

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

### **Sunday, December 23**

9:00 am – Mass for Gary Hillyer

11:00 am – Mass for St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

### **Monday, December 24**

5:00 pm **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** for Mary Ann Theado

### **Tuesday, December 25**

10:00 am **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS** for Dorothy Spiva

### **Wednesday, December 26**

6:00 – Mass for the Capital Campaign

### **Thursday, December 27**

6:00 pm – Mass for Alex Moretti

### **Friday, December 28**

6:00 pm – Mass for St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

### **Saturday, December 29**

NO MASS

## *Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries*

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

### *Crucifers (Cross Bearers)*

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

**December 24 – 5:00 pm** – Dan O'Brien

**December 25 – 10:00 am** – Kathleen Porter

### *Altar Servers*

**December 23 – 9:00 am** – Susan Kyanko **11:00 am** – Gaetan O'Brien

**December 24 – 5:00 pm** – Gaetan O'Brien, OPEN

**December 25 – 10:00 am** – Chris Paisley

### *Eucharistic Ministers*

**December 23 - 9:00 am** – Chris Paisley, Frank Schneider, Katherine Kriedermann **11:00 am** – Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn, Louisa Celebrezze

**December 24 – 5:00 pm** – Rick Miller, Joyce Schneider, Frank Schneider

**December 25 – 10:00 am** – Louisa Celebrezze, Mary Ann Kerscher, Frank Conway

### *Lectors*

**December 23 – 9:00 am** – Joyce Schneider, Cecilia McAdams **11:00 am** – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Pat Visel

**December 24 – 5:00 pm** – Gary Snyder, Sue Cruickshank, Tim Feran

**December 25 – 10:00 am** – Renee Morkassel, Julie Byrne

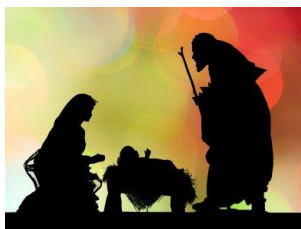
### *Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)*

**December 23 – 9:00 am** – Jeanna Diederich, Stephanie Kowalinski

**11:00am** – Therese Brady, Gretchen Rivera

**December 24 - 5:00 pm** – Andy Randel, Robert Ariss, Theri Brady, Gretchen Rivera

**December 25 – 10:00** – Craig Kowalinski, Stephanie Kowalinski



## *Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish*

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

### **Sunday, December 23**

▶ 11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

▶ 12:00 pm **Decorating Sanctuary**

### **Monday, December 24**

### **Tuesday, December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS**

▶ 6:00 pm **NO** Caregiver Support Group Mtg.

▶ 7:00 pm **NO** Stewardship Council Mtg.

### **Wednesday, December 26**

▶ 7:00 pm **NO** "Breaking Open the Word" Mtg.

### **Thursday, December 27**

▶ 6:30 pm **NO** Zumbini Class

### **Friday, December 28**

### **Saturday, December 29**

## *St. Francis of Assisi Regularly Occurring Events*

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

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** – 11:00 am, Parish Hall for children age 4 – 6 **THRU DEC. 30<sup>th</sup>** contact Therese [terndru@kent.edu](mailto:terndru@kent.edu)

**Men's Prayer Group** – 8:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Mo. Parish Hall

**St. Francis Seniors** – 2:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Mo. Parish Hall

**Mass at Westminster Thurber** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of Mo. @ 11:00 am

**St. Vincent de Paul** – 7:00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Parish Hall  
**NO DECEMBER MEETING**

And **Sandwiches for St. Lawrence** – 10:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Parish Hall contact Lorri [lorrik09@gmail.com](mailto:lorrik09@gmail.com)

**Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00 pm Every Thursday **REHEARSALS BEGIN AGAIN PRIOR TO ASH WEDNESDAY**  
[imarazita@hotmail.com](mailto:imarazita@hotmail.com)

**Breaking Open the Word** - 7:00 pm Every Wednesday, Parish Hall **NO MEETING DEC. 26<sup>th</sup>** contact Kathy [kdancey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kdancey@columbus.rr.com)

**SFA Book Discussion Group** – 12:00 January 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng in Parish Hall For more info. <http://stfrancisbc.weebly.com>

