



Second Sunday of Advent

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Confessions: Saturday 5:00 PM
First Friday prior to 8 AM
Mass
or by appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
Monday at 10:00 AM

Community Center 948-4017

Hall Coordinator 948-5831
Church Hall 948-9956

Rosary: Sunday at 7:00 PM

Holy Hour: Thursday 7:00 PM
Benediction: 7:50 PM

SICK AND SHUT-INS: PLEASE
INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE OF
MEMBERS UNABLE TO GET TO
CHURCH. THEY CAN BE PLACED
ON A MONTHLY VISITATION LIST.

DECEMBER 4, 2016

December 4 Mt 3:1-12

Today's gospel raises many questions. Was the Baptist's family embarrassed by his life style, diet, clothing, and message? Did they avoid or ignore him or advise him to come home and be "normal"? Advent, a time to change our hearts, raises another question: Who in your family needs your acceptance?

5 MONDAY

8:00 AM

ADVENT WEEKDAY 793

L/D Rube & Viola Lieb Family

6 TUESDAY

8:00 AM

NICHOLAS 1426-802

H/W Wendy Presto

7 WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM

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AMBROSE 1435-812

6:30 PM

†Leonard & Margaret Farabaugh

8 THURSDAY

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 1334-707

6:00 AM

†Mark Krumenacker

8:00 AM

†Mac Springer

9:30 AM

School Mass

9 FRIDAY

8:00 AM

ADVENT WEEKDAY 835

H/W Chris Dumm

10 SATURDAY

8:00 AM

ADVENT WEEKDAY 845

Communion Service

Vigil

6:00 PM

Third Sunday of Advent

†Emilio Harvey

11 SUNDAY

6:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

†Charles McNulty

8:00 AM

L/D of the Holy Name Society

10:30 AM

L/D of the Parish

Peace

"Prepare
the way
of the Lord,
make straight
his paths."
Matthew 3:3

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Thursday 7:30 to 9:30 AM

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If anyone is interested in being the Cub Master please call the parish office. There are parents willing to help so all the responsibility would not be yours.



Please pray for the sick of our parish, our families and friends, especially Fr. Myron Kirsch, O.S.B., Pat Leslie, Karen Saxon, Jim Sherry, Gary Sherry, Herman Carl, Roger Duman, Florence Kirsch, Frank Certo, Cindy Ceschini, Peggy Sisko, Dan Drumm, Leon Kensey, Sandy Krug, Heidi Westrick, Paul Farabaugh, Sandy Miller, Ted Kirsch, Howard Cramer, Ron Lieb, Patricia Nemitz, Lisa Little, Rich Endler, Barb Kotelnicki, Paul Saxon, Ron Bailey III, Quinn Sherry, Lou Bodek, and those in nursing homes and their caregivers.



We are in need of ministers for all the masses on December 8th the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be Wednesday 6:30 PM and Thursday 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM.

We pray for the return of inactive members of our parish to the practice of their faith; the respect of all human life and the end of abortions.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Lantzy, sister of Mark and Theresa Lieb. May her soul rest in the peace of Christ.

We pray for the safety of our troops especially their safe return and for their families at home. We pray for a deep and profound respect for life, and for the courage and willingness to stand up for life.

ACA

Our goal this year is \$23,525.00
 Donations as of Nov. 29th \$22,190.00
 Goal amount remaining \$ 1,335.00
THANK YOU to all of those who have returned their pledge cards. If you would like to make a pledge and did not receive an envelope there are extra envelopes on the table in the back of the church.

ALTAR-ROSARY COMMITTEE FOR DECEMBER IS:

Chairlady - Monica Ludwig
 Mary Jean Amadei Mary Margaret Dubetsky
 Carol Phillips Arlene Farabaugh

There will be no meeting in December.

March on the Mountain at Saint Francis University

In order to promote the Pro-Life message Saint Francis University will hold its own March for Life on Friday, January 27th for those that can't attend the Washington D.C. rally. The Rosary will be recited prior to the March in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, located on the Loretto campus, beginning at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by several guest speakers. The March itself will begin with a short prayer at 11 a.m. in front of the Chapel. The walk will then commence around the mall in the center of campus and will conclude at approximately 11:55 a.m. for those that wish to attend the 12 p.m. Mass. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Paul Girardi in the Campus Ministry department at Saint Francis University@ 814-472-3328.

