

Liturgies and Mass Intentions - Week of Dec. 16, 2018

Sunday, December 16

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

11:00 am – Mass for Joan Randolph

Monday, December 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 AM - Mass at Westminster Thurber

6:00 pm – No Mass

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 – Mass for Alex Moretti

Thursday, December 20

6:00 pm – Mass for the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 21

6:00 pm – Mass for the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 22

NO MASS

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass successful

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

December 23 – 9:00 M – Bob Geoghegan 11:00 am Dan O'Brien

Altar Servers

December 16 – 9:00 am – Susan Kyanko 11:00 am – Nolan

Rothrock (Denison Murphy)

December 23 – 9:00 am – Susan Kyanko 11:00 am – Gaetan

O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers

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

December 23 - 9:00 am – Chris Paisley, Frank Schneider, Katherine Kriedermann

11:00 am – Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn, Louisa Celebrezze

Lectors

December 16 - 9:00 am - Jarret Chirafisi, Katherine

Kriedermann 11:00 am - Diane Meves, Jon Murphy

December 23 – 9:00 am – OPEN, Cecilia McAdams

11:00 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Pat Visel

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

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

11:00 am – Megan Murphy, Mason Rothrock

December 23 – 9:00 am – Jeanna Diederich, Stephanie Good

11:00am – Therese Brady, Gretchen Rivera



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, December 16

▶ 11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

▶ 12:00 pm Book Discussion Group Parish Hall

▶ 2:00 pm Secular Franciscans

Monday, December 17

▶ 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 18

▶ 6:30 pm Dulcimer Group

▶ 7:00 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, December 19

▶ 7:00 pm Breaking Open the Word Parish Hall

Thursday, December 20

▶ 6:30 pm Zumbini Parish Hall

Friday, December 21

Saturday, December 22

St. Francis of Assisi Regularly Occurring Events

Hospitality Sunday - For coffee, doughnuts and fellowship after each Mass. Last one is Jan. 6th, due to the restoration

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 11:00 am, Parish Hall for children age 4 – 6 **THRU DEC.** contact Therese tterndru@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

Mass at Westminster Thurber – 3rd Tues. of Mo. @ 10:00 am

St. Vincent de Paul – 7:00 pm 4th Monday in Parish Hall

NO DECEMBER MEETING

And **Sandwiches for St. Lawrence** – 10:00am 3rd Sunday Parish Hall contact Lorri lorrik09@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm Every Thursday **REHEARSALS**

BEGIN AGAIN PRIOR TO ASH WEDNESDAY

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 in Parish Hall 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



With sadness in our hearts, we must tell you that **Linda Wolfe** has begun Hospice Care at home. A card, a note, an expression of love would certainly be welcomed. And of course, prayers. 8770 Colvin Dr. Plain City, OH 43064

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ST. VINCENT de PAUL @ ST. FRANCIS

OH GOSH today is the last day to take an ornament off the Christmas Tree and replace it with a Gift Card for a JOIN family. However, I'll bet the office would gladly accept that Card, until Dec. 20th. and get it to JOIN. Sr. Sharen would bless us for stepping up!

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

On Dec. 23rd after the 11:00 am Mass join us to help decorate the church for Christmas. With many volunteers we can accomplish a big task in a short amount of time!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

We are excited to tell you that the total of received money, through December 5th is \$254,772.00! If you are a new member of the Parish or haven't yet decided to contribute to the Campaign, think about this. A small contribution can be another way of claiming St. Francis of Assisi as your spiritual home, the one right now that needs a little "fixing up".

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. JANUARY 6th will be our last Hospitality Sunday for quite awhile (but read the next article for a surprise!). **January 16th begins Mass in the Parish Hall.**



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 SIX"



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.**

Gospel Reflection - December 16th, 2018

Announcing the urgency of conversion, John the Baptist advised his audience to show forth the fruits of a change of attitude and life. When the people asked, "What should we do?" John answered, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Some government functionaries asked John, "Teacher, what should we do?" to which he replied: "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." To soldiers who asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" he replied, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." With such counsel, John teaches that conversion does not require anything extraordinary. In responding to people, to functionaries and soldiers, the Baptist emphasizes the fidelity to one's responsibilities, integrity in one's state of life. It is as if he were saying "Do what you are committed to do; be sensible, honest, and normal in your dealings with other people, or, in a word, be human. Do not exaggerate, do not use your position to bully, defraud or impress anyone."

Recognizing that the Messiah was at the door, John pressed for a more compassionate, less selfish conduct. His advice astonishes us by its simplicity. Conversion will be manifested in dealing with one's neighbor, being generous, kind, and compassionate. Conversion is about sharing one's property with the needy, being honest and fair in business, and moderate in the exercise of power. Our conversion consists in putting these counsels into practice; our attitudes, translated into behavior, prove the Messiah is near.

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A LOOK AHEAD – WITH MORE DETAILS SOON

- ▶ Join us in the Parish Hall at the end of December for a viewing of the Pope's movie *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word*
- ▶ The Epiphany Party is ON for Friday, January 4th @ 6:00 pm
- ▶ No weekday Masses or Reconciliation for these dates in January: 2,3,4 and 7, 8, 9, 10,11, 2019
- ▶ Mass in the Parish Hall begins Wed., Jan. 16th @ 6 pm
- ▶ Soup Suppers will be on MONDAY this year at 6:00 pm.