

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/8

Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Response: "My soul rejoices in my God, my soul rejoices in my God."

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 12 +Paul Graffeo req. by Ginger Graffeo

Wed., Dec. 16 +Paul Graffeo req. by Ginger Graffeo

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Maria Brabo, Cindy Burns, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jerry Harambasic, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Shirley Kanthack, Brian Miles, Danielle Onestinghel, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams, and Tillie & George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Stewardship: Dec. 5 & 6: \$1164

Immaculate Conception: \$25

Catholic Charities: \$25

Parish Partnership: \$98

Christmas: \$500

Gospel Message

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

St. Francis News and Notes

- ♥ Curbside pick up at St. Francis on Tues., Wed., and Fri. Call the office to make arrangements for pick up of your collection envelopes and calendars. After 3 pm I will leave you a bag labeled with your name outside of church (weather permitting).

- ♥ For those of you sensitive to smoke, incense will be used Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- ♥ Still time to sign up for a poinsettia. Sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.
- ♥ Who needs a desk? First come first serve and it's yours! Top has many shelves shelves when the doors are open.
- ♥ Father praying over the gifts for the children who will receive the gifts. He gave thanks and blessings to the parishioners who generously contributed to the purchase of the gifts.



Holiday and Holy Day Masses

Dec. 16 (Wed.) 1:05 Mass-Advent Reconciliation
 Dec. 24 (Thurs.) 4 pm-Christmas Eve Mass
 Dec. 25 (Fri.) **8 am**-Christmas Day Mass
 Jan. 1 (Fri.) 12 pm-Motherhood of Mary Mass
 These masses are **in addition** to our Wed., Sat., and Sunday masses.

Ministry Schedule

12/12 Saturday

Altar Server-Patti Highley
 Camera-Karen Baxter
 Lector-Marilyn Gilbert
 Advent Wreath Lighting-Joann Thompson

12/13 Sunday

Altar Server-Marlene Swift
 Camera-Patti Highley
 Lector-Maureen Chesney
 Advent Wreath Lighting-Austin & Patty Schmidt

December Birthdays

John Herr	12	Genna Cockerham	23
Richard Meyer	14	Pat Onestinghel	26
Amy Dittmar	16	Sue Hunnicutt	29
Bill Barcosky	15	Cindy Burns	29
Carol Charles	15	Kathryn Cockerham	29
Luke Cockerham	19		



Mass Times: Sat., 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; Wed. 1:05 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:00-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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