



**CHOIR REHEARSALS**

**Adult Choir** – Monday,  
October 9 at 5:30pm

**Kid's Choir** – Wednesday,  
October 11 at 5:00pm

**KC MEETING**

Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30pm.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, October 12 after  
Mass.

**AWE GROUP**

THE AWE Group will meet  
Friday, October 27 after the  
8:30am Mass. A continental  
breakfast will be served.  
Ellsworth Community School  
superintendent, Barry Cain will  
speak regarding the changes  
made in the school programs for  
people interested working in  
schools throughout the district.  
A representative from Adoray  
Home Health and Hospice,  
Baldwin will speak about  
opportunities and services they  
offer in your times of need.  
Please plan to join us and RSVP  
to Audrey Murphy at 715-273-  
4572 by Wednesday, October  
25.

**ELLSWORTH LION'S  
CLUB**

The Ellsworth Lions Club is  
collecting empty pill  
bottles. We remove all the  
labels and they will be sent to  
missions in Africa where there  
is a great need for them. We  
have buckets at Family Dollar,  
Preferred Living, Atrium Care  
Center, Crossing Meadows  
Community Center and a shelf  
at Nilssen's. If you have any  
questions contact Joyce Koller  
at 715-273-4324.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stfrancisellsworth.org/gala)

**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.



***"He has sent me to proclaim release  
to the captives and recovery of  
sight to the blind to let the  
oppressed go free." – Luke 4:18***

The third session of Bishop  
Robert Barron's Study Program:  
Monday, October 9 from 10:00  
- 11:30 AM at **Preferred  
Senior Living** 429 W. Wayne,  
to be led by John Woehrl.  
Or Tuesday, October 10 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](mailto:cfoley@dishup.us).

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY  
RALLY**

Everyone is invited to attend a  
Public Square Rosary Rally  
Saturday, October 14 at 12:00  
noon at the East End Park in  
Ellsworth (Highway 10 and  
Wall Street). This Public Square  
Rosary Rally, sponsored by  
America Needs Fatima, will be  
one of over 15,000 rallies that  
will take place all across the  
United States on that day. Please  
join us in offering reparation for  
the sins and offenses committed  
against the Immaculate Heart of  
Mary and to fervently pray for  
the conversion of the United  
States.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

During 10:30 AM  
Mass. Children, ages 3- 5  
including Kindergarten  
Students.

**CONFIRMATION**

Will be celebrated Saturday, October 14 at 1:00pm at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish. St. Francis has seventeen candidates, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Big River has eleven candidates, and St. Joseph Parish in Prescott has twenty-eight candidates. Please keep them in your prayers.

**These are the Saint Francis Candidates**

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| <b>Lindsey Augustine</b> | <b>Hunter Donnelly</b>  | <b>Cedric Kosnopfal</b> | <b>Jonah Vogel</b>   |
| <b>Mollie Augustine</b>  | <b>Tyler Hines</b>      | <b>Owen McChane</b>     | <b>Jackson White</b> |
| <b>Lauren Brand</b>      | <b>Wyatt Hines</b>      | <b>Mitchell Nelson</b>  |                      |
| <b>Kailey Brenner</b>    | <b>Lucas Kemmerer</b>   | <b>Reed Olson</b>       |                      |
| <b>Taylor DeGross</b>    | <b>Mackenzie Kummer</b> | <b>Jared Toenjes</b>    |                      |

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER**

Thank you to Mandee Brenner and Mandi and Payton Rohl for providing and serving supper last Wednesday. We will be serving again on Wednesday, October 11 from 5:15 - 7:00. All are welcome. We do have an opening on Wednesday, October 18 and November 1. If you can help, please contact Margie Kulak at 725-792-5281 evenings or [margie@riedellskates.com](mailto:margie@riedellskates.com).

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE – October 14 & 15**

**5:00pm Mass.**

**Lector** –Lynn Loesch. **Mass Servers** – Nic Loesch, Kayla and Bethany Kaufer.

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Joanne and Scott Hines, Lisa Hines, Shari Huppert, Kevin Huppert, Joe Jorgenson and Cheryl Kaufer.

**8:30am Mass.**

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

**Eucharistic Minister** – Beth Dendinger, Karen Langer, Wayne and Carole Langer, Barb Leier, Rosemary Matzek, and Barb Noll.

**10:30am Mass.**

**Lector** –Nicole Field. **Mass Servers** – Alex Pazdernik, Tyler and Kalen Berns

**Eucharistic Ministers-** DeAnna Hines, Jeff Hines, Margie and Marty Kulak, Sheri McCormack, Rose Mickelson, and Brittany Pechacek.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grades 1 – 5.** Classes for students will meet on Wednesday, October 11, from 5:45 to 6:45 pm.

**Religious Education. Grades 6 - 9:** Classes this Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

**10th Grade Confirmation Students:** Class will be held this Wednesday, October 11, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

**11th Grade Confirmation Candidates:** Confirmation Rehearsal this Wednesday, October 11, at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Church. If it is not possible for your sponsor to come to the rehearsal, please ask a parent to come in your sponsor's place.

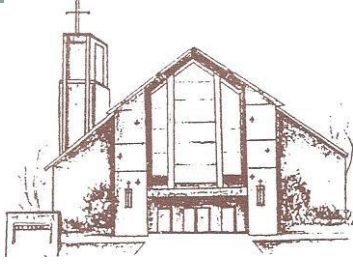
**YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING DATES**

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](mailto: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](mailto:goshawk@bevcomm.net)

**ST. FRANCIS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU October 9-13**

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| Monday:    | Breakfast: Breakfast-on-a-Stick    | Lunch: Mini corn dogs, fresh fruit, green beans, and potato smiles          |
| Tuesday:   | Breakfast: Boiled egg, toast       | Lunch: Chicken patty on a bun, mandarin oranges, and corn                   |
| Wednesday: | Breakfast: Banana Muffin           | Lunch: Cheesy tuna rotini, pears, diced beets, and a cookie                 |
| Thursday:  | Breakfast: Bagel with cream cheese | Lunch: Hamburger stroganoff, apple sauce, and peas                          |
| Friday:    | Breakfast: Breakfast Bake          | Lunch: Sloppy Joes, mixed fruit, tossed salad, potato wedges, and a brownie |



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.

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](mailto: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

Pastor

# THERE IS A RIVER



Bishop William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv.

Yes, I think we have all seen the commercials about the advantages of vacations in Las Vegas—peace, quiet, and privacy. No one of us expects the horror of evil to be a part of our fun or our participation in an event such as a Country Music Festival.

Once again, however, we confront the problem of unexplainable evil in our society. Murder and mayhem have brought the bloodshed of war to our homeland. What sadness for us to have to associate these evils with the fun that comes from a valued vacation “get away.”

We mourn the deaths of our brothers and sisters who were gunned down by a very deranged man who ultimately took his own life—all this at the beginning of October, Respect Life Month. When will we learn?

Let us pray for our beloved dead and for those who were wounded in this latest affront to God’s gift of life. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them! God grant peace to the deceased and to their families; and may Almighty God grant physical and emotional healing to all who have been so adversely affected by this cruelty.