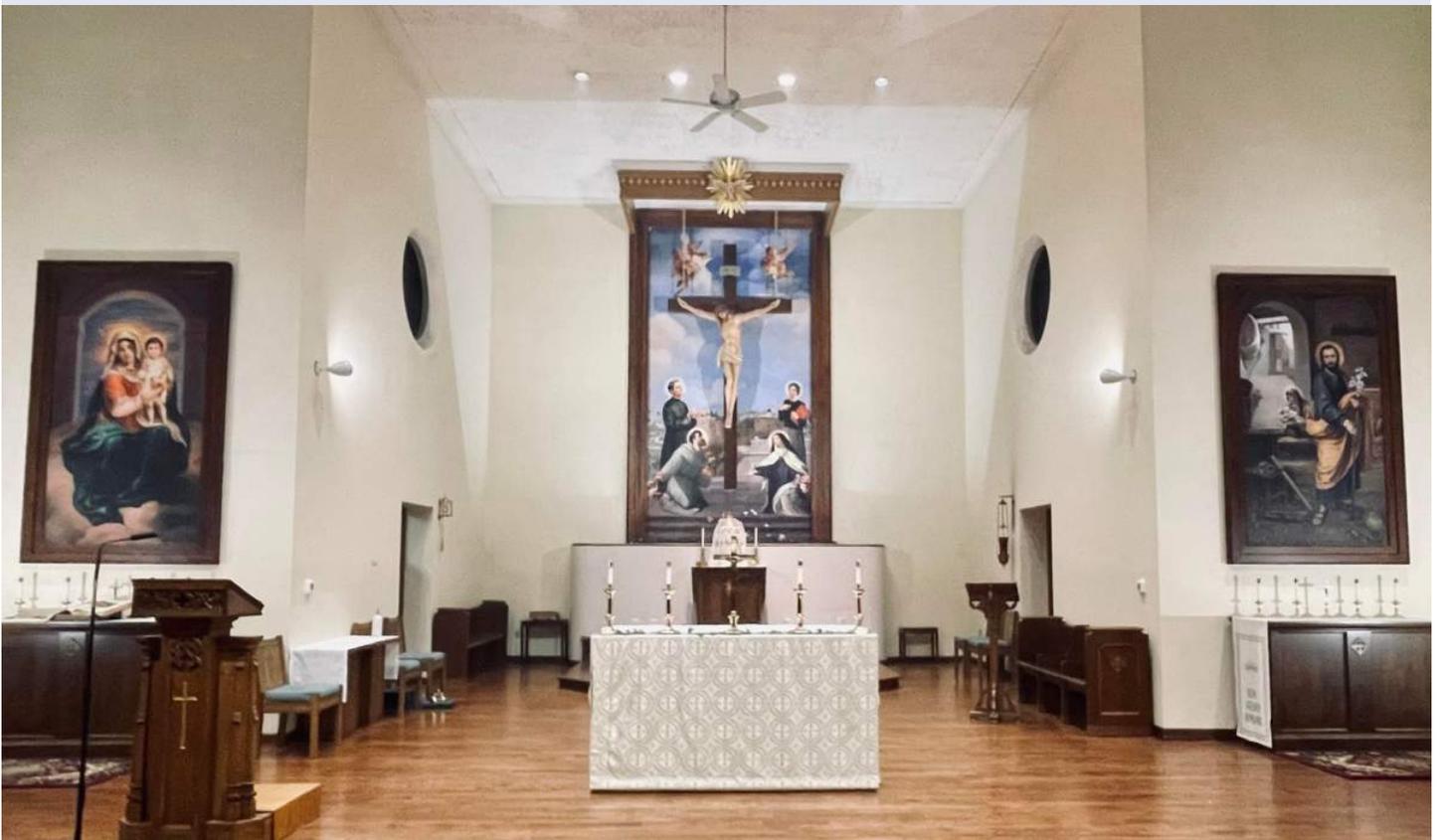


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New Painting at St Francis of Assisi

