



# St. Francis Borgia

## Roman Catholic Church

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



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Sacramental Emergencies Only: Please call the Parish Office and press "2"

### Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday-Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

First Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

### Parish Mission Statement

As the Parish families of St. Francis Borgia of Blair, Nebraska, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the Roman Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ's presence among us. We manifest God's work through our active participation in spiritual, educational, liturgical and service acts directed at bringing Christ to all.

John 15: Jesus says "love one another as I have loved you."

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to December! Welcome to the season of Advent! Where did the year go? Here we are, beginning the first week of Advent. Before we know it, it will be Christmas!

The word "Advent" derives from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "coming".

As we get ready for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, the Church, in her wisdom, has given us these four weeks before Christmas to prepare spiritually for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

As we begin this first week, it is important for us to have a plan of action. Otherwise, it can be so easy to allow the busyness of the season to take over us, and suddenly find ourselves spiritually unprepared on Christmas Day.

I have a few suggestions for all of us, so that hopefully, when Christmas arrives, we will be spiritually ready and wanting for Jesus' birth.

### **1. PRAY DAILY**

Spend 10-15 minutes each day in quiet prayer at the start of each day, if possible. If not, choose a time during the day that works best for you.

As we prepare our hearts spiritually for the coming of the Lord Jesus, the silence we spend with God during this busy time will help us to more clearly hear Him speak to us.

### **2. CONFESSION**

**Save the date: Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.**

One of the best ways for us to get ready for the birthday of our Savior is to go to Confession.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our Lord Jesus does not only wash away our sins, He also gives us the graces that we need to reject sin and to stay close to Him.

Through Jesus' mercy and forgiveness, He makes us a new creation in Him!

We will have at least 5-6 priests here to hear Confessions on December 18. As you know, this is a very busy time for priests too. Please make their time worthwhile by coming to Confession!

### **3. DECEMBER 15**

What is this other date? I invite you to make it your goal to finish all your shopping, baking and decorating by December 15.

This will allow you 10 days to fully focus on preparing your heart for the coming of Jesus.

Former parishioners and friends who have accepted this as a challenge and who have tried this out, have really appreciated it.

Let us make a commitment to make this Advent season a meaningful one so that Christmas will truly be spiritual special.

To Jesus through Mary,  
*Father Damien*

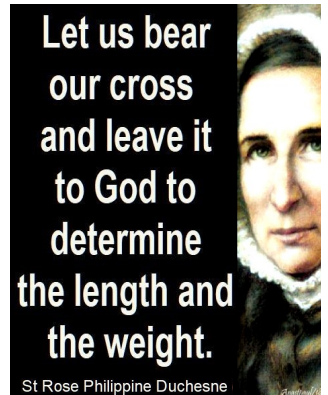


**Pray for one another**

*If there are any additions to, or removals from the prayer chain, please call Jane*

**Gramke Stevens  
402.278.2652**

Amy Murray  
Viola Michrina  
Gavin McCoy  
Mike Kult  
Angela Howard  
Clair Kneifl  
Mary Nelson  
Sherry McBride  
G. & F. Marek family  
Troy McCandless  
Mary Ann Wenzl  
Helan Johnson  
Eric Sorensen  
Mike Hoefler  
Kiley Kastrup  
Grace Sorsoli  
Helen Herman  
Vince Kavanaugh  
Jason Smith  
Judy Quest  
Kevin Mann  
Nathan Kocmik  
Sherry Pruss  
Mary C Beckman  
Jerry Wilke  
Barbara Rican  
Luke Kollars  
Phil Thomas  
Gordon C Gladdon  
Andrea Dickerson  
Shitra Mickerjee  
Jack Comstock  
Kasey Comstock  
Kevin Clarke



St Rose Philippine Duchesne



## Eucharistic Adoration

December 6 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Spend precious time with Jesus through Adoration!  
Signup sheets (in 30 minute and one hour increments) are posted in the Commons and at the back of the Church.

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.

Mother Teresa

We want to see you in our **New Pictorial Directory** !

As we strive to build unity in our parish, we are working on a new pictorial directory! Please note the available dates and sign up for your time in the church lobby, or online at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b28e0nym/>. We hope to get as close to 100% participation as possible.

