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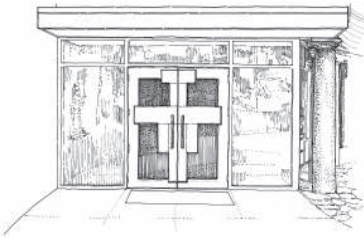
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Weekend Masses:

Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am (Incense free)
	11:15 am
(When BSU is in session)	8:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	12:15 pm
Monday - Friday	5:30 pm
Saturday	10:30 am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Reconciliation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	11:45 am
Monday - Friday	5:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 pm
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 pm

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed Holidays	

New Parishioners

Registration forms are located in the parish office or online. If you are moving from the parish or have a change of address or telephone number, please call the office so that your records will be updated.

RCIA & Inquiry into the Catholic Faith

Contact Fr. Doerr or Fr. Bennett at the office at 765-288-6180 to learn more about the Roman Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Baptism

Due to scheduling and availability, please allow at least six weeks between the initial contact for Baptism and the intended Baptism date. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 3 months and attend a Baptism preparation class. Contact Pam Brelage in the office at 765-288-6180 or at st.francismunciedre@gmail.com to register for the class and to schedule the ceremony.

Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation must begin at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. Call the office to arrange a time with a priest for your initial meeting. Students: Marriage preparation may begin here even though the marriage may be celebrated elsewhere.

Ministry to Sick & Shut-Ins

Notify the office if you are going into the hospital or if you would like the Sacrament of the Sick, Communion or visitation at home. A priest from St. Francis of Assisi will visit you in the hospital if you inform the office at the time of hospitalization.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday	1:00 pm
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MISSION STATEMENT

*As a part of the Local Church of Northcentral Indiana, we the people of St. Francis of Assisi Parish are called to fulfill our mission as a University Parish and Newman Center. We serve as the Catholic Community of Ball State University by: **reaching out** to Ball State University students, faculty and professional staff; providing a nurturing environment in which all are welcome; and **encouraging and challenging** each other to grow in faith and knowledge.*



Immaculate Mary

Countless times as a priest I've been asked "Hey Father, why do we celebrate Jesus' Immaculate Conception on December 8th and his birth on December 25th?"

Well, the answer is that The feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th) is about Mary, not Jesus. The Immaculate Conception is in reference to Mary's conception in St. Ann's womb and the Immaculate Grace she received to be free from original sin and to be preserved from actual sin.

In the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "*in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.*"

The Blessed Virgin Mary, unlike all other people before, was preserved from sin for a special purpose, to be the spotless vessel that would carry the Son of God in her womb. Mary still needed a savior, as did all mankind, but by her preservation from sin, she becomes the worthy vessel by which God's plan of Salvation will pass through and thus she is often called the "new Eve" as she gives birth to new life in the person of her son, Jesus, who destroys sin and the effects of sin that the first Eve brought into the world and passed on to her offspring.

We celebrate Jesus' conception in Mary's womb on March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, when Gabriel appeared to Mary and she responded to God's invitation with great trust: "be it done unto me according to your word." This is nine months before Christmas, which is how we are able to celebrate Christmas in December, since His conception is in March. The Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday is celebrated in nine months from this Thursday on September 8th.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. **Here at St. Francis we will have the following Masses on December 8th: 12:00 am (midnight), 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.** We will not have any vigil Masses on December 7th since we have three evening Masses on the day of the feast. Because of this, the regularly scheduled 5:30 pm Mass on December 7th is canceled in preparation for the Holy Day celebration beginning with the Midnight Mass. ***God Bless, Fr. Bennett***



Meet the December Banner Saints

St. Francis Xavier Feast Day: December 3rd

St. Francis Xavier was born in 1506 in the Basque area of Spain. He was the youngest son who belonged to a prosperous farming family. In 1528 he met St. Ignatius Loyola and became one of the seven who founded the Society of Jesus. He was the first Jesuit missionary priest and began his missionary activity in Goa, India. There he began preaching to the natives living among them and adopting their customs on his travels. Throughout his missionary life he also visited Japan, Borneo, Philippines and other Asian countries. During his life he baptized over 40,000 converts and is remembered for having baptized 10,000 people in a single month. St. Francis was known throughout the Far East for his care for the poor, humility, miracles, speaking in tongues, and prophetic and healing powers. He was sent to China in 1552 but died shortly after his arrival. He is known as the "Apostle of the Indies" and the "Apostle of Japan". He was beatified by Pope Paul V on October 25, 1619 and canonized on March 12, 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.

