



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

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.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the grace of God, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Francis of Assisi aspires to be a family-oriented and Christ-centered community.

CORE VALUES

- Spiritual devotion
- Devotion to the family unit and church family
- Charity work
- Respect for and promotion of human dignity
- Offering fellowship and help to our community in God's name

Pastor's Message

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors. St. Francis of Assisi is where we work, pray and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi

Readings – 4th Sunday of Advent:

First: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm: 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29, (2a)

Second: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Readings – Christmas Vigil

First: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)

Second: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Readings – Christmas Day

First: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)

Second: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Claudia and Mildred Szarnicki, Sue and Tom Hunnicutt, Baby Daniel
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

For a new intention please email or call the office. For intentions that have already been in the bulletin, please use the prayer intention book on the narthex table. Individuals are prayed for in the rosary group on Saturday and Sunday.

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

December

- 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass at 5 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass – 4 pm
- 25 The Nativity of the Lord Mass – 8 am
- 27 No Wed. Mass
- 30 Family Dinner after 5 pm Mass
- 30 Blessing of the renovated kitchen
- 31 No Mass on Sunday



On December 30 after our 5 pm Mass, our renovated kitchen will be blessed. Thank you to Jeff Hansen and our Building Committee for their hard work and their commitment to this project.

Long time parishioner, Patti Highley and her husband Bob are leaving us and moving to Iowa next month. Patti has been our devoted and committed Sacristan, an altar server and lector for St. Francis for a number of years.

Instead of moving her many paintings, Patti will hold a silent art auction on Saturday, Dec. 30, after mass. A reserve price will start the bidding, with the auction ending at 7. Her paintings will be displayed in our narthex for you to select your favorite!

We wish Patti the best as she and Bob transition from Amherst to New Hampton, Iowa.

Mass intentions:

Dec. 24 For the repose of the soul of +Bill Chesney
req: Maureen Chesney

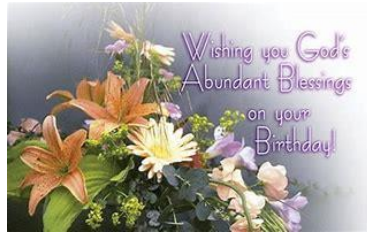
For the repose of the soul of +Tom Fallon req: Mary & Jeff Hansen

Collections Report FY 2023-24

	November	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$5,312.07	\$ 27,997.07
Parish Partnership	\$ 204.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$28,291.65
YTD Surplus (Shortfall)		\$ (294.58)

December Birthdays

Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Stanley Borowski	7
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: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 1st Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

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

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