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December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent



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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

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and our Facebook page.*

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM

R.C.I.A.

Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
New inquirers welcome year round.

ROSARY:

Thursday: 6:40 AM

ADORATION:

Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request

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2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A, Dec 4, 2022

From the Desk of Fr. Albeen

HARMONY: As we continue with the Second Sunday of Advent, we hear Isaiah "Prepare the way of the Lord" with God as a center of everything with knowledge, justice, and awe. As St. Paul welcomed Gentiles, we are called to welcome those who are not like us: those coming from other cultures, speaking other languages, or expressing other viewpoints.

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AN EVENING OF
WORSHIP & ADORATION
FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

December 4—6:30-8:00 pm

We are excited to host John Finch, catholic musician, for an evening of worship Jesus in song, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please invite your family and friends as this event is not limited to the St. Francis community. There is no admission to this event, however, voluntary donations will be accepted to support the music ministry of John Finch.

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FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 6th - 6:00 pm

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 13th - 6:00 pm
All Saturdays 4:00 pm or by appointment

2022 December Special Masses and Christmas Schedule

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8th - 7:00 am & 6:30 pm

Note: Children of all ages, bring a white flower for Blessed Mother, Mary & meet in the Daily Chapel at 6:20 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass

Monday, December 12th - 6:30 pm

Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 24th - *Vigil*

4:00 pm (Children's Mass) | 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th - *Christmas Day Mass*

10:30 am

Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 31, 2022 - *Vigil*

5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 am | 10:30 am | 5:00 pm



Children's Choir for Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 PM on December 24th

We are inviting children between 7 – 12 years old to sing for Christmas Eve Mass at 4 PM. We will start singing Christmas carols 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass. Our rehearsals will be held at St. Anthony Hall (music ministry building) every Wednesday at 6 PM. Please consider bringing your children to raise their voices in homage to Baby Jesus. For those interested, please send an email to leo.moreira@stfrancismadison.org, so that he can send you the music that will be sung at the Mass.

Events & Religious Education for our Kiddos

"Behold, children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3

All **10th** School classes **resume this Sunday, December 4, 9:00-10:15 a.m.**

The **celebration of First Reconciliation** will be **this Tuesday, December 6** at 6:00 p.m.

7th-12th Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:

WOW! (Worship On Wednesday) It's Sports Night, **this Wednesday, December 7, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Life Teen for 7-12th graders **resume this Sunday**, with "An Evening of Worship and Adoration for Advent and Christmas." **Supper is at 6:00 p.m. for youth.** Friends and family are welcome to join us for this special evening!

This Sunday night is also a "Confirmation night" for ALL 10th grade Pre-Confirmation and 11th-12th grade Confirmation candidates.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

- Judy & Doug Simpson.
- Claire & Justin Robinett and their children, Madeline Emelia & Mary Helen.
- Bobbye & Davis Oltremari.
- Vicki & George Kuntz.



STARRY NIGHT GALA St. Anthony School Fundraising

St. Anthony Catholic School will be hosting its Starry Night Gala at Reunion Golf and Country Club the evening of **Friday, Dec. 9th**. Starry Night benefits St. Anthony Catholic School. Tickets will be sold after mass. They are \$100/couple. They will also have raffle tickets available for \$10 a ticket for the opportunity to win \$5,000. To support this fundraising event, please contact the school for more information 601-607-7054 or visit <https://one.bidpal.net/2022starrynight/welcome>.

Financial Giving

Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$14,649.00
Children's Offering	\$ 238.42
Online	\$ 1,445.75
Total	\$16,333.17



Our **November** monthly stewardship amount by Bank Draft is **\$24,952.00**.

Additional Collections this weekend:

- ◆ Christmas Flowers. Please make sure to write the names of your loved ones clearly.
- ◆ **WARANGAL DIOCESE IN INDIA COLLECTION**
Bishop Bala has kindly allowed Fr. Albeen and three of his priests to work in our Diocese of Jackson. Please let us help the Evangelization by giving to this second collection. Please make checks payable to St. Francis, indicating on the memo line: **India Mission**. Thank you so much for your support and many blessings to you and your families. An extra envelopes are available in gathering area.
- ◆ If you planned to donate to iGiveCatholic to help us replace the cabinets in the FLC kitchen, we are still taking donations for #iGiveCatholic **until Tuesday, December 6th closing!** You can place you donation (labeled **iGiveCatholic**) in the collection basket or bring to the church office.
- ◆ This week you should receive our Stewardship Appeal mailing for 2023. We ask that you spend time in prayer and discernment as you reflect on your own response to this appeal. If you don't receive yours in the mail please contact the church office. We would like you to return your stewardship cards next Sunday, December 10/11.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