He is the patron saint of navigators, missionaries, and African missions, India, Japan, China and New Zealand.

St. Ambrose Feast Day: December 7th

St. Ambrose was born around 340 A.D. in Belgic Gaul (present day Germany). He ranks with Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great as one of the most illustrious Fathers and one of the four original Doctors of the Church.

He was the youngest of three children, being preceded by a sister, Marcellina, who became a nun and brother Satyrus. He was a successful lawyer before becoming a Bishop of Milan. He is credited with composing the "antiphonal chant" a method of chanting where one side of the choir alternately responds to the other. He is the patron saint of Milan. The title of "Honey Tongued Doctor"

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was bestowed on Ambrose because of his preaching ability; this led to the use of a beehive and bees in his iconography, symbols which indicate wisdom. This led to his association with bees, beekeepers, chandlers, wax refiners.

He was proclaimed a great Doctor of the Latin Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1298.

St. Juan Diego Feast Day: December 9th

Cuauhtlatotzin, as he was known, was born in Tlayacac, Cuauhtitlan 15 miles north of modern day Mexico City in 1474.

Cuauhtatotzin was an impoverished free man in a strongly class conscious society. He was married but had no children. He worked as a farm worker, field laborer, and mat maker. He was a mystical and religious man even though he was a pagan. At the age of 50 he converted to Christianity and took the name of Juan Diego. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him on Saturday morning December 9, 1531 while hurrying down Tepeyac hill to attend mass in Mexico City. She directed him to the bishop and told him she wanted a temple built where she stood. The bishop doubted his story and asked Juan Diego to ask the Lady for a sign. On the following Tuesday, December 12th, Juan Diego met the Blessed Virgin a second time and was told of the sign he needed for the bishop. She told him to go to the rocks on the hill and gather roses. Juan knew this was not the time or place for roses but obeyed her request. To his amazement he found the roses and gathered as many roses as he could hold. The Blessed Virgin arranged the roses in his cloak and told him to keep them untouched and unseen until he reached the bishop. When he met the bishop he unfolded his cloak with the roses, fresh and wet with dew. The bishop and his attendants knelt before him as they saw a life size figure of the Virgin Mother glowing on his cloak. He died on May 30, 1548 of natural causes and was beatified on April 9, 1990 by St. John Paul II. He was canonized July 31, 2002 by St. John Paul II. He is the patron saint of the Americas and many dioceses in the U.S.

Liturgical Schedules

Date & Time	Sacristan	Readers	EMHC	Servers	Greeters
Sat. 12/10 5:30 pm	Angela Saval	Rick Jones	Ivan Saval, Frances Jones	Jarren Haggard	Antonio & Kristin Davis
Sun. 12/11 9:00 am	Volunteer	Mary Ann Krat Bill Bolka	Bob Darroca, Bill Moore, Elaine Gillis, Bridet Hahn	Jackson Adamowicz Samuel Brumley	Margarita Baer
11:15 am	Kathy Carr	Kathy Taylor Jim Kirkwood	Lynne Cooper, Mary McGrath, 2 male volunteers	College Men	Abby & Brian Bahlmann
8:00 pm	Olivia Snyder	Chichi Nnatubeugo	Rob Bolka, Sarah Ceckowksi	College Men	Volunteers

