cleaners for December 7th:

Heather Beachner, Jane Anne Beachner,

Jolene Born, Coral Burns

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Fr. will have Masses on Friday, December 7th at St. Ambrose at 5:30 p.m. and at St. Francis on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION Classes will be held on Wednesday starting with Mass at 6:30 p.m. and classes in the class- rooms at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR All school age youth are invited to join the choir. They will practice after Mass on December 2nd 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For singing at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. More practices to be announced.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? Being "Fully Alive" means being fully aware. Today's gospel reminds us of the need to be aware and prepared for the return of the Lord. Jesus says, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life..." How easily we can get caught up in all of those things during this very busy time of year. SLOW DOWN. Practice being fully alive during this Advent season by creating quiet time for prayer and study, by reflecting on the gifts of being a disciple, or by practicing gratitude for all the blessings that exist in your life. Be watchful as we antici- pate the birth of Jesus Christ. Let us "Be vigilant at all times" and prepare the way of the Lord.

ST. FRANCIS ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Sunday, December 9th starting at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Ladies, please bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. Food and drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy the even- ing and bring a friend!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY Want to experience the true meaning of Christ- mas??? Give the gift of yourself this Holiday Season by donating blood to the Red Cross Blood Drive on Wed, Dec 12th from 12:30—6 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are available again this year in memory of your loved ones. Please pick up 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 Rectory.

DECORATING THE CHURCH We will be decorating St. Francis Church on Sunday, December 16th starting at 1:00 p.m. All help is greatly appreciated.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH HARVEST SALE, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 The Fall Harvest Sale totaled more than \$35,200.00 this year. The Parish would like to thank those individuals who donated and purchased items at the sale. Your generosity along with donations by the following businesses made the sale a success. Beachner Bros., Beachner Grain Co., HMS Enterprises, Inc., Pimco, Inc., AG/Choice- Hepler, Farmers Bank, Grosdidier Construction & Casey Beef. A special thank-you to O'Brien Cattle & JDH Cattle Co. for use of the corral and Ken Buntin our auctioneer.

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT STORE has lots of Christmas decorations, ornaments, clothing and gifts for the whole family. Please stop by to see what all they have.

ST. AMBROSE PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Sunday, December 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This year it will be a meal with the Altar Society providing chicken strips, potatoes and beverages. St. Bernadette Circle is to provide salads and St. Elizabeth to provide desserts. Following the meal there will be games and fellowship time. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule. Please sign up so the right amount of chicken and potatoes will be prepared. Please plan to attend and spend an enjoyable evening with fellow parishioners.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Hall. A re- minder for all members to bring a finger food. There will be a 45 gift exchange. Secret Prayer Partners will be reveled with a card. There will be no formal meeting but a collection for our special charity "Birthline". Christmas cards will be signed for PMRV residents. Reminder ladies there will be no January meeting. Hosting the festivities will be Lois Carlson, Mary Jo Irelan, Katherine Watkins, Juanita Wilkerson and Diana Woldrum.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family of Bob VanLeeuwen (brother to Jerry VanLeeuwen) who passed away in October, to the family and friends of Wayne Kanute, who passed away Saturday, November 24th, and to the family and friends of Pat Diskin, who passed away Monday, November 26th. *Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*