

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 8, 2024

Sat.	12-7	5:30 p.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Richard Clark
Sun.	12-8	8:00 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-8	10:00 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Owen & Francis Duling
Mon.	12-9	8:00 a.m.	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> (St. Francis) +Donnie Carter
Mon.	12-9	12:00 p.m.	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> (St. Ambrose) +Sue Shively
Mon.	12-9	7:00 p.m.	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> (St. Francis) +Mike Doherty
Tue.	12-10	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Jay O'Brien
Wed.	12-11	6:15 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Mick McAtee
Thur.	12-12	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) Clara Whelan
Fri.	12-13	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) Don & Clarice Davied
Sat.	12-14	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Colleen Cook</b>
Sat.	12-14	5:30 p.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Tom & Betty Duling
Sun.	12-15	8:00 a.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	12-15	10:00 a.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> (St. Francis) +Jerry Beachner

**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 15th-8:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ed Spielbusch

**Lector:** Donna Bohrer

**Altar Server:** Paul Westerman

**Gifts:** M/M Bill Schoenhofer

**December Ushers:** Wade/Laura Hoppas

**Fr. Matthew's Email:**

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**Sacramental Emergency Number:**

**620-236-0705**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis \$8965.17      \$6,348.40

St. Ambrose \$752.00      \$1,128.85

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

Please pray for 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

**Monday, December 9th-7:00 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Patrick, Devin, Sawyer, Rhett

**Lector:** Seth Born

**Eucharistic Minister:** Terry Diskin

**Gifts:** Blake Robison Family

**Sacristan:** Jeff/Alice Corn

**Saturday, December 14th-5:30 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Jace, Micah, Ian

**Lector:** Ron Reeves

**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Fager

**Gifts:** M/M Merl Ewan

**Rosary:** Mary Jean Zandler

**Sacristan:** Ron Reeves

**Sunday-December 15th-10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** CYM-Patrick, Devin, Jackson

**Lector:** CYM

**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Smith

**Gifts:** CYM

**Rosary:** CYM

**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 14th**—Kristy Mueller,

Heather Beachner, Kylie Fleer

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is Monday, December 9, 2024.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be:

8:00 a.m. at St. Francis

12:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose

7:00 p.m. at St. Francis

**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

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: ST. PAUL/**

**ERIE COMMUNITY** Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 11th from 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.



PSR will have class this Wednesday, December 11th.

**RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION:** There will be class on Tuesday, December 10th at the St. Francis Parish Hall. All are welcome. The topic will be Church Suffering: Death, Purgatory, Judgment.

**BIBLE STUDY, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN,** will be canceled for December. The next class will be on January 12th.

**DECORATING ST. FRANCIS CHURCH:** We will be decorating the St. Francis Catholic Church on Sunday, December 15th immediately following 10:00 a.m. Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.

**DECORATING ST. AMBROSE CHURCH:** We will be decorating the St. Ambrose Catholic Church on Sunday, December 15th. All help is very much appreciated.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA** has scheduled their Christmas Party for Tuesday, December 10 at 1:00p.m. in the St. Ambrose Parish Hall in Erie. A reminder for all members to bring a finger food dish. Secret pals will be revealed with a gift exchange. Please bring gifts for the bingo prize table. Christmas cards will be signed for the PMRV residents, as well as the collection jars for our sponsored charities. No January Meeting. Come and enjoy the afternoon.

**HARVEST HOUSE** will meet Thursday, December 19th at noon for lunch at the St. Paul Café. We will have an Antique Road Show. Bring an item that is 100 years or older. For more information call Marlene Clark 620-687-4401 or Judy Fager 620-423-9144.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** are available in memory of your loved ones. The names are placed on the altar during Christmas. Envelopes are on the back table. They can be put in the collection at Mass or brought to the church rectory.

**PASTOR MUSINGS:** The traditional hymn for Advent is O Come O Come Emmanuel. The first verse of this hymn would be a nice addition to any prayers you may pray before a family meal, especially with an Advent wreath on the kitchen table. Familiar hymn, easy for kids to grasp and get into, especially if you do it nearly every night! The hymn is a beautiful part of our Advent tradition for many reasons. The main theme is "Come". We recognize that this life we live here on earth, our current condition, is not the final end. And so we pray for eternity, our true end, to come! Come soon, and do not delay. Who do we pray for to come? Not just Jesus – but this name given to Him in tradition, Emmanuel. Emmanuel literally means "God-with-us". This is the great fear of most human hearts – that we are not worth most people's time. That people don't actually love us. That we will be left alone. I remember talking with a college student when I was at K-State who perpetually had a boyfriend, and after a few meetings, we were able to get to the bottom of it. She was incredible fearful of being alone. Could not bear it. This insecurity of course is not healthy and needs some healing. But all of us carry this with us at some level. But we pray for God to come in a way where we will NEVER be alone! "Emmanuel" means God is here to stay, take up his residence with humanity, and offer an eternal presence. Emmanuel comes to "ransom captive Israel", the people of Israel who were once enslaved in Egypt, but now are a slave to our own lives of sin. Set us free, and be with us forever, Lord, Emmanuel.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Mary "Colleen" Crager Cook, who passed away on November 30, 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.*

**VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. FRANCIS:** There will be a training session Sunday, December 15th beginning at 7pm in St. Francis Parish Hall. The goal of providing Virtus training is to help our Parish to become more aware so as to prevent any wrongdoing and promote awareness in regard to sexual abuse. Training is highly recommended for everyone, but is required for individuals working or volunteering in our Parish who are around minors. You can register for this meeting by going to [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org) and completing the required information.

**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.

**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](http://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.