

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Rob Adams, STL

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf

MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

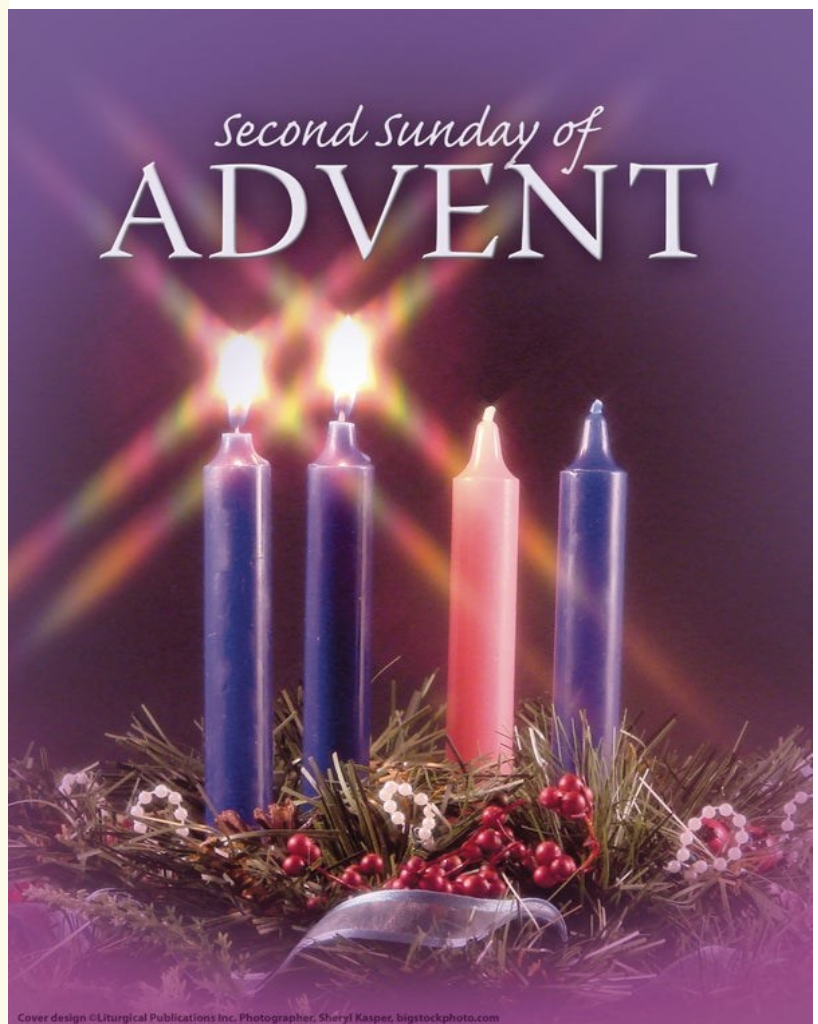
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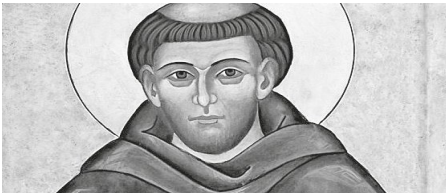
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Sunday Offertory

11-23-2025.....\$2,642
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
 Surplus/**Deficit**.....\$358

YTD
 Offertory.....\$67,886
 Budget.....\$60,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$7,886

Food Pantry\$100

11-30-2025.....\$2,358
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
 Surplus/**Deficit**.....\$642

YTD
 Offertory.....\$70,244
 Budget.....\$63,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$7,244

Food Pantry\$



ISAIAH 11:1-10
ROMANS 15:4-9
MATTHEW 3:1-12

Reform your lives: live in God's peace
 so that justice may flourish.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 910

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone!

I have a lot of updates so I want to use this column to get them out! First, the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Due to the fact that it falls on a Monday, we can't do a vigil for it on Sunday evening. But there are two opportunities to get to Mass that day - please plan accordingly!

Next, due to a funeral last week, we decided to move our Adult Christmas/ White Elephant party to Saturday the 13th. I hope to see everyone there!

Finally, our Christmas giveaway will be on December 20 at 1:00 pm. I would love to see another year of smiling people from our church to help give things away to those in need!

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 6	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Charles Cokley
Sunday, December 7	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Sidney Tackett
Monday, December 8	Noon Mass 7:00 pm	+Belle Ernst For the People
Tuesday, December 9	No Mass/No Adoration	
Wednesday, December 10	Noon Mass	+Mary Loretto Blanford
Thursday, December 11	No Mass	
Friday, December 12	Noon Mass	+Ruel Parlier
Saturday, December 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Lolita Tanael
Sunday, December 14	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

THEOLOGY ON TAP - The first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Bank 253.

ROSARY - The first Saturday of each month at noon.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ. — Father John Muir ©LPi

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for Advent – Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world. Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions, bind wounds, rewrite scripts. You are the Prince of Peace, bring that light into every space. Amen. ©LPi

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt’s sister

Dana Cantrell, Anna Gomez’s friend and co-worker

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf’s stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May’s dad

Tim Deskins

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt’s mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa’s son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50