

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Office
601 N. 8th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220



ADVENT



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Don't lose Advent! It's the shortest it can be, as the fourth week of Advent is but one day (which is the fourth Sunday), and that is shared with Christmas Eve.

Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time, and to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent prepares us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. Which means that, among all the parties, decorating, shopping, baking, and all the other activities which get us ready for Christmas, we need to take time to spiritually prepare ourselves.

I challenge you to make the time! Yes, we will have the blue Advent books available in church, schedule reconciliation services, concerts, and other helpful events. Some additional opportunities for our tech savvy folks I suggest are:

1. Connect with our daily Advent Mass readings via our parish app, click on daily readings. If you don't already have our app, download it from our website. The app also has our parish calendar and more.
2. Remember the Advent calendar with the little doors to open with the scripture quote and chocolate behind? You can find that, less the chocolate, along with new Advent ideas at the U.S. Bishop's website: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/
3. Get the daily readings via email: go to www.usccb.org click on daily readings calendar and read today's readings, and then at the bottom of the readings, sign up for them daily.
4. Go to Matthew Kelly's website www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever to sign up for "Best Advent Ever" and get a daily inspirational message.
5. Go to www.sfamanitowoc.org/advent and sign up for daily reflections from our bulletin company.

There are lots of good options, choose one so as to spiritually live Advent and ready yourself for Christmas and beyond.

Happy Advent!

P.S.

Speaking of Christmas, let's really live the Octave (eight days) of Christmas in our liturgical celebrations. With many people on vacation from work and school, we will move our daily Mass time to 8:00 a.m. (instead of 6:45). This will only be between Christmas and New Years Day.



Immaculate Conception Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7th

6:00 p.m. ~ Marshall Site

Friday, December 8th

6:45 a.m. ~ Grand Site

8:30 a.m. ~ Marshall Site

9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. ~ Waldo Site



Parish Reconciliation Opportunities

Available to all parishioners

Tuesday, December 12th

1:30 p.m. ~ Marshall Site

Wednesday, December 13th

5:00 p.m. ~ Grand Site

Regular Reconciliation Times:

Wednesdays at 5:00-6:00 p.m. ~ Grand Site

Saturdays at 8:00-9:00 a.m. ~ Marshall Site

Saturdays at 3:00-3:30 p.m. ~ Waldo Site

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Grand Site

4:00 p.m. Marshall Site

4:00 p.m. Waldo Site

4:30 p.m. Roncalli High School Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Grand Site

10:00 p.m. Waldo Site

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

7:30 a.m. Waldo Site

8:00 a.m. Grand Site

9:00 a.m. Marshall Site

9:30 a.m. Waldo Site

10:30 a.m. Grand Site

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st

8:00 a.m. Marshall Site

10:00 a.m. Grand Site

Octave of Christmas

December 26-29, 2017

8:00 a.m. Grand Site (Daily Mass)

Waldo Site: 1121 N 14th Street ~ Grand Site: 1416 Grand Ave

Marshall Site: 1114 S 21st Street

All are invited to enjoy Manitowoc's holiday parade and visit us before, during or after the parade!

SFA Parish Office Open House ~ 601 North 8th Street, Manitowoc

Wednesday, November 22nd, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Scrip will be sold!

Warm up with hot chocolate, hot cider, hot coffee and cookies!



Advent Lessons & Carols



December 3rd, 4:00 p.m.
at the Waldo Worship Site
Free and all are welcome!

Start off the Advent Season with a beautiful evening of Advent music and readings! Each of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish choirs will share their gift of song with our community and we will

come together to sing some common Advent hymns as well. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord and give Him glory in song and in prayer!

Join in Christmas Caroling!!

All are welcome to join in service through song. Simply show up at any of the following times to share the gift of the spirit.

December 11 at 1:15 p. m. Harbor View Assisted Living
December 12 at 1:45 p.m. Laurel Grove Assisted Living
December 13 at 5:00 p. m. St. Mary's at Felician Village
December 14 at 1:00 p.m. Holy Family Memorial Hospital
December 15 at 1:00 p.m. Shady Lane
December 18 at 10:00 a.m. River Woods Place

CEW - Christmas Outreach Soup for the Homebound

Most of us think of Christmas as a time of joy, family, and fun. For many, this can be one of the loneliest times of the year. Help us to reach out to those who need a reminder that we are never alone.

Bring your family and help us! We will make soup, cookies, and Christmas cards as a community. We also need donations of baked cookies or other items, as well as volunteers to deliver the goods to our homebound parishioners.

Friday, December 8th, (we will begin at 4:00 p.m.) at the St. Francis Grand Site Social Hall (Grand Avenue and South 14th Street) Meal preparation by the adults and Christmas card and cookie decorating by the kids.

Saturday, December 9th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Grand Site Social Hall (Grand Avenue & South 14th Street).

Staging and pick up for meal delivery volunteers.

Please contact **Karen Cisler at (920) 323-3597** or **Keith Duprey at (920) 901-9928** with any questions and/or if you are willing to donate supplies or make deliveries.



