

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sat.	12-5	5:00 p.m.	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Sun.	12-6	9:00 a.m.	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) +Becky Vitt
Sun.	12-6	11:00 a.m.	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) Residents & Staff of PMRV
Mon.	12-7	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)</i> (St. Francis)+Janey Beachner
Tue.	12-8	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)</i> (St. Francis) +Verdan Davied
Tue.	12-8	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)</i> (St. Francis) +Nancy Giefer
Wed.	12-9	7:00 p.m.	<b>PSR MASS</b> (St. Francis) +Jeanette Wolken
Thur.	12-10	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Fr. Ray Joyce
Fri.	12-11	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Henry Brewer
Sat.	12-12	5:00 p.m.	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) People of the Parish
Sun.	12-13	9:00 a.m.	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) +Gerald Schoenhofer
Sun.	12-13	11:00 a.m.	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> (St. Francis) +Alex Treiber

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions will be heard on the west side of the St. Francis Rectory every **Saturday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Follow the signs and cones and remain in your vehicle.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, Jerry Beachner, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Barbara Workman, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, David Lero, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Karen Steinbacher, Marilyn Dugan, Frances Fox, Nicholas George, Don Smith, Lorene VanLeeuwen, Jenny & Eliza Wren Snell, Ethan Yarnell, Paul Irelan, Jack McGowen, Sarah Norris-Crews, Laura Kay Nutter, Ed Lero, Helen Coomes, Joan Unruh, Virginia Westerman, Francie Casey, Christy Torchia, Mary Ann Remer, Carl Yockey, Chris Vitt (Greg's son), Janel Diskin Scales, Vickie Rike, Mike Keal, Mary Ann Rehnert, Carolyn McGowen, Viola Gouvion, Rene Miller, Judy Diskin, Mary Claire Stockebrand, C.L. & Mitzi Warstler, Gary Kilgore, Randy Leach, Jeanine Schettler

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

**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.

### Stewardship of Treasure

#### **Total Amount Needed**

St. Francis: \$3,165.00	\$5,565.38
St. Ambrose: \$1,155.00	\$985.77

**Please remember your parish in your Will.**

**Offertory/Tithe:** Place your church envelope inside a regular mailing envelope with your return address on the mailing envelope. Mail to St. Francis Church, P.O. Box 216, KS 66771. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** Also, you may leave your envelope in the basket upon entering Mass.

### Parish Ministries:

#### Monday, December 7-7:00 p.m. (Holy Day)

Lector: Terry Diskin

Ushers: Robert Kroenke, Steve Grosdidier, Kenny Paisley

#### Tuesday, December 8-7:30 a.m. (Holy Day)

Lector: Judy Fager

Usher: Charles Schettler

#### Tuesday, December 8-6:00 p.m. (Holy Day)

Lector: Felix Diskin

Ushers: Dennis Duling, Steve Spielbusch, Matt O'Hara

#### Saturday, December 12-5:00 p.m.

Lector: Jill Coomes

Rosary Leader: Cindy Schoenhofer

Ushers: Dennis Duling, Mike Schoenhofer, Matt O'Hara

#### Sunday, December 13 -9:00 a.m.

Lector: Pat Smith

Rosary Leader: Teresa Grosdidier

Ushers: Dennis Westhoff, Don Smith, Ken Chambers, Mike Grosdidier

#### Sunday, December 13-11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joe Smith

Rosary Leader: Jane Anne Beachner

Ushers: Clark Westhoff, Mike McCracken, Scott Smith

#### Church Cleaners for December 11:

Jean Dunavan, Jill Coomes, Kari Chambers

**Our Parish Website:** [stfrancis-stambrose.org](http://stfrancis-stambrose.org)

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** The Holy Day Masses are as follows:

Monday, December 7th-7:00 p.m. (**no morning mass**)

Tuesday, December 8th-7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**THE FEAST OF ST. AMBROSE** is Monday, December 7th. Happy Feast Day!

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATIONS:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 13th immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to help. Face masks are required. We plan to divide up and work in small groups to keep the 6' distancing.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** are available again this year in memory of your loved ones. Please pick up the envelopes on the back table and return them as soon as possible. They can be dropped in the collection at the weekend Masses or mailed to St. Francis Church, P.O. Box 216, St. Paul, KS 66771.

**MAGNIFICAT:** The Altar Society has ordered the **Magnificat for the month of December** for our parish members. We are asking everyone to take 1 copy per household as there are only 100 copies. They will be on the tables in the church. Be sure to bring your copy back with you to Mass.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PARENTS AND STUDENTS:** Our PSR K-12th grade program will be held on **December 9th at 7:00-8:00 p.m.** with Mass in the St. Francis Church.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Our Diocese is lowering the Sacrament of Confirmation reception age to 6th grade. This means our 5th and 6th grades will receive this Sacrament in 2022. All students need to be attending class or have the homework lessons to be eligible. If you need lessons for home, call or text Suzie at 620-423-0615.

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**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY:** Give blood on Wednesday, December 16th, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All precautions will be used for your safety. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, PRAGUE AND GERMANY:** You are invited to join Father Michael Schemm on a trip of a lifetime to these holy sites June 14-25, 2021! In Poland we will visit everything honoring St. John Paul II, pray before the original Divine Mercy image and the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Plus, see the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp where St. Maximilian Kolbe died. Then travel to Prague to see the Infant of Prague statue. In Germany another highlight will be seeing the Holy Relics of Aachen. Only every 7 years these relics are on display to the public: the cloak of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the swaddling clothes of the Infant Jesus, the loin-cloth worn by Christ on the Cross and the cloth on which the head of St. John the Baptist was wrapped. For a brochure please go to [www.catholicheritagetours.com/sdppg](http://www.catholicheritagetours.com/sdppg) or call Suzie Diskin at 620-423-0615 or Catholic Heritage Tours at 800-290-3876.

**STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?** In today's Gospel, we reflect on the Fiat of John the Baptist. Like Mary, John the Baptist understood that his mission was not to amplify his own voice, but to connect his followers to Jesus Christ. He served, then, as a sort of conduit. What a beautiful gift of self! He gave up all of the comforts we tend to seek in life, including beautiful clothing and delicious food, and he put his own will aside to do the will of God. As we enter the Advent season, we should all consider the sacrifices made by these first disciples of Jesus. How can we use the coming weeks to put our own will aside in order that we might be used as instruments in God's grand design? Let your Fiat be your gift to God and His people in this holy season of the year!

**CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING:** We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests.

You will soon receive an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing—a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 33 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.