

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult Choir – Monday,

October 2 at 5:30pm

Kid's Choir – Wednesday,

October 4 at 5:00pm

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

This Friday, October 6, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00-10:15am.

Benediction will be at 10:15am.

It is important that we have someone present in church during Adoration

KC BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 8 from 8:00am to noon.

**SHARING AND CARING
HANDS**

We will be serving lunch at the Mary Jo Copeland's Sharing and Caring Hands, Tuesday, October 3.

If you could donate bars for this lunch, please call Barb Leier at 715-273-5358. Thank you.

**FRIENDSHIP FUND
COLLECTION**

Every month we give \$600.00 to ARC. (Assistance & Resource Center, Inc.). St. Francis has been a contributing member since January 2013. ARC Inc. serves individuals and families living within the River Falls and Ellsworth School Districts. They offer assistance with the following: rent, utilities, fuel only gas cards, auto repair, food, personal hygiene items, diapers, laundry and transportation. ARC is a local non-profit assistance organization operated entirely by committed volunteers.

**ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL
GALA – TICKETS NOW ON
SALE!**

Tickets are now on sale for this year's St. Francis School Gala! The theme for this year's event is 1920's inspired; All That Jazz! Your \$40 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions. The event takes place Saturday, November 4, 2017 starting at 5pm at the Ridgetop Pavilion. Buy your tickets early! Our 12th annual event is sure to be one of our best yet! Tickets available at the school office or online. Visit our website for more details: www.stfrancisellsworth.org/gala

**WORD OF GRATITUDE
AND WELCOMING NEW
MEMBERS ON THE
PARISH PASTORAL
COUNCIL**

Warmest gratitude to Chuck Foy, Wade Kowalchyk, and Kathy Steffen for their selfless and dedicated services on the Parish Pastoral Council all these past years. As we thank them, please join me in welcoming new members: Julia Brenner, Brian Hines, and Karen Webster to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council.

**SENTIMENTS FOR
SEMINARIANS**

The Knights of Columbus are collecting gas and gift cards, gloves, scarfs, hats, pens, pencils, notebooks, tissue, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, Ziploc bags and small food storage containers, Windex and cleaning items for the month of October. There will be boxes at the entrances of church.

MISSION TRIP SUPPER

Soup Supper – Everyone is invited to the next Soup Supper Saturday evening October 7 in the parish hall after the 5:00pm Youth Mass. As usual, there will be a variety of hot and delicious homemade soups with fresh rolls, salad, and desserts, all served with a smile by the mission trip campers. There is a free will offering. Come and have fun and fellowship with us.

"DAVID THE KING"

The second session of Bishop Robert Barron's Study Program: Monday, October 2 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM at **Preferred Senior Living** 429 W. Wayne, to be led by John Woehrl. Or Tuesday, October 3 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the KC Room, to be led by Marty Kulak. All are welcome, even if you didn't sign up. Any questions contact Joan Foley 715-338-1199 or cfoley@dishup.us.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
2017-2018 PRAYER**

We praise and thank you, Father, for all the gifts you have generously given to us through your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray Lord for the strength to serve you humbly in this life, doing good works in Your Name and being today's compassionate image of your Holy Gospel. Thus may we sow the seeds of hope for those who are weakened by a world of sadness and discouragement. United as disciples in the love of Your Son, let us be reminded of our baptismal call to follow our Lord Jesus Christ as generous stewards in service to others as Mary our Holy Mother humbly did by listening to the angel's message. Mary, our model of hope, sustain us in our faith as the Mother of hope for the community of believers. Encourage and guide us your children as we await the open door of His heavenly Kingdom. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL NEWS

The feast day of our school and parish patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, is October 4. This day is always one of great celebration for our entire parish! We will attend the 8:30 am Mass and students are encouraged to show their school spirit by dressing in school colors: blue and white. We will have a special blessing of animals, following the Mass, on the grassy area east of our church. This will include our 4YK students.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER

Many thanks to Norma Radke and the 7th grade girls for providing and serving supper last Wednesday. We will be providing supper again this Wednesday, October 4 from 5:15 – 7:00pm for Family Formation Grades 1-5 and Confirmation class's grades 10 and 11. All are welcome. If you are able to provide a dish and/or help serve, please contact Margie Kulak at Margie@riedellskates.com or 715-792-5281 evenings. There are plenty of openings.