Christmas Shows & Celebrations



December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.
Roncalli Christmas Show
(Free, but tickets are required)
at **Roncalli High School**
Zimmer Auditorium

December 5th at 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi
Elementary Campus Christmas Program
at **Roncalli High School Zimmer Auditorium**

December 12th at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi
Middle School Campus Choral Concert
at **Roncalli High School Zimmer Auditorium**

December 14th at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi
Middle School Campus Band Concert
at **Roncalli High School Zimmer Auditorium**

"To have the ability to give is our greatest gift"

Each Christmas season The Giving Tree project allows us to give to those in need, to be able to share all that we have with someone that has not. Our Giving Tree project will be available starting the weekend of **November 18/19** with distribution of gifts taking place on **December 3**. Each parish site will have Christmas trees filled with stars listing the age and gender of a person and what each person would like for Christmas. Please take a star, purchase a gift and return the gift to the original site with the star attached on the outside of the gift by **Sunday, December 3rd before noon**. All sites are open daily. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Lynn Hoffman at the parish office (920)-684-3718**.



Blue Star-Marshall
Yellow Star-Grand
White Star-Waldo



Parish, School, & Cemetery Advent Wish List:

Any help that can be given towards the purchase (or partial purchase) of these items would be greatly appreciated.

Parish Wish List:

Desk Chairs (3)	\$100 each
Computer for Priest (2)	\$650 each
Paschal Candle for each Worship Site (3)	\$197 each
Refinish Common Cups/Chalice for Marshall Site (2)	\$300 each
White Dalmatic for Marshall Site	\$975
Tables for Entrances at Marshall Site (4)	\$200 each
Supplies/Fees for Adult Retreats (10)	\$100 each
Speaker Fees for Adult Faith Formation (10)	\$100 each
Books/Resources for Jail Ministry (5)	\$50 each
Books/Resources for Pastoral Outreach (5)	\$50 each
Cantor Microphone for Grand & Waldo Sites (2)	\$500 each
Ambo Microphone for Marshall Worship Site	\$275
Gather Hymnals (1,300)	\$20 each
Piano Books (13)	\$125 each
Guitar Books (5)	\$100 each
Flooring for Kitchen in LifeTeen House	\$200
LifeTeen Retreat Sponsorship	\$200 each
Steubenville on the Lake Retreat Sponsorship	\$240 each
Middle School Local Mission Trip Sponsorship	\$100 each
Donations to the Good Shepherd Fund	Any Amount
Gift Cards (coffee/restaurant) for Care Packages Sent to College Students (20)	\$5 or \$10

Cemetery Wish List:

Floor Mats	\$150
Christmas Music CD's	\$50
Christian Music CD's	\$50
Microwave Oven	\$100
Flag Poles (4)	\$125 each
Umbrellas (6)	\$32 each
Refrigerator	(used)

Advent Reflections

We invite you to sign up to receive daily Advent Reflection emails during this Advent season! Advent Reflection emails will begin on Sunday, December 3rd and end on, Sunday, December 24th.



(The daily Advent Reflection emails are compliments of our bulletin company Liturgical Publications.)

Visit the following link to subscribe today:
sfamanitowoc.org/advent

For more information regarding any of these items, please contact **Connie Heinzen** at the parish office (920) 652-7825. Thank you for your consideration.

School Wish List:

Preschool Classroom Magnatiles & Matchbox Cars	\$75
Preschool Gift Card to Read Apple Store	\$25
Preschool Gift Cards for Classroom Supplies (4)	\$20 each
World Globe for Classroom	\$60
Kindergarten Classroom Supplies (7)	\$20 each
Lesson Plans for 4th Grade Classroom Instruction (4)	\$25
CD/Cassette/Radio Player	\$40
CD Player	\$60
Set of Lunch Trays (20)	\$113 each set
Group Desks for Middle School Classrooms (60)	\$150 each
Electronic Balance/Scale for Science Classroom (6)	\$200 each
Ancient Civilization Classroom Supplies (2)	\$50 each
Set of Classroom Books "Wonder"	\$150
Set of Classroom Books "Out of the Dust"	\$210
Math Manipulative Books for Classroom (2)	\$50 each
Whiteboard Overlay Film (3)	\$300 each
Choir Chairs for Middle School (50)	\$35 each
Classroom Set of Spanish/English Dictionaries	\$120
Amazon Gift Cards for Middle School Library (6)	\$50 each
Vacuum for Elementary School	\$800
Flip Form Risers for Elementary Music Program (4)	\$775 each
Gymnastics Mats for Physical Education Class	\$250
Basketballs for Physical Education Class (30)	\$50 each
Nerf Soccer Balls for Physical Education Class (20)	\$15 each
Nerf Footballs for Physical Education Class (18)	\$7 each
Soccer Balls for Physical Education Class (20)	\$12 each
Pinnies for Physical Education Class (6 sets)	\$27 each
Large Soccer Goals for Physical Education Class (2)	\$575 each
Clickers for SmartBoard in Middle School	\$1,300
Euphonium for Middle School Band Program	\$1,000
Oboe for Middle School Band Program	\$2,000
3/4 Size Tuba for Middle School Band Program (2)	\$2,500 ea.
French Horn for Middle School Band Program (2)	\$1,800 ea.
Reeds for Middle School Band Program (2)	\$50 each
Instrument Care Supplies for Middle School Band (4)	\$50 each
Wooden Blocks for Sculpture Bases & Art Projects	\$50
"Big Joe" Chairs (2)	\$25 each
Bean Bag Chairs (2)	\$25 each



Oplatki Christmas Wafers

The breaking and sharing of Oplatki with each other at Christmas is a traditional Polish custom.

Wish each other health & happiness

Oplatki is available at the parish office or at the Marshall site

Limited Supply ~ Free Will Offering