

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 9, 2018

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am – Mass for St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

11:00 am – Mass for Anne Snyder

Monday, December 10

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 11

6:00 am – Mass for the Capital Campaign

Wednesday, December 12

6:00pm - Mass for the Capital Campaign

Thursday, December 13

6:00pm – Mass for Mary Garrity

Friday, December 14

6:00pm – Mass for Alex Moretti

Saturday, December 15

NO MASS

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass successful
Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

December 9 – 9:00 am – Susan Kyanko 11:00 am – Tim Feran

December 16 – 9:00 am – Kathleen Porter 11:00 am Tim Feran

Altar Servers

December 9 – 9:00 am – Elizabeth Maite 11:00 – OPEN

December 16 – 9:00 am – Susan Kyanko 11:00 am – Nolan Rothrock (Denison Murphy)

Eucharistic Ministers

December 9 - 9:00 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Katherine Kriedermann, Steve Hillyer 11:00 am – Marilyn smith, Pat Visel, Lori Tocarzic

December 16 – 9:00 am – Jaime Capestany, Renee Morkassel, Rick Miller, 11:00 am – Mark Coleman, Lori Tocarzic, Marilyn Smith

Lectors

December 9 – 9:00 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sue Cruickshank

11:00 am – Julie Byrne, Gary Snyder

December 16 - 9:00 am - Jarret Chirafisi, Katherine Kriedermann 11:00 am - Diane Meves, Jon Murphy

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

December 9 – 9:00 am – Kathleen Porter, Kathy Dancey

11:00 am – Sandra Glasner, Robert Ariss

December 16 – 9:00 am Sam Hulett, Mary Jo Hulett

11:00 am – Megan Murphy, Mason Rothrock



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please check the St. Francis website for the full calendar of events

Sunday, December 9

▶ 11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

▶ 2:00 pm St. Francis Seniors Parish Hall

Monday, December 10

▶ 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 11

▶ 4:00 pm Executive Finance Meeting Rectory

▶ 6:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 12

▶ 7:00 pm - BREAKING OPEN THE WORD P. Hall

Thursday, December 13

▶ 6:30 pm – Zumbini Parish Hall

Friday, December 14

Saturday, December 15

St. Francis of Assisi Regularly Occurring Events

Hospitality Sunday - 1st Sunday of Month after each Mass
For coffee, doughnuts and fellowship. Our last one for awhile.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 11:00 am, Parish Hall for children age 4 – 6 contact Therese terndru@kent.edu

Men's Prayer Group – 8:30am 1st Saturday of Mo. Parish Hall

St. Francis Seniors – 2:00pm 2nd Sunday of Mo. Parish Hall

St. Vincent de Paul – 7:00 pm 4th Sunday in Parish Hall
And **Sandwiches for St. Lawrence** – 10:00am 3rd Sunday
Parish Hall contact Lorri lorrik09@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm Every Thursday Choir Loft
A good time for new people to join imarazita@hotmail.com

Breaking Open the Word - 7:00 pm Every Wednesday, Parish Hall contact Kathy kdancey@columbus.rr.com

SFA Book Discussion Group – 12:00 December 16th to discuss *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild. For more info. <http://stfrancisbc.weebly.com>

Caregivers Support Group – 6:00pm 4th Tues of Mo. at Panera on 3rd Ave. contact Mary Ann at napaker@wowway.com

Zumbini - 6:30pm Every Thurs. Parish Hall age 0-4
Contact Gretchen at sprinklesgr@gmail.com

Parish News and Information



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR -
The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve mass. Rehearsals for this choir will start soon We love to see the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at imarazita@hotmail.com

Laurel is waiting for that email!!



ST. FRANCIS - SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is once again **collecting gift cards to support JOIN**. There is a Christmas tree at the back of the church with ornaments suggesting gift cards for teenagers. These are only suggestions. Any cards you can

contribute will help make a family's Christmas a bit brighter. There is a box under the tree to deposit your cards. **We will collect them through DEC.16**

We want to again **thank all of you** who helped us provide Thanksgiving bags this year. **We were able to provide bags for 50 people.**

RESTORATION OF THE SANCTUARY BEGINS JANUARY!!!!

Things are getting exciting! After the January 6th Mass we'll be in the Parish Hall for all our Masses. And the 6th will be our last Hospitality Sunday for quite awhile (but read the next article for a surprise!).

The Steering Committee of the Capital Campaign is doing their absolute best to provide us with a seamless transition. It'll be new, it'll be a change, it'll all be okay!



SURPRISE! SEE YOU "SATURDAYS at 6:00"



Starting Saturday, January 19th Fr. Fritz will be celebrating a 6:00 pm Mass – every Saturday (at least while we are in the Hall). Have you noticed a little more room in the pews? We'd like to fill them up with people from the neighborhood **AND**

give our parishioners a treat. **SOOO after every Saturday Mass, we will be hosting a Wine and Cheese Gathering!** And at least once a month Adult Faith Formation will have a special movie to show during the gathering. **Please feel free to invite people you think might be interested in joining us.**

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

Joyce Schneider got us started collecting the data from Commitment Sunday and now Sandy Glasner is entering all the data. If you signed up for a new Ministry, Sandy will be contacting you to let you know you are "in the system". Some Ministries require an orientation before you begin, and you will also be notified of that. We can't thank you enough for your commitment of time and talent to St. Francis. We have lots of new people stretching themselves to offer Discipleship to our community!

The evangelist speaks ironically when he lists the names of the superstars of Jesus' day – Caesar Tiberius, Pontius Pilate, Herod and his brother Philip, Lisanius, the religious hierarch Annas and Calaphas – and then reports that the Word of God arrived in a secluded place to an unexpected person, John, Son of Zechariah. The commercial center, the theaters of government and business, have their appeal, but God's Word arrived in the desert. The evangelist sketches a tension between two poles: wealth and power contrasted with seclusion. In both places God's Word risks not being heard – in the noise of politics and commerce for its lack of attention, but also in the austere desert, for its lack of audience. But the Word came to the desert. Humans experience the tension between the attraction of the spectacle and yearning for rest. But it is in the desert, severe in its landscape, where a new voice can be heard.

The encounter with God does not happen apart from our daily lives. Health, happiness, and integrity are not achieved by turning away from who we are; they are found in the fertile soil where God's Word takes root. It is in our concrete history, in the tapestry of joyful and sad events, in the fragmented projects of everyday life, where God is revealed. The call to conversion is not heard first in society, not even in the chapel, but in an individual's own life, in the freedom and calm that every person carries within. Our nearest inhospitable desert is ourselves! There the Baptist's message is received, there we prepare the way, iron out the roughness, fill in the potholes and level off the bumpy places of our character; and presumption, so our own eyes can see the Salvation of God. What did the prophet say? "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Here, in everyday life, under the appearance of seemingly insignificant happenings, in the interior life and consciousness, God desires to be born in each one of us. When the Church invites us to conversion, as our response to the Baptist's cry, she does not refer to a routine house cleaning. It is a question of our becoming the temple of God's beauty, generosity, and truth. Here is our vocation, our response to the love affair for which we have been created from the genesis of the world.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

Some of you are contributing your 2019 Pledges early to take advantage of the 2018 Tax Code before the new one begins in 2019 – just in case. Our RECEIVED total contributions are now over \$234,000.!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPS ARE NOW IN THE PEWS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING!!