Parish Calendar

AH-Alumni Hall, PH-Parish Hall, NX-Narthex, CH-Chapel, WS-Worship Space,
LB-Library, RR-Reconciliation Room NH-Newman House,
CR-Costello Room, SL-Student Lounge, BP-Back Porch, FL-Front Lawn

Sun. 4	9:00 am	Mass	WS
	10:00 am	Coffee & Donuts	PH3/4
	10:00 am	FEP	NH/PH
	11:15 am	Mass	WS
	12:15 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
	6:00 pm	Confirmation	AH1
	6:00 pm	RCIA	PH1
	6:00 pm	HS Youth Group	PH3/4
	6:30 pm	Music practice	WS
	7:00 pm	Confession	RR
	8:00 pm	Mass	WS
	8:30 pm	RCIA	AH2
Mon. 5	11:45 am	Confession	RR
	12:15 pm	Mass	WS
	5:00 pm	Confession	RR
	5:30 pm	Mass	WS
	7:00 pm	Men's Group	AH1
	8:00 pm	Women's Night	CR
	8:15 pm	Men's Rosary	CH
	9:00 pm	Women's Rosary	CH
Tues. 6	9:00 am	Coffee Time	CR
	5:00 pm	Confession	RR
	5:30 pm	Mass	WS
	8:00 pm	Cor	CR
Wed. 7	11:45 am	Confession	RR
	12:15 pm	Mass	WS
	5:00 pm	Confession	RR
	5:30 pm	No Mass	
	6:30 pm	Cantor practice	WS
	7:00 pm	Music practice	WS
	7:00 pm	SFYRT	CR
	8:30 pm	Adoration practice	WS
Immaculate Conception Holy Day			
Thurs. 8	12:00 am	Holy Day Midnight Mass	WS
	12:15 pm	Mass	WS
	5:00 pm	Confession	RR
	5:30 pm	Mass	WS
	7:00 pm	My Catholic Faith	PH3/4
	8:00 pm	Mass	WS

Fri. 9	11:45 am	Confession	RR
	12:15 pm	Mass	WS
	5:00 pm	Confession	RR
	5:30 pm	Mass	WS
	6:30 pm	Friday Night Dinner	PH3/4
Sat. 10	10:30 am	Latin Mass	WS
	4:00 pm	Confession	RR
	5:30 pm	Mass	WS
Sun. 11	9:00 am	Mass	WS
	10:00 am	Coffee & Donuts	PH3/4
	10:00 am	FEP	NH/PH
	11:15 am	Mass	WS
	12:15 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
	12:30 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	PH1
	6:00 pm	Confirmation	AH1
	6:00 pm	RCIA	PH1
	6:00 pm	HS Youth Group	PH3/4
	6:30 pm	Music practice	WS
	7:00 pm	Confession	RR
	8:00 pm	Mass	WS
	8:30 pm	RCIA	AH2

F.E.P.= Family Enrichment Program
R.C.I.A.= Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
H.S.Y.G. = High School Youth Group
S.F.Y.R.T.= St. Francis Youth Retreat Team

Mass Intentions

Mon. 5	12:15 pm	All souls
	5:30 pm	Herb Saxon
Tues. 6	5:30 pm	Chris Doerr
Wed. 7	12:15 pm	All souls
Thurs. 8	12:00 am	Chris Doerr
	12:15 pm	Betty Overmyer
	5:30 pm	Reiner Baer
	8:00 pm	For all St. Francis parishioners
Fri. 9	12:15 pm	Karen Ann Mazanowski
	5:30 pm	Intention for Denise Mitchell
Sat. 10	5:30 pm	Lamar Bink
Sun. 11	9:00 am	Peggy Jagodzinski
	11:15 am	Micki Evans
	8:00 pm	For all St. Francis parishioners

Happenings and Events

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm with cocktails and light snacks and buffet dinner served at 6:30. (includes: entree, hot dogs, potato, vegetable, roll, salad, dessert and drinks). All guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for parish food pantries. Christmas trivia, children's activities and a special visit from..... Santa Claus!!!!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul Society is continuing to ask parishioners to bring one item of food each week for the S.V.D.P. Hope Box in the Narthex. Also, monetary donations are needed to help with utility bills for our clients. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

