

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD-JANUARY 5, 2025

Sat.	1-4	5:30 p.m.	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> (St. Francis) +Tom, Mary & Billy Duling
Sun.	1-5	8:00 a.m.	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	1-5	10:00 a.m.	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> (St. Francis) +Mike VanLeeuwen
Mon.	1-6	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Marjorie Lauber
Tue.	1-7	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Marie Guise
Wed.	1-8	7:00 p.m.	<b>Teaching Mass</b> (St. Francis) +Jim Davied
Thur.	1-9	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Maxine Groner
Fri.	1-10	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) +Mary Jo Bradshaw
Sat.	1-11	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) Peace
Sat.	1-11	5:30 p.m.	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> (St. Francis) +Pam Dent
Sun.	1-12	8:00 a.m.	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	1-12	10:00 a.m.	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> (St. Francis) +Ed & Bernedette Diskin

**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, January 12th-8:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ed Spielbusch  
**Lector:** Donna Bohrer  
**Altar Server:** Laura Hoppas  
**Gifts:** M/M John Schoenhofer  
**Ushers:** Rusty/Cindy Lero

## ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, January 11th-5:30 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Adriana, Marisela, Sadie  
**Lector:** Judy Fager  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Marcia Gard  
**Gifts:** M/M Gary Wood  
**Rosary:** Cindy Schoenhofer  
**Sacristan:** Jeff/Alice Corn  
**Sunday-January 12th-10:00 a.m.**  
**Altar Servers:** Patrick, Brec, Jackson, Devin  
**Lector:** CYM  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Rodney Noe  
**Gifts:** CYM  
**Rosary:** CYM  
**Sacristans:** Mike/Debbie Mann  
**January Ushers:**  
**Saturday-5:30 p.m.**—Mike Brown, Jeff Gard, Matt O'Hara  
**Sunday-10:00 a.m.**—Ross Albertini, Jamie Bradshaw, Kent Winter  
**Church Cleaners-January 11th**—Teresa Grosdidier, Linda Smith, Linda VanLeeuwen

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$17,088.70	\$6,348.40
St. Francis QCD	\$9,000.00	
St. Ambrose	\$3,117.00	\$1,128.85
St. Ambrose QCD	\$6,231.00	

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

**If you are 70 1/2 or older, consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA. For more information on this tax free donation, contact your IRA trustee.**

**Fr. Matthew's Email:**  
**pastor.saintfrancisambrose@gmail.com**  
**Sacramental Emergency Number:**  
**620-236-0705**

**Please pray for:** Fr. Sam Pinkerton, Robyn Burke, Jill Coomes and 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.

**FRIDAY MASS:** Beginning in January, Friday Mass will be in the Prairie Mission Chapel at 9:00 a.m. On the First Fridays there will be Mass at St. Francis at 8:00 a.m. and at Prairie Mission at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to come to the weekly Mass at Prairie Mission.

**RCIA, ADULT EDUCATION:** Fr. Matt will have a "Teaching Mass" on **Wednesday**, January 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Church. All are welcome.

**PSR JANUARY 8, 2025:** Fr. Matt will have a "Teaching Mass" in the St. Francis Church for the 4th through 12th grades. The K-3rd grades will have classes in their classrooms.

**BIBLE STUDY, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN,** will be Sunday, January 12th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the St. Ambrose Parish Hall. All are welcome. Bring your Bible.

**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. Everyone is welcome to drop in anytime during Adoration to make a visit. *"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament."* (Jesus speaking to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

**THE STEWARDSHIP FORMS:** Thank you to the 59 parishioners who have sent your Stewardship forms in. Please take one from the back table and return it if you have not already. We need your updated family information and ministries to serve. You may return it to the parish office, put in the basket, or mail it to St. Francis/St. Ambrose, P.O. Box 216, St. Paul, KS 66771.

**THANK YOU** to Fr. Matt for the funeral Mass, the Altar Society for the meal and everyone for your many prayers and cards. The Westerman Family

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** The decorations will be taken down after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on January 12th. All help is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**PASTOR MUSINGS:** Congratulations to Anthony Albertini and his new wife, Bree! I was happy to celebrate their wedding on Saturday, the second wedding since I've come to St. Paul and Erie. Many people amidst a secular culture, even those who are Catholic, choose to get married outside of a church. Possibly even you who are reading this article, were married in a secular venue rather than a church. As we enter this new calendar year, I want to stress the importance of God's blessing. The first reading for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup> was from Numbers 6:22-27. Go back and read it if you've forgotten! It's the words of God's blessing upon the Israelite people. "The Lord bless you and keep you!" What happens when we're blessed by God? He reminds us of His love for us, which we forget regularly. Blessings are concrete ways people express the sacred in their daily lives. You may ask me to bless a particular holy item for you – a rosary, a crucifix, a Bible, etc. But always...ALWAYS, the blessing is not just about the item. It is about you! God wants to bless you, His son or daughter, to remind you of His love through items in your life. He wants to bless you through the hands of the priest, praying over you or making the sign of the cross such as at the end of Mass (a good reason to never leave Mass early). And we often refer to getting married in a church as a blessing. It is at a different level, a sacrament, but still true. A wedding in a courthouse, and a wedding in a church, are fundamentally different things. One is a statement of commitment changing legal status, another is God's blessing, uniting a husband and wife not just in body but in soul! We should never be shy about this truth. And when a grace like this is available within marriage, it is wrong to not seek it out. I invite any who are not married in the Church to reach out to me. God wants to bless you.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS,

Anthony and Brianna Albertini  
 January 4, 2025

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