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022



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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1755 Stanley St.
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St. Katharine Drexel Parish at St. Jerome Church

1010 Slater Rd.
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SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00p.m. at St. Jerome

SUNDAY

8:00a.m. at St. Francis
9:00a.m. at St. Joseph
10:00a.m. at St. Francis
11:30a.m. at St. Jerome

DAILY MASS

8:00 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis
6:00 pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

Confessions

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis
5:15pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis
3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

Adoration

5pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

St. Andrew, St. John, St. Peter and St. Maurice Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.

Prayer Line

In need of Prayers? Please Call Mary M. at our Prayer Line between 2 and 4pm 860-225-3890

December 4, 2022: \$ 13,295.43

This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of December 4, 2022: 667**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

*Due to the earlier submission deadlines for the bulletin as the holidays approach, the Count and Collection figures will be published as soon as they become available.



Saturday, December 17

**8:00 am: St Francis: +Steve and Mary Gadzik,
Stanley and Eleanor Gadzik and Dorothy Gadzik**

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Lucien and Lucien jr Paradis

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am: St Francis: Intention of Celebrant

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Paulo Fiscaro

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Mario John Caggiano

11:30am: St. Jerome: +Lionel Lecour

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, December 19

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 am: +Arsene Lizotte

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, December 23

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Special Intention

Saturday, December 24

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

10pm: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, December 25

9:00 am: St. Joseph: Intention of the Celebrant

10:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

A graphic featuring a blue-toned illustration of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and animals. In the top left corner is a circular logo with a white cross and a crescent moon. Overlaid on the image is the text "Christmas Mass Schedule" in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "Christmas Eve" is written in a smaller white font, followed by "4:00pm @ St. Jerome" and "10:00pm @ St. Jerome" in a white sans-serif font. Further down, "Christmas Day" is written in a smaller white font, followed by "9:00am @ St. Joseph" and "10:00am @ St. Francis" in a white sans-serif font.

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve
4:00pm @ St. Jerome
10:00pm @ St. Jerome
Christmas Day
9:00am @ St. Joseph
10:00am @ St. Francis

Please be advised, there will only be **One Collection** on Christmas Day. All weekly and Christmas Donations should be put in the same collection basket.

Important Parking Notice

The public parking lot across from St. Francis Church will be closed until summer due to the city's long awaited dredging of the pond. This will make Mass parking significantly more difficult. Please obey all laws when parking on public streets and leave a little extra time when you attend Sunday Mass at St. Francis.

To Schedule a Mass, please call the Parish office, located at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411

FORMED

Ever wonder where to look for information about our faith, our church, the Saints, or the Sacraments? Now you can find informational videos, movies, and even podcasts all on 'FORMED' a website that our Parish has purchased access to. To utilize FORMED:

- Go online to www.signup.formed.org
- You will be asked for Parish Organization, type in St. Francis of Assisi Church, in the drop down menu select St. Francis of Assisi Church 1755 Stanley St New Britain,
- Hit 'next' and then type your name and email address.

It is that simple! Please call or email DRE Karyl Beloin for help or with any questions.

karyl@stfranciscatholic.org or 860-224-2411 Ext 105



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Notes from Fr. Casey Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mostly schedule stuff this week...

1. Remember the Christmas Schedule: Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Vigil at St. Jerome, 10:00 pm Mass at Night at St. Jerome. Christmas Morning: 9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph, 10:00 am Mass at St. Francis.

2. The weeks of December 26-30 and January 2-6 we will only have the 8am Morning Mass and 7:30 am confessions. There will be no evening Mass or confessions both these weeks. Thanks to the generosity of Deacon Alan, we will have Adoration on Wednesday December 28 and Wednesday January 4, from 5:00-6:00 pm. Everything will start back like normal on Monday January 9th. The weekend schedules remain unchanged.