Haiti Library Foundation

Gourmet Apples! We thought we'd go the extra mile and keep cooking!! These gorgeous chocolate and caramel apples have been a big hit so to serve our many customers the Haiti Library Foundation will continue to make delicious apples throughout the month of December and up to the SuperBowl with just a 5-day notice for your special order! To place your order and arrange delivery, contact us at 765-759-9910 or starost@comcast.net. Apples cost \$10 cash or check.



Camp Kesem

Camp Kesem is a national non-profit organization that supports children through and beyond a parent's cancer. These children ages 6-16 have a parent or guardian currently battling cancer, recovering from cancer, or deceased from cancer. When faced with this rough diagnosis, the job of being a carefree child is often left behind. This one week free overnight summer camp allows kids to be kids and gives them a wonderful support system. This camp is just like the average summer camp where kids will participate in arts and crafts, sports, adventure, drama, team building and much much more. Camp Kesem at Ball State served 22 children from the Central Indiana area last year, and will be opening its doors again for a week July 2-7, 2017. Camp will be held at Flat Rock River Camp in St Paul, IN. Cost is completely free for all children and families. Registration begins on January 15th. Please email ballstate@campkesem.org for information on where to register and any questions!

Destination Jesus

Destination Jesus XXII held in Carmel is just around the corner! DJ is February 17-19, 2017. The theme is "*Abiding Joy*" and the theme song is "*Joy*" by Rend Collective. Please contact Pam Brelage in the Parish office at 765-288-6180 if you are a high school student that is interested in attending.

Free! Hope Lives CD!

Please take a *Hope Lives* CD. It's original work by Brain Eckstein, Carolyn Walker, Todd Weber, Myles Ogea and others. The CD's can be found at the side of the Narthex closest to the Library.

Parish News

Gather Hymnals

Please take an old Gather hymnal if you would like one. They are in the Narthex during Advent.

Advent Music Ministry

The St. Francis Music Ministry is welcoming instrumentalists and singers for Advent. Please pick one weekend mass in December and come to the music rehearsal 45 minutes before mass! Come and make beautiful music for our Lord in this beautiful season of preparation for Christ's coming!



Friendship Circle



All ladies and gentlemen over 55 are welcome to attend as we celebrate the sounds of the season with our annual Christmas Friendship Circle on Tuesday, December 13th in the Parish Hall from noon to 2:00 pm. As usual, there will be scrumptious treats and lively conversation. And, music performed by the talented Distaffs! There will be a collection of baking supplies such as sugar, flour, corn starch, etc. to be given to the Harvest Soup Kitchen. Your donation will be very much appreciated.

Parish Stewardship

Time & Talent

Thanks to Isrelle Graham, Angie & Norm Streit, Pat Eckstein, Joann & Ken Heinen, Lenny Baierwalter, Margarita Baer and Judy Graham for preparing a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner for our student parishioners.

We are thankful for you!

Thanks to all who volunteer, you make St. Francis happen!

Treasure

November 20th

Collection: \$10,627.06

Campaign for Human Development: \$406.00

Fruitful Harvest Newman Support: \$6,550.00

November 27th

Collection: \$6,055.67

Average Monthly Online Gifts: \$1,182.25

Fruitful Harvest 2016

Number of pledges: 140

Amount pledged: \$78,370.00

Thanks to all who have pledged so far. If you have yet to pledge, please call the office at 765-288-6180 and ask for Ellen. Also, if you took a pledge card home, please return it to the office or in the collection basket as soon as possible.

Telephone calls are currently being made and letters with remaining pledge cards have been mailed. Please take the time to respond to our volunteers even if you are not able to pledge at this time. This will be very helpful to us so we can wrap up this campaign.

Thanks to all who share your gifts of time, talent and treasure!

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