

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2022**

**Our Mission Statement:** St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

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**Reading 1:** Isaiah 7:10-14

Lector 1: Jim Kirkwood (Saturday)

Lector 1: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

**Psalm:** Psalm 24

**Response:** "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

**Reading 2:** Romans 1:1-7

Lector 2: Jim Clarke (Saturday)

Lector 2: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Hansen (Saturday)

Marlene Swift (Sunday)



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 17    Repose of the soul of +Daniel Burns req: Cindy Burns

Sunday, Dec. 18    Repose of the souls of +Ann Hughes Edwards and George Bernard Edwards  
req: Bill and Maureen Chesney

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, Alex Infante, Beverly Infante, Leonardo Infante, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Joyce Spiaggi, Laurence Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

## Gospel

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. -Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M

## St. Francis News and Notes...

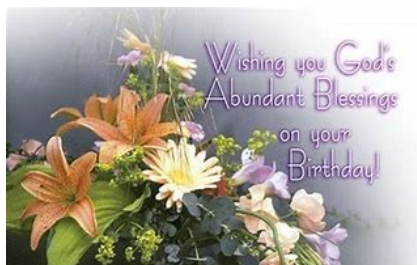
- Collection envelopes will be in the narthex next week for you to pick up. 2023 calendars will be here soon too!
- Thank you to everyone who bought Jesse Tree gifts and food for the Central Elementary families.

### Meals on Wheels Team B is in need of another member starting in January 2023:

Team B meets on the fourth Monday afternoon of each month for about 90 minutes. We prepare nourishing meals for Amherst County senior shut-ins for MOW drivers to pick up. Please join our team as we support our community. Call Jackie Lamanna @ 434-826-9410 or email her @ [larijac73@gmail.com](mailto:larijac73@gmail.com) for more details.

### December Birthdays

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



### Christmas Mass Hours

Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil Mass is at 4 pm

Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass is at 8 am



**Mass Times:** Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

**Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3:00 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:30 **Office phone:** 434.946.2053

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