For additional information, please contact Cece Tonn at 402.680.6036. Thank you!

### **AVAILABLE DATES:**

Nov 25 - 27	2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
December 5	2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
December 6	1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
December 7	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 12	2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
December 13	1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
December 14	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**December 10** is the last day for guaranteed purchases for Christmas.

## *All Flesh Shall See the Salvation of God*

### *An Advent Morning of Reflection*

Saturday, December 14  
8:15 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Christ the King Church  
654 S. 86th Street



The Institute for Priestly Formation invites you to a mini-retreat (Mass, light breakfast, presentations and time for prayer). This Advent gathering offers an opportunity for the laity to experience the IPF charism used in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests who participate in IPF's programs.

\*Register online at [PriestlyFormation.org](http://PriestlyFormation.org) or call 402.280.3901\*



***There is a flame that should be burning in our hearts during this Advent season.***

How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?



You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time! —Tracy Earl Welliver

## ***Archbishop's Annual Appeal***



As we enter into this joyful season of Advent, I would like to express my gratitude to all our parishioners who participated in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your willingness to include the Archdiocese in your charitable giving enriches us as a parish. Thank you for your vigilance and allowing the Lord to increase in your lives.

## **FINANCIAL** *Peace* UNIVERSITY

Whether you are nearing retirement or just newly married, getting your finances in order will make a difference for you. **Financial Peace University teaches you how to manage the gifts God has given you.** The sessions involve a video and small group discussion.

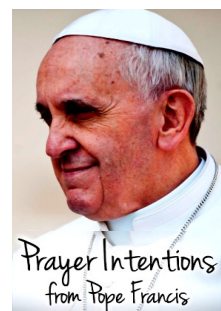
Sessions begin January 19, 2020 and end in March  
Sundays 5:30—7:30 p.m.  
St. Francis Borgia Social Hall  
Cost: \$100

*Call or text Cece Tonn at 402.680.6036 to reserve a seat.*

Open to anyone, of any faith.  
Babysitting may be available on request.

## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the month of December**

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



## Pastoral Care

### MASS FOR SHUT INS

First Friday at Crowell Nursing Home - 10:00 a.m.

Second Friday at Good Shepherd - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday:

Archdiocesan Mass: Channel 6 at 10:30 a.m.

### PARISH ROSARY

Saturday 4:35 p.m. & Sunday 7:35 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.

First Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Confessions may also be heard by appointment.

### Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

### Baptisms

Contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance to schedule. All parents are expected to attend a short Baptism preparation meeting.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

### Holy Orders

Please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Rev. Andrew Roza, at 402-558-3100.

### Hospital Calls

Please contact the Parish Office.

### Funeral Rites

Please contact the Parish Office.

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, financial information for the November 23 & 24 weekend collection, along with the Archbishop's Annual Appeal amount collected to date will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.



## MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, December 2</b> <i>Don Watts †</i>	<b>8 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b> <i>Ruth Ann Samson †</i>	<b>8 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b> <i>Nick Kuncl †</i>	<b>8 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, December 5</b> <i>Carl Spidle †</i>	<b>8 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Friday, December 6</b> <i>Thomas Reising †</i>	<b>8 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, December 7</b> <i>Reed O'Hanlon Jr. †</i> <i>Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia</i>	<b>9 a.m. Mass</b> <b>5 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Sunday, December 8</b> <i>Annie Krueger †</i> <i>Ruth (Jo) Schmitt †</i>	<b>8 a.m. Mass</b> <b>10 a.m. Mass</b>



For The Weekend  
Of Dec. 7&8

5:00 P.M. SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY
<b>EMHC</b> (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) * Denotes Distribution of Precious Blood		
Boesiger Brown Bretey* J. Adams* K. Adams*	Foley J. Hall* G. Hall* Gramke-Stevens*	Dawson Mencke Bray* Mullen* Ortmeier*
<b>Lectors</b>		
Wilkins	Boesiger	Mencke
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
A. Castillo K. Flynn S. Lager W. Smith	D. Dresden B. Tonn L. Valasek R. Dresden	C. Flynn K. McKeon J. McKeon C. Scheer
<b>Rosary Leaders</b>		
Zurek	Tonn	Ott