



ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

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July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW



SAINT FRANCIS WELCOMES NEW RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

NEED PRAYERS OR A VISIT?

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the parish office. Let us know if someone would like to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, please call the parish office at 715-273-4774.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Adult weekly including ACH's - \$7,902.00. Offertory - \$369.42.
Fair - \$350.00. Children's Envelopes - \$2.00.

WELCOME TO

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mass Schedule

Weekend.....Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:30am
 10:30am
Weekday.....Tuesday – Friday 8:30am
Confession...Saturday 4:30 before Mass

SAINTS and INTENTIONS

For the week of July 17-23

Monday, July 17

No Mass

Tuesday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
8:30am +Janet O'Connell

Wednesday, July 19

8:30am +Harold Kruse

Thursday, July 20

St. Apollinaris, Bishop
8:30am +Bob Donnelly

Friday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
8:30am +Chuck Jansa
10:00am Communion Service at Atrium Care Center

Saturday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene
5:00pm Deceased Zimmer Family Members

Sunday, July 23

8:30am +Tom Bauer
10:30am St. Francis Parish

THANK YOU

To Joan Foley and Colleen Belland for chairing the wonderful Vacation Bible School last week. It was so great to see so many adults, young adults and of course the children who attended this great event. It was obvious a lot of work went into the planning, and St. Francis Parish appreciates all that Joan and Colleen did to make this a great success.

GET OUT THOSE POP CAN BANKS FROM LAST YEAR!

As part of World Youth Day – Ellsworth, the Youth Group is holding our **Coin Can Collection**– all proceeds will be sent to Casa Hogar Orphanage in Lima, Peru (Diocesan sponsored). Please bring your filled cans to Mass on the weekends of July 22/23 or July 29/30 and fill the container in the front entrance of the church. Your generosity goes directly to helping children in need!!!

FAIR ENVELOPE

There is a yellow envelope in the packet of envelopes you received for the month of July. Please use this envelope to make a donation for the food that is purchased for the St. Francis Fair Stand. If you do not receive envelopes, please use a plain envelope and mark it “Fair.” It is much appreciated.

TO ALL GARDENERS:

Saint Francis Parish is inviting everyone who has extra produce from their gardens to bring it to Mass on Saturday and Sundays. You can share with those who do not have the opportunity to have a garden. Please put your garden produce on the table in the entrance of the church. Also, bring any paper or plastic bags for the parishioners to take their produce home in them. We invite everyone to help themselves to whatever is available. We know, as gardeners, we are usually looking for people to give our excess to, why not share it with our parish family! If there is anything left over on Monday, it will be given to the food shelf for distribution.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE – July 22 & 23

5:00pm Mass

Lector – Judy Hines. **Mass Servers** –Tyler, Maggie, and Kalen Berns.

Eucharistic Ministers –Cheryl Kaufer, Mary Hines, Joanne and Scott Hines, Lisa Hines, Kevin Huppert and Joe Jorgenson

8:30am Mass.

Lector – Michele Kurrelmeyer. **Mass Servers** – Maria Harrington and Kayleigh Ayala

Eucharistic Minister –Karen Webster, Colleen Belland, Mike Lifto, Doug Hines, Janet and Sheldon Huppert, and Henri Jansa.

10:30am Mass

Lector –Nicole Field. **Mass Servers** – Macy and Karli Gutting and EmmaJo Meier

Eucharistic Ministers- John Woehrle, Julia Brenner, Jean Brickner, Chuck and Joan Foley, Ann Hines and Jeff Hines.

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH DAY

Friday, July 29 to Saturday, July 30. Activities start at 1:00pm Friday and end on Saturday morning. This year’s theme is Theme: “**SEEK GOD FIRST, Matthew 6:33**”. Cost: \$20, for all 5th to 12th graders. Please see the Parish Website for a complete schedule and permission forms.

Adults willing to help please contact Cheryl (goshawk@bevcomm.net) or Jackie (sfrancisrectory@sbcglobal.net) - we need your help!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SAINT FRANCIS MISSION STUDENTS

The 2017 St Francis Mission Trip campers and chaperones leave early Sunday morning, July 16 for Wichita KS with Catholic Heart Work Camp returning Saturday, July 22. Thanks for all your past support and please keep us all in your prayers: Here are the names of the youth and chaperones going on the Mission Trip: Emily Belland, Emily Buss, Hunter Donnelly, Brooke Jennings, Allison Jennings, Lucas Kemmerer, Cedric Kosnopfal, Megan Maiers, Taylor Maiers, Reed Olson, Jordan Schlicting, and Jared Toenjes. Chaperones are Paul Belland, Mike Buss, and Mike and Leann Lifto.

ST. FRANCIS SOFTBALL UPDATE

It was a hot and muggy evening Tuesday with the team melting before the game even started. It seemed like both teams would rather head for the AC than play ball by the way they hit the ball. Both teams scoreless until St. Francis started out with a run in the fourth inning. That score lasted until the seventh when Our Saviors scored twice with St. Francis yet to bat. With a quick couple of runs to tie the score up it looked like we had the game won, but with an inning ending double play by Our Saviors the game went in to extra innings. The game went two more innings with Our Saviors scoring two in the ninth for the win. (Oh the pain)

The second game started out the same, scoreless until the fifth inning. With the help of little Amelia Dopp keeping track of the score book St. Francis went ahead, but not for long. The second half of the inning was a disaster for the home team giving up eleven runs for the second loss of the night. The team ended the night with a piece of pie and a gallon of water.

The next game is Tuesday, July 18, see you at the game.

Respectfully, John Woehrle St. Francis Softball Manager

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called The Parabolic Discourse - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus' audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