3. The parish office will be closed Monday December 26 and Tuesday December 27 as the staff holidays for Christmas. Additionally, the office will be closed Monday January 2, 2023 as the staff holiday for New Year's Day.

There will be **No Faith Formation** Sunday, December 25 and Monday December 26 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

There will be **No Faith Formation** Sunday, January 1st and Monday January, 2nd in observance of the New Year Holiday



Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who is ill, has lost a loved one or is struggling with difficult life situations and could use some comfort? If so, please consider giving them a blessed prayer shawl. There are many colors to choose from. Please stop by the parish office if you would like one. The prayer shawls are given at no charge.

Q&A

How Many Masses for the Dead?

Normally, the custom is to have a Mass on the anniversary of the death or near to it. You may also have the Gregorian Masses celebrated for her repose. This is a series of thirty consecutive Masses that was encouraged by the example of St. Gregory the Great in his Dialogues. In any case, you may have as many Masses as you desire for her because, should she have no need of them, they will still benefit other souls to whom you are related who may be awaiting entry into heaven.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/how-many-masses-for-the-dead>



Vocations

God is calling men to the priesthood.

The Office of Vocations can help you hear God's voice and discern His will for your life. If you think God is calling you the time to act is now! To talk about a priestly vocation, contact Fr. Casey, Vocation Director, 860-761-7456.

BINGO

Monday Evenings
St. Jerome Church Hall
1010 Slater Rd., New Britain
Doors open at 5pm
Games begin at 6:30pm

Bingo Kitchen Volunteers Needed

St. Jerome Bingo is looking for volunteers to help in the Kitchen. Cooks are needed to help prepare hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteers are also needed at the kitchen counter to sell coffee, snacks, etc. To volunteer or get more information please contact Julie S at 860-995-3581

Sunday Afternoons
St. Joseph School
195 South Main St., New Britain
Doors open at 11:30pm
Games begin at 2pm



Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor

Patron Saint of Germany

1521–1597

Peter Canisius was born in the Netherlands and attended the University of Cologne. During his studies, he prayed at a Carthusian monastery and came to know one of the very first Jesuits. After a period of discernment, he joined the Society of Jesus. He was ordained a priest in 1546 and just one year later participated in a session of the Council of Trent in the employ of a German bishop. Soon after this experience at the highest level of Church life, Peter was sent by Saint Ignatius of Loyola to teach at a minor Jesuit college, a test of Peter's obedience.

Peter was a working, teaching, preaching scholar who did all things well. He edited the works of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Pope Saint Leo the Great, and Saint Jerome. He wrote over eight thousand pages of letters to people of every rank of society. His refinements of his popular catechisms never ceased, and he worked for years with other scholars to compose a work on Church history to counter a popular Protestant history book which twisted the truth of Catholicism's role in European history. Peter's life was spent crisscrossing Central Europe in an era fraught with religious tension. The concussive force of the Protestant Reformation stunned the cerebellum of Central Europe for decades. Shock, confusion, and violence spread outward from Germany in wave after confusing wave. Peter and many others slowly helped Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Bohemia to recover their mental health and to remain true to their historic Catholic identity.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/21-december-saint-peter-canisius-priest-and-doctor-optional-memorial/>

Photos of the Week



Top Row Photos: Congratulations to Nathalie Eschbach on Her Baptism



Center Row of Photos:
Congratulations Erik on joining the
Catholic Church



New painting being
installed at St. Francis Church



5F making Gingerbread houses



Ugly Christmas Sweater day
at St. Francis Catholic

AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm
St. Francis Church basement
Fridays at 7pm
St. Joseph School
(Spanish speaking group)
Saturdays at 7pm
St. Jerome Church Hall



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St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

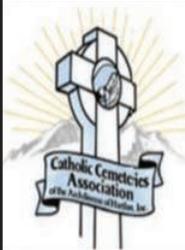
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