

# ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

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**December 10, 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**“MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT”**



### 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. Please call the parish office at 715-273-4774.

Please pray for Jan Most. She is hospitalized at this time.

Please pray for Joan Ripley. She is at the Ellsworth Care Center.

### LAST WEEK’S OFFERING

Adult weekly including ACH’s – \$11,190.00. Offertory - \$390.00.

Children’s Envelopes - \$2.00. Christmas - \$195.00. Religious Retirement - \$300.00

### PARISH RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00pm. There will be three priests present to hear confessions

**FATHER ERIC WILL BE BACK FROM GHANA DECEMBER 12**

## WELCOME TO

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

#### Mass Schedule

Weekend.....Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

10:30am

Confession...Saturday 4:30 before Mass

### SAINTS and INTENTIONS

**For the week of December 11-17**

**Monday, December 11**

**St. Damasus I, Pope**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

No Mass

**Wednesday, December 13**

**St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

No Mass

**Thursday, December 14**

**St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor**

No Mass

**Friday, December 15**

8:30am Communion Service

10:00am Communion Service at Atrium Care Center

**Saturday, December 16**

5:00pm Youth Group

**Sunday, December 10**

8:30am +Glen and Regina Larson

10:30am St. Francis Parish

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Adult Choir – Monday,  
December 11 at 5:30pm.  
Kid’s Choir – Wednesday,  
December 13 at 5:00pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, December 14 at 9:00  
am. In the KC Room.

**ST. FRANCIS CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Sunday, December 17 after the  
10:30am Mass. We welcome  
your help.

**THANK YOU**

The two planters in front of  
church, I think you will agree,  
have been beautifully planted  
with winter foliage. Thank you  
to Steve Kaufer and family. We  
appreciate your talent and  
generosity.

**MISSION TRIP SUPPER**

Soup Supper – Everyone is  
invited to our next Soup Supper  
on Saturday evening December  
16 in the parish hall after the 5  
pm 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. Thank you for your support  
for our mission trip – we cannot  
do it without you and we really  
appreciate your support. The  
2018 Mission Trip Campers.  
There will also be a sing along of  
your favorite Christmas Carols.

**END OF YEAR  
CHARITABLE  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Donors must deliver or mail (and  
postmark) checks on or  
by December 31, 2017, in order  
to claim a charitable  
contribution deduction for 2017.  
Checks that are placed in the  
church offering on the first  
Sunday in 2018 will not qualify  
for a charitable contribution  
deduction in 2017, even if the  
check is predated to 2017 or  
was actually written in 2017.  
This includes the Diocesan  
Appeal.

**ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

We are excited to invite you to  
attend the St. Francis School  
Christmas program. The dress  
rehearsal is Wednesday,  
December 13 at 1:00 pm and the  
performance is Thursday,  
December 14 at **6:00 .pm**  
Everyone is invited to either  
performance. Mrs. Penton and  
the students are working hard  
and are excited about the  
program. Please plan to arrive  
after 3:00 pm to be seated.

Please stay in your seat to save  
it. There are reserved rows in the  
front of the church. Please  
choose a seat behind them.  
Thanks for your cooperation in  
these matters! Enjoy the show!

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Mass for Christmas Eve,  
Sunday, December 24 will be at  
4:00pm. Christmas Day,  
Monday, December 25 will be at  
8:30 and 10:30am.

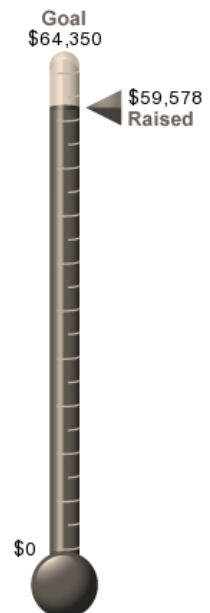
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
this year falls on December 24.  
Masses during the day will  
celebrate the Fourth Sunday of  
Advent, while Masses on Sunday  
evening will observe the Vigil  
for Christmas. Catholics are to  
attend Mass twice that weekend,  
once to observe Sunday and once  
for Christmas.

One week later, Sunday,  
December 31, will celebrate the  
Feast of the Holy Family during  
the morning Masses. Monday,  
January 1 St. Francis will have  
Mass at 8:30am .January 1, is  
not a Holy Day of obligation in  
2018.

