

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Sat. 12-8 5:30 p.m. **Second Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Billy & Jennifer Beachner
 Sun. 12-9 8:00 a.m. **Second Sunday of Advent** (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
 Sun. 12-9 10:00 a.m. **Second Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Betty Westhoff
 Mon. 12-10 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Delia Seiwert
 Tue. 12-11 NO MASS
 Wed. 12-12 6:30 p.m. (St. Francis) + Henry Brewer
 Thur. 12-13 8:30 a.m. (St. Ambrose) + Stacie Beachner
 Fri. 12-14 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Ryan Beachner
 Sat. 12-15 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
 Sat. 12-15 5:30 p.m. **Third Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Thomas E. Duling
 Sun. 12-16 8:00 a.m. **Third Sunday of Advent** (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
 Sun. 12-16 10:00 a.m. **Third Sunday of Advent** (St. Francis) + Bob VanLeeuwen

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: Donna Bohrer

Lector: Brian Schoenhofer

Server: Jack McGowen

Gifts: Ken & Sandy Schoenhofer

Rosary: Doris

Ushers for December: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

Donuts & Coffee for December 16th: Rusty, Cindy, Mona

Prayers are asked for the following: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Sue Baldwin, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Kenny Owens, Jerry Beachner, Chuck Westhoff, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Josie Oplotnik, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Delma Pilot, 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, Neil Family, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family

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

Stewardship of Treasure	Total Amount Needed
St. Francis	\$8,124.00
St. Ambrose	\$735.00
	\$5,500.17
	\$1,014.00

Please remember your parish in your will.

St. Francis Church

Lector & Music Leaders:

Sat. Cindy Schoenhofer & Jennifer

Sun. Jene' Noe & Mary Smith

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Donna Wood

Sun. Connie Spielbusch & Mike

McCracken

Altar Servers:

Sat. Hayden, Austin, Vincent

Sun. Sophia, Ava, Chloe

Gifts:

Sat. M/M Mike Brown

Sun. Seth Born Family

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Mary Jean Zandler

Sun. Tammi Norris

Ushers for December:

Sat. Jeff Gard, Richard Ewan, Merl Ewan

Sun. Rick Coomes, Ross Albertini, Danny

O'Brien

Church Cleaners for December 14th:

Kari Chambers, Jill Coomes, Jean Du-

navan, Paula Jacquinet

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

YOUTH CHOIR All school age youth are invited to join the choir. They will practice December 9th and 16th from 11:00—12:00 for the Christmas Eve Mass.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE will be held at St. Francis Parish on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, was a bit of a rogue character. He embraced life in the wilderness and preached a challenging message of change and repentance. John the Baptist was living as a missionary disciple before Jesus ever called His first disciples! Consider the wilderness that exists within you, within your own heart. How does the message of John the Baptist stir that wilderness into action? There is no need to fear or tame your wild heart -- instead, explore that place within you and allow the Holy Spirit to draw you deeper into your own commitment to being a disciple. A life of stewardship is not always easy or popular. Use this holy season to make a transition from the comfortable to the uncomfortable ... from the calm to the wilderness.

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 evening and bring a friend!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: ST. PAUL/ERIE COMMUNITY Want to experience the true meaning of Christmas??? 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 **11:00 a.m.** All help is greatly appreciated.

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 reminder for all members to bring a finger food. There will be a 45 gift exchange. Secret Prayer Partners will be revealed 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you Father Pinkerton, the Altar Society and this beautiful parish family for the food, love and support. God has Blessed us abundantly. *The Pat Diskin Family*

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Sister Veronice Born, who passed away November 30th. *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.*