

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

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: Micah 5:1-4a

Psalm: Psalm 80

Response: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Reading II: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



Mass Intentions

Sat.-Dec. 18

For: Repose of soul of +Marvin Gilbert Req: Marilyn Gilbert

For: Blessings for Dave Simonetti Req: Tom Simonetti

Fri.-Dec. 24

For: Repose of soul of +Bob Kanthack req: Shirley Kanthack

For: Chris Rooney req: Patti Highley

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Irene & Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Jim Kirkwood, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Susy Weiss, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Advent Message: This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, represented by a statue, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that he would make us sharers in his divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid his divine nature so that he could cover us with it.--Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

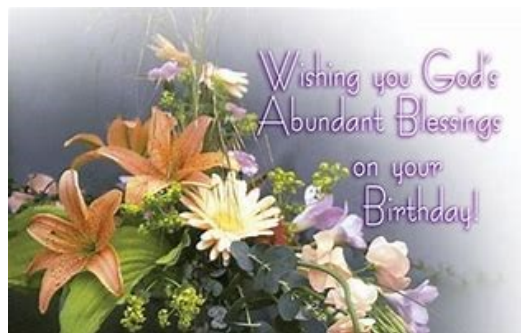
- Fr. Jay Biber joins us as celebrant throughout the entire month of December.
- If St. Francis is closed due to unsafe weather conditions, you will be emailed and a notice will be on our Facebook page. We will also have our closing information on WSET, ABC 13.

December Schedule

Dec. 24 (Fri)	Christmas Eve.—Mass 5 pm
Dec. 25 (Sat)	No Mass
Dec. 26 (Sun)	Mass—5 pm

December Birthdays

John Herr	2
Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Dave Richter	14
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Pat Onestinghel	26
Sue Hunnicutt	29
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	29



Mass Times: Sat., 5:00 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.
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Poinsettias

In Memory of our Parents	Bill & Rose Barcosky
In Memory of Tillie Winfield	Karen & Jim Clarke
In Memory of Ron, Mary, Charles Rosul	Joann Thompson
In Memory of Paul, Louise, Joseph & Paulie Graffeo	Ginger Graffeo
In Memory of Francis, Caroline & Frank Vroman	Ginger Graffeo
In Memory of our parents	Jim & Carol Charles
In Memory of Homer & Linda Johnson	Jim & Carol Charles
In Memory of Blanche & Robert Charles	Jim & Carol Charles
In Memory of Richard & Andrew Charles	Jim & Carol Charles
In Memory of Michael Crites, my prince	Germaine Crites
In Memory of Fallon & Hansen Families	Jeff and Mary Hansen
In Memory of Eric Gouldthorpe	Pam Gouldthorpe
In Memory of Charles Seawell	Emily Seawell
In Memory of my parents & my sister	Emily Seawell
In Memory of Carolyn & Pete Mastin & Byrn Meyer	Emily Seawell
In Memory of Andrew Nagy	Marsha Baron
In Memory of Orville & Willa Mae Greenwood	Phil & Mary Greenwood
In Memory of William & Mary Mackintosh	Phil & Mary Greenwood
In Memory of Ron, Mary, Charles Rosul	Joann Thompson
In Memory of Jack & Jean Albert	Andy & Barbara Seaman
In Memory of Margaret Covert	Jim & Carol Charles