**Caregivers Support Group** – 6:00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of Mo. at Panera on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. **NO DECEMBER MEETING** contact Mary Ann at [napaker@wowway.com](mailto:napaker@wowway.com)

**Zumbini** - 6:30pm Every Thurs. Parish Hall age 0-4 Contact Gretchen at [sprinklesgr@gmail.com](mailto:sprinklesgr@gmail.com)

## *Parish News and Information*

### **POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD**

Come see the movie in the Parish Hall

**Wednesday, December 26 at 3:30 pm**

or

**Friday, December 28 at 6:30 pm**

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**ST. VINCENT de PAUL @ ST. FRANCIS**

Thanks to the generous spirit of our parishioners, JOIN received **76 gift cards worth \$1,560** to help families w/teens have a brighter Christmas.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO: The Epiphany Party**

**WHEN: Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**WHAT TIME: 6:00 pm**

**WHERE: Parish Hall**

**WHAT CAN I BRING:**

1. If your last name begins with **A thru M**, bring a side dish. If your last name begins with **N thru Z**, bring a desert.
2. A wrapped, priceless or worthless, gift for the gift exchange. This is the best part of the evening! Take a good gift from a dear friend and leave them with the "dog" that you got.

**1-13-19**

**Sunday Mass begins in the Parish Hall**

**1-16-19**

**Daily Mass begins in the Parish Hall**

**1-19-19**



**Saturday Mass at 6:00 pm begins in the Parish Hall with a Wine and Cheese Gathering after each Mass**

**CHANGES WITHIN OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

As you may remember, in June of 2017, St. Francis did a parishioner survey to gather everyone's thoughts about many different topics within the parish. One topic that was discussed was our music program. Many of you recommended changes. After Libby's departure the time seemed right to introduce and implement changes

Laurel has given so much of herself to our music program. She has been both organist and Music Director – a task that is difficult when you are playing the organ and have your back to the choir. We so appreciate Laurel and her contributions to St. Francis. After much prayer and discussion, we are happy to announce that Laurel is going to continue to be our full-time organist and we are now searching for a new Music Director that will also serve as our cantor.

New job descriptions have been written and we have placed an ad in the *Catholic Times*, have contacted the major schools in the area and have placed our ad in Stanton's Music Store. Most importantly, we are praying that God sends us the person He has chosen to assume these responsibilities. Please join us in prayer as we seek God's guidance in this important hiring decision.

**Amy Knight's gourd animals from around the world are on display in the Parish Hall. She has added new ones. Her skill is astounding! THIS IS A "MUST SEE" AFTER MASS.**

*A Reflection from Fr. Fritz for Christmas*

Dear SFA parishioners,

Christmas celebrates the Nativity of the Lord! Many people are planning for the big family dinner and the time-consuming activity of buying gifts. But others are pondering over the meaning of Christmas that is above all a religious feast and the promise that God is among us, that the Word is asking us our consent to become flesh in our lives.

On this last Sunday before the feast, the Church invites us to join the Blessed Virgin in saying "yes" to the overshadowing of the Holy spirit and makes an ultimate effort to remind us of the transcendent dimension of this feast: The manifestation of the tenderness of our inexplicable God, the coming of the Son of the promise, who is the source of our joy.

As you clean and decorate your spiritual home, decorate and clean also your inner house: Your heart, through prayers, meditation, penance, and indeed masses. Please be an evangelizer in words and actions, bring guests with you and let them faithfully experience themselves these words: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men and women with whom he is pleased (Luke 2:1-4),*"

***As we celebrate Christmas this year,  
May our hearts and our minds  
Be open to receive God's gift of love, of peace,  
and of joy.***

**Have a wonderful Christmas and may the New Year be filled with many blessings!**

***Fr. Fritz***

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / PREPARATION**

The children will receive First Holy Communion on June 23, 2019. We've shifted to a later date in 2019 so that we can celebrate this special day in our newly restored church. Watch the Bulletin for when preparation classes begin

► **No weekday Masses or Reconciliation for these dates in January: 2,3,4 and 7, 8, 9, 10,11, 2019**

► **Creation Care Team Meeting in Parish Hall Between Masses on January 13 th, 2019** At the meeting we will begin planning for spring activities—Creation Care Mass and garden work. See you on the 13th.