

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday, November 26

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

11:00 am – Thomas R. Feran (Maryellen O'Shaughnessy & Tim Feran)

Monday, November 27

No Mass

Tuesday, November 28

6:00 pm – Rodger C. Lisk (Thom Lisk)

Wednesday, November 29

6:00 pm – Intention of Christine Spielvogel

Thursday, November 30

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Friday, December 1

6:00 pm – Damion Ferguson (Jay Jackson)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

November 26 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Frank Schneider

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Theri Brady

December 3 – 9 am – Craig Kowalinski, Skip Camerucci

11 am – John Nunn, Marilyn Smith

Servers

November 26 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

December 3 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

November 26 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

December 3 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

November 26 – 9 am – Will Brenner, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Emily Wu

December 3 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Diane Meves, Gary Snyder

Eucharistic Ministers

November 26 – 9 am – MA Kershcer, R Morkassel, Steve Hillyer

11 am – Mark Coleman, Pat Visel, Lori Tocorzic

December 3 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Linda Wolfe, Frank Conway

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts...are available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, November 26

▶ 12:00 pm – Sunday School

Monday, November 27

▶ 7:00 pm – Saint Vincent DePaul

Tuesday, November 28

▶ 12:00 pm – Flytown Women

▶ 7:00 pm – Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, November 30

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Saturday, December 2

▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

Parish News and Information

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is collecting gift cards to help JOIN help families have a bit happier Christmas. The Christmas tree at the back of the church has paper ornaments that suggest possible gift cards to donate. These gift cards will be given to teens. Suggestions are for pizza, AMC Theatre, Target, Best Buy, Walmart, eating places; any card that you think a teenager might like. There is a box under the tree for you to drop off gift cards. Gift cards will be collected through December 17.

The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve

mass. We love to see the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at

lmrazita@hotmail.com.



December Mass Schedule – December 8

(Immaculate Conception) at 7:00 pm. December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent) 10:00 am, Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm. December 25 (Christmas Day) at 10:00 am. January 1 (New Year's Day) at 10:00 am.

Christmas Eve Mass - We're planning for Christmas and would like to make this year's Christmas Eve mass special for everyone, including our younger parishioners. We would like to have 2-3 of those children trained as servers to serve; 2 children who have received First Communion to read the first and second readings; any other children who can read to do the petitions; children to bring up the gifts, and voices in the Children's choir. We would love to have as many as possible to participate. For those getting ready to prepare for their Confirmation, this is a lovely way to serve the parish. No particular position can be guaranteed to be assigned, but we will do our best to include all. To sign your child/children 5 years old and up or if you have any questions, please contact Therese Terndrup (tturdru@kent.edu) or Linda Wolf (greywolfetracks@gmail.com). Thank you in advance as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Christmas Decorating – This year we will be decoration the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 24 after the 10:00 Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Bill Keller or just plan to stay after Mass. All are welcome and many hands make light work!

Gospel Reflection ~ November 26, 2017

The Gospel parables from the past two Sundays focus on preparedness for Christ's coming again, with images of the coming of the bridegroom and return of the master. The virgins who were prepared enjoyed the marriage feast and the faithful servants received the master's generosity, while unprepared bridal attendants were shut out of the marriage feast and a fearful servant cast into darkness. Today's Gospel follows these two parables in Matthew's account, this time speaking of the coming of the Son of Man. The scene is the Last Judgment where we see people who prepared well for the coming of the Son of Man, and those who did not. The criterion for judgment comes as a surprise to the people in the narrative, as well as to audiences who hear it.

The judge is the Son of Man, coming in glory. He separates sheep and goats, an action easily understood by a first-century audience, with the more valuable sheep given a privileged position on the right. Like the wise virgins and the faithful servants, those placed on the right are well prepared for the coming of the Son of Man. They are blessed because of what is traditionally called "the works of mercy": feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, and so forth. While apparently the blessed ones performed these works for "the least brothers of mine," they in fact did it for the king. Those who did not perform any of the works of mercy are comparable to the unprepared virgins and the fearful servant, and receive a similar harsh punishment.

"The least ones" has been interpreted in a variety of ways. Because the Son of Man refers to them as "least brothers of mine," "least of these brothers and sisters of mine," some scholars see them as Jesus' own disciples, or more narrowly, as Christian missionaries. Thus, the way people treat Jesus' disciples is the basis for judgment. A broader interpretation regards the least ones as any disadvantaged members of society. All people will be judged on the mercy they show to the hungry, thirsty, naked, and so on, whether they are Jesus' disciples or not. Whatever the original intent of the judgment scene may have been, the broader, universalist understanding offers an important challenge to all of us who hear this Gospel. The little ones of our world all belong to Christ, and in showing mercy to them, we meet the Christ who will also come as judge.

Source: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

Adult Faith Formation

During our recent parish survey, faith formation was identified as something everyone is interested in. As such, the parish has purchased Advent devotionals for every family. These small booklets are available today. Be encouraged to read the devotional as a family - maybe at breakfast or dinner. It will take so few minutes but will provide thought provoking discussions and encouragement. Make Christmas extra special this year by spending a few minutes each day preparing for the coming of the Lord.

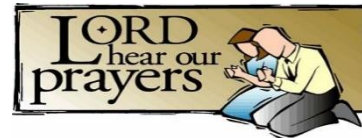
Sacred Advent - Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your e-mail inbox. Each day of *Sacred Advent* invites you to a step-by-step way of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes. [Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail.](#)

Catholic Faith Formation

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Mass Intentions

During the holidays, many people like to celebrate the life of our loved ones, who have gone before us. If you would like to have a Mass said in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. Intentions can be made for a daily Mass or a Sunday Mass. The suggested donation to have a special Mass Intention is \$10.



Atrium Calendar



Upcoming Atrium Schedule

December 3, 10, 17, 24
January 7, 14, 21, 28

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



Capital Campaign Recommendations

"We believe that a capital campaign for St. Francis of Assisi Church, involving individuals and leaders shepherded by Father Fritzner Valcin, could raise \$292,000, over a three-year period to address the needs as currently presented in the preliminary case statement for support. It must be noted that well-communicated details and specifics of the church repairs and restoration projects, and the number of leadership gifts received will significantly impact the success of the campaign. This recommendation is based upon the study's findings and the annual parish offertory and financial records." This is written in the report from the Diocese of Columbus. The full report is available for your review in the Parish Hall. Letters were mailed this week, announcing the official campaign with its theme – **Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gifts for the Future.** If you did not receive a letter, please contact the parish office.

Bans of Marriage

Please keep in your prayers these couples who are to be married at St. Francis in the month of December. We pray that they keep Christ in the center of their lives as they start this new journey together.

9 – Erin Ranney/Jon Adler
23 – Kaitlyn Gordon/Eric Stamets
31 – Kristina Barnett/Robert Pica



#Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 28, is **#GivingTuesday!** Turn your passion into action by supporting social services and charitable works at the Diocese of Columbus. Your gift supports people right here in our diocese by providing meals and special Christmas dinners for hungry families, emergency assistance to keep people in their homes, life-sustaining prescription drugs to those who could not afford them, and reduced-cost pre-school programs for at-risk families. Remember to visit www.columbuscatholic.org/givingtuesday on November 28 to make your gift!