In the sacraments, the Church offers to each of us the saving power of God in Jesus Christ for the healing of our whole person as we journey daily in faith with the community of believers. Doug Ralston leads us this week in a discussion of the Pascal Mystery of Christ. We'll discuss how the sacraments have a visible and invisible reality, and how Jesus preached, taught, and performed powerful healings and miracles, forgiving sins, and healing the wounds of sin. More information about the RCIA program can be found by calling the church office at 601-856-5556 or by visiting the St. Francis website at www.stfrancismadison.org.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Show others that you believe the meaning and focus of Christmas is the birth of Christ by sending religious Christmas cards. The Knights of Columbus will be selling beautiful religious Christmas cards from the Printery House after all masses. Your purchase not only supports the Knights of Columbus but also the monastery and seminary of the Benedictine Order in Conception, Missouri.

COLLECTING BLANKETS

St. Francis is collecting blankets (new or gently used) for OUR DAILY BREAD to put in Christmas boxes for people their minister. Please bring blankets in the Green Room at the back of church until *this* Sunday, **December 4th**. If you have questions, please contact Catherine Graham at 601-291-8637.



Knights of Columbus Council 9543 Fundraiser 10K RUN/5K WALK

Please join us for the second annual Ring in Your Faith 10K/5K takes place Saturday, December 31 at 8 am here at St. Francis. All proceeds go toward the service projects our Knights of Columbus do throughout the year. If you'd like to sponsor or volunteer, contact race director Joe Lee at jlee@dogwoodpress.com. If you'd like to run or walk, visit msracetiming.com.



Congratulations to Brandt Buck Jones

son of Nickie & Brandon
who was baptized last weekend.
**In one Spirit all of us are baptized into
one body of Christ. 2 Corinthians 12:13**



In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust Dave Thomas

father of Jennifer Myrick (Jay) and
grandfather of Anna Rose & JT
Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Let perpetual light shine upon him
May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS



- Sat., Dec. 3** VIGIL MASS
5:00 PM Mass (+) John Suedel
- Sun., Dec. 4** **SECUN SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00 AM Mass (+) Theresa Bradshaw
9:10 AM Mass - St. Catherine (+) Frances Marretta
10:30 AM Mass Church | Live Streamed Mass
5:00 PM Mass (+) Peter Louis Mertz Jr.
- Mon., Dec. 5** WEEKDAY OF ADVENT
7:00 AM Mass (+) Maureen Miller
- Tue., Dec. 6** ST. NICHOLAS
7:00 AM Mass (+) Joseph Gandolini
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine (+) Bob Hill
- Wed., Dec. 7** ST. AMBROSE
7:00 AM Mass (+) Bill Davenport
- Thurs., Dec. 8** **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
7:00 AM Mass (+) Sonia Calderón
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine (+) Mickey Sullivan
5:00 PM **No Adoration | No Chaplet**
6:30 PM Mass Church
- Fri., Dec. 9** ST. JUAN DIEGO
7:00 AM Mass (+) Stephen Mock
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine (+) Rick Henry
- (+) Praying for Deceased SI Praying for Special Intention



PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent,
Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty,
Will Walenta, Garrett Kennedy,
Caroline Grace Smith, and Greg Weatherford.

**Thank you for protecting our country.
May the Lord keep you safe.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR Healing

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FAMILY: Rob Parsons, Annie Davis, John Matthew Davis, Joseph Edge, Jerry Thomas, Austin Stewart, Isabella Saab, Steven Latza, Mike Kraft, Ryan Ravenstein, Sandra Graef Cook, Mike Porcello, Molloy Annison, Robert Smith, Kay Wittenberg, Mary Beasley, Donna Stanley, Keely Ramshur, Hannah Hotchkiss, Haley Hotchkiss, Stan Pellegrine, Larry Pellegrine, Desiree Sadoie, Michele Frantz, Angela Gaither, Joel Wambsgans, Alicia Alvarez, John Welsch, Christopher Sands, Martha Hall, Adam Francisco, Ray Beil, Bethany Powers, Marinella Davis, Ginger Plaisance, Tom Hernandez, Amy McManus, Rebecca McManus, Mary Frances Winstead, JW Ford, Bob Grissom, Porter Antici, Margie Anderson, Norman Bolus, Dan Nguyen, Celia Bustillos, Wells Heier, Jeffrey Perialisi, John McGowan, Willie Crotty, Helen Lee, Tommie Radifi, and Mike Vernon.

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