Penance Services

- December 11 St. Bernard's 2:00 PM
- December 12 Prince of Peace
- December 13 Queen of Peace 7:00 PM
- December 14 St. Nicholas 7:00 PM
- December 15 St. Benedict 7:00 PM



If you know of a person or family who needs a little extra help this Christmas, please contact Renee Bernard at rbernard@francis.edu or (814) 932-5631 by December 9. Angels will be available in the back of church as we get requests. Donations may be dropped off at the Community Center during their regular hours up until December 18. Thank you all for supporting this important project!

Dec. 24/25	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	12:00 AM	9:00 AM
Lectors				
Eucharistic Ministers	Renee Bernard		Chris Kirsch	
Altar Servers	T. Bernard J. Bernard			

We are in need of ministers for all Christmas masses. Please call or email the parish office and let them know when you can serve.

SCRIP

In December our gift card inventory goes fast and we cannot guarantee that all cards will be available during the month. Start your shopping early. If you have out of town friends and relatives on your Christmas list, you can stop in the office and look through the list of the vendors that we carry. We can special order from hundreds of vendors. December 14th will be the last day for back orders, in order for them to arrive before the holiday break. Ten for Ten SCRIP Christmas Special also. Many \$10 cards.

Beginning Dec. 12th, extra help will be available at NCCS from 9-11 am to fill SCRIP orders. SCRIP will be available during each school day from 9-2:30. Happy Hassle-free shopping.

Thank you in advance for your support of the NCCS SCRIP program.

Foster Sacredness in your Daily Life

How often do we thank each other for doing all those little things to help?
 Do we have the habit of doing for others only if we are repaid for our efforts?
 Do we make visitors at our door, in our yard, borrowing our belongings welcome as if it were Christ asking?
 How often have we thanked each other for the gift we are to each other?

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Men's choir practice is TUESDAY, December 6 at 6:30 PM to sing at the 8 AM mass on Sunday, December 11.

Youth choir rehearsal is Wednesday, December 14 from 6:30 to 7:15 PM to sing at the 8 AM mass on Sunday, December 18.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Children's Choir to sing at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass: December 4 and 11, 4:30 to 5:30, December 18, 4:15 to 5:30.

Adult Choir to sing at the Midnight Christmas Eve Mass: December 4, 11, 18, 5:30 to 6:45, December 20, 6:30 to 7:30.

New members are always welcome. We are in need of choir members for both youth and men's choirs.

Join us at choir in serving the Lord—considering all He does for us, it's just a little giving back to Him.

Dec. 7/8	6:30 PM
Lector	
Eucharistic Ministers	Chris Kirsch
Altar Servers	

We are in need of ministers for the 6:30 PM mass on December 7 for the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Tithing	Last Week	11/27/16
1 st Collection	\$ 3,971.00	Parking lot \$ 10.00
Children	\$ 2.00	Online Giving \$ 1507.00
Holy Name Imp.	\$ 597.00	Christmas Flowers \$ 353.00

Advent Wreath Prayer Week Two:

Two candles are lit on the second Sunday and allowed to burn as before. The prayer for the week is:

Priest:

Let us pray.
 O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls.
 Through the same Christ our Lord.

Dec 10/11	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Lectors	Jon Strollo	Donna Kirsch	Nancy Boring
Eucharistic Ministers	Joddy Kirsch Chad Ryan Brenda Pawlowski Chris Kirsch	Scott Farabaugh Christine Farabaugh Lisa Sedlemyer Frank Glunz Julie Miller	Archie Morris Sue Morris Mary Ellen Zunich Mary Jo Ludwig Bob Dillon
Altar Servers	Simon Kirsch Austin Kirsch Nick Weber Blake Weber	Katie Ludwig Timothy Ludwig Jayden Strittmatter Martin Krumenacker	Brooke Boring Katie Kirsch Anthony Lessard Dominic Lessard