**DIOCESAN APPEAL**

We have received \$59,578.00 in  
pledges towards our parish goal  
of \$64,350.00. This is 92.5% of  
our goal

**DIOCESAN APPEAL  
THERMOMETER**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grades 1 – 5.** Classes for students will meet on Wednesday, December 13, from 5:45 to 6:45 pm.

**Religious education. Grades 6 - 9:** Classes will be held this Wednesday, December 13, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

**10th Grade Confirmation Students:** Class will be held this Wednesday, December 13, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. At 8:00 pm the Confirmation Students will be performing a Christmas Pageant for all classes in the church. Parents of the Confirmation Students are invited to the Church to watch.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**December 9 & 10**

**5:00pm Mass.**

**Lector** – Youth. **Mass Servers** – Youth (Grade 8)

**Eucharistic Ministers** –Cheryl Kaufer, Kayla Kaufer, Shelby Kaufer, Barb Klecker, Don Anderson, Mindy Anderson, and Don Denzer

**8:30am Mass.**

**Lector** – Ron Johnson. **Mass Servers** – Lauren and Logan Brand, and Sarah Belland

**Eucharistic Minister** – Barb Leier, Rosemary Matzek, Barb and Jack Noll, Norma and Bob Radke, and Alesha Radke.

**10:30am Mass.**

**Lector** – Rose Mickelson. **Mass Servers** – Jianna Jean and Kayleigh Ayala.

**Eucharistic Ministers-** Julia Brenner, Mary Pieper, Dorothy Shoemaker, Jean VanderMarliere, John Woehrle, Jean Brickner and Nicole Field.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER**

Many thanks to Kathy and Kanon Kulpa for providing and serving supper last Wednesday. Thank you to Jackie Mark for providing food. We will be serving again on Wednesday, December 6 from 5:15PM – 7:00 PM for the Family Formation classes and parents, and grades 9 and 10.

**SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST MENU – December 11 - 15**

Monday:	Breakfast: Muffin	Lunch: Sliced Turkey Ham, spiced apple slices, parsley buttered potatoes, fresh bread
Tuesday:	Breakfast: Yogurt Smoothies	Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, fresh fruit, baked beans, bread, peanut butter & jelly
Wednesday:	Breakfast: Donut	Lunch: Salad Bar with ham, crispy chicken, cottage cheese, and veggies, bread stick
Thursday:	Breakfast: Cinnamon Oatmeal	Lunch: Beef Enchiladas, rice, apple sauce, green beans
Friday:	Breakfast: Sausage/Cheese Biscuit	Lunch: Chicken Chili, pears, corn bread, peppermint frozen yogurt

**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE**

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or [kbecker@cclse.org](mailto:kbecker@cclse.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: [www.dioc.org](http://www.dioc.org) . **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or [dkunz@dioc.org](mailto:dkunz@dioc.org).

**Coming Soon: Brand New Church Bulletin!!**

Starting the weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Francis of Assisi will have a BRAND NEW Church Bulletin. It will save the Parish a lot of time and money and have a professional look with vibrant FULL COLOR. During the weeks of January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>, Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from the new printer, Liturgical Publications, Inc., will be in our parish office working on setting up the advertising for our new bulletin. Please consider advertising in the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parishes. It's a terrific way to get your name in front of the parish families, business owners, and visitors at the church.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, for a family, or a sponsorship ad for a non-profit organization. This is a great way for businesses to promote what they do, while at the same time connecting with the community, and benefitting the church at the same time.

Please do give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help!

If you are interested in participating, or just curious as to prices and want more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy at (952) 356-6488, or call her at the parish office the first two weeks in January at (715) 273-4774. You can also email Gina anytime at: [gshaughnessy@4LPi.com](mailto:gshaughnessy@4LPi.com) .

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

At ST. FRANCIS we have the tradition of offering you the opportunity to purchase Christmas Flowers as a tribute to your loved ones. The Christmas Flowers will remain in church. Your name and the names of your loved ones will be printed in the December 24 bulletin.

To order, simply fill out the order blank below, enclose a check or cash in a sealed envelope and drop in the offertory or mail to: St. Francis Parish, P.O. Box 839, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, By December 18, 2017

**Suggested Amount \$15.00**

NAME OF GIVER \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON FOR MEMORIAL LISTING \_\_\_\_\_

OR IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to St. Francis Parish)