2017/18 VOLUNTEER TEACHERS ANNOUNCED

I am happy to announce our volunteer teachers for this year: 1st grade - Cassie Poole, 2nd grade - Sue Hinck, 3rd grade - Karen Webster, 4th grade - Colleen Belland, 5th grade - Kathy Flanigan, 6th grade Sarah Ries and Lisa Olson, 7th grade girls - Norma Radke - 1st semester & Beth Dendinger, - 2nd semester, 7th grade boys - Travis Dendinger, 8th grade - Marty Kulak, and 9th grade - John Woehrle. 10th grade Confirmation - Mike & Leann Lifo, Joe Loesch, and Cheryl Kaufer. 11th grade Confirmation - Cheryl Kaufer assisted by Shelby and Kayla Kaufer. Wendy Schuster- serves as my assistant, Ann Hines - child care and helps with the WES, Margie Kulak – Wednesday Evening Suppers coordinator and Janet Huppert -video tapes the monthly adult talks. Please keep these volunteers and students in your prayers and join me in expressing thanks for sharing their talent, dedication and commitment for the young people of our parish. Submitted by Joan Foley - DRE.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE – October 7 & 8

5:00pm Mass.

Lector –Scott Henning. **Mass Servers** – Kayleigh Ayala, Austin and Logan Brand.

Eucharistic Ministers – Lynn Loesch, Mindy Anderson, Don Denzer, Linda Donnelly, Kathy Flanigan, Mary and Mike Hines

8:30am Mass.

Lector – Beth Dendinger. **Mass Servers** – Marissa, Rebecca, and Braden Dendinger.

Eucharistic Minister – Colleen Belland, Dean Hines, Doug Hines, Janet and Sheldon Huppert, Henri Jansa, and Marlys Johnson

10:30am Mass.

Lector –John Woehrle. **Mass Servers** – Mikey and Kailey Brenner

Eucharistic Ministers- Julia Brenner, Jean Brickner, Norman Canfield, Nicole Field, Chuck and Joan Foley, and Ann Hines

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 – 5. Classes for students and their parents will meet on Wednesday, October 4, from 5:45 to 7:15 pm. At 6:00 PM the parents will move to the church for a Symbolon video titled The Bible and The Story of Salvation facilitated by Joan Foley.

Religious Education. Grades 6 - 9: No classes this Wednesday, October 4.

10th Grade Confirmation Students: Class will be held this Wednesday, October 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

11th Grade Confirmation Candidates: Reconciliation this Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING DATES

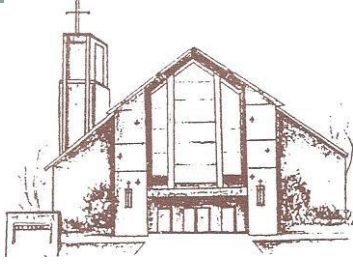
Save The Date: Hayride/Bonfire at Foley's Farm after Youth Mass on Saturday, October 21st. This event is Free!!

Anyone fifth grade and older are welcome. See parish website for permission forms. Questions: contact Cheryl by email goshawk@bevcomm.net.

Announcing dates for Adventure camp 2018: June 24-29, 2018, anyone graduating from sixth grade in the spring 2018 through twelfth grade are welcome to attend! Watch for meeting dates coming up. Please contact Cheryl for details by emailing goshawk@bevcomm.net

ST. FRANCIS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU October 2 - 6

Monday:	Breakfast: Cheese Omelets	Lunch: Ham/turkey wrap, apples, honey-glazed carrots, baked beans
Tuesday:	Breakfast: Cream of Wheat	Lunch: Lunch buffet, pineapple, corn, tossed salad, apple crisp
Wednesday:	Breakfast: Donut	Lunch: Chicken quesadillas, applesauce, arroz verde
Thursday:	Breakfast: Breakfast Biscuit	Lunch: Pizza sticks, peaches, sautéed fall veggie medley, gingerbread
Friday:	Breakfast: Peach Muffin Square	Lunch: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, pears, 3-bean salad



Dear Friends:

Peace, Joy and Love!

Our church community will soon begin inquiry sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our parish family. Starting **January 2018**, there will be regular sessions for those who would like to look into the Catholic Church and its teachings. I heartily invite you to join us.

The sessions (always on Sundays) are free and imply no commitment of your part to join the Catholic Church. We are simply inviting you to learn what the Church teaches, and to meet some of our parish members who serve in this ministry. The sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask any questions you may have about Jesus Christ and the Church.

These gatherings are open to people who are not baptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians for Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds or baptized Catholics who have not received their First Communion or Confirmation.

If you are interested, please feel free to call Joan Foley (RCIA Coordinator). Her phone number is 715-338-1199. Feel free to email her at cfoley@dishup.us

WHAT IS RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation -- Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church.

The rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church

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