



# ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

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**December 24, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**"LISTEN! YOU ARE TO  
CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON."**



## 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.

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Adult weekly including ACH's - \$9,498.00. Offertory - \$511.50.  
Children's Envelopes - \$4.00. Christmas - \$202.00. Religious Retirement - \$415.00. Immaculate Conception - \$25.00.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 - 4:00pm.**  
**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 - 8:30 and 10:30am.**

## 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 24-31**

**Saturday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Mass    +Nick Jahnke

**Monday, December 25**

**Nativity of the Lord**

8:30am Mass    +Harold and Adeline Langer

10:30am Mass    St. Francis Parish

**Tuesday, December 26**

**St. Stephen, the 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr**

8:30am Mass    +Steve and Carmen Huppert

**Wednesday, December 27**

**St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:30am Mass    +Rick Richie

**Thursday, December 28**

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:30am Mass    +Robbie Dopp

**Friday, December 29**

8:30am Mass    Jack & Shirley Hines' 62<sup>nd</sup>

Wedding Anniversary

10:00am Communion Service at Atrium  
Care Center

**Saturday, December 30**

5:00pm Mass    +Deceased Murphy Family  
Members - Don, Judi and Dawn

**Sunday, December 31**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &  
Joseph**

8:30am Mass    +Fred and Freddie Howe

10:30am Mass    St. Francis Parish

3:00pm    Megan Will and Paul Olson  
Wedding

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday, December 31.

**END OF YEAR  
CHARITABLE  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

The last collection for the 2017 calendar year will be the weekend of December 30-31. Contributions are to be applied in the year received. If contributions are mailed, the envelope must be postmarked before the end of the year in order to be applied to this year. This includes the Diocesan Appeal.

**GRIEFSHARE**

Is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones. Our session will begin Monday, January 8, 2018 at First Lutheran Church in Red Wing at 7:00-8:30 P.M. For more information call Tina at 651-301-1548 or Suzy at 507-398-3729.

**ATTENTION ALL  
FAMILIES –**

The Colleen and Paul Belland Family are hosting the annual Youth Group sledding party at their home Friday, December 29, 6-10 pm. Everyone is invited! They have great hills! So mark your calendars, bring your sled and a snack to share. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be provided.

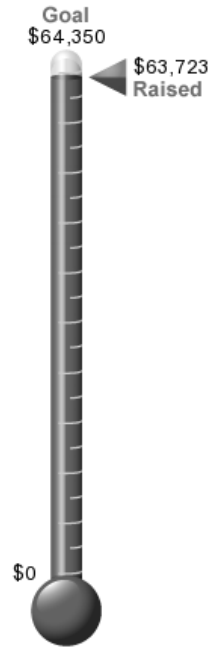
Permission slips are a must! **Please see the parish website for the Comprehensive Medical and Supplemental forms – which everyone must complete to attend.** Print them out, complete, and bring them with you to the sliding party. Parents should make sure they have their background checks done as well as the verification and questionnaire forms on file at the parish office.

Any questions, please contact Cheryl  
Kaufer goshawk@bevcomm.net.

**DIOCESAN APPEAL**

We have received \$63,723.00 pledges towards our parish goal of \$64,350.00. This is 99% of our goal

**DIOCESAN APPEAL  
THERMOMETER**



**Christmas Message**

Christmas is filled with expectations. Many look forward to beautifully wrapped presents, festive decorations, and holiday meals. For Catholics, the gifts, trimmings, and celebrations of Advent and Christmas seasons call to mind the unending grace of Emmanuel, God with us in the mystery of the Incarnation.

What do you look forward to most this holiday season? I look forward to celebrating the amazing gift of Jesus Christ with you and our whole parish community. Together, we wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Redeemer, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, who will come again at the end of time.

We join with Mary and Elizabeth in rejoicing with the Father through reaching out to others. We follow the shepherds and wise men in honoring the Son as we gather at Mass. We stand alongside Joseph in listening for the Holy Spirit as we contemplate being entrusted with gifts for the good of the world. May this time of expectation draw us to God who waits to hold us closely in love.

My gratitude to all parishioners for your love and support to the parish family. Gratitude to all who put in time and energy to keep the parish running: Parish Staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils (and sub-committees), School Staff and Parents, Choir groups, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Religious Education Teachers, Greeters/Ushers, Money Counters, Altar Servers, those who decorate the Church and many other volunteers. We appreciate your generous contributions in diverse ways. Thank you.

May Jesus, the newborn king of Peace be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas 2017 and every day of the New Year 2018. May He radiate His presence within you to others as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity.

Merry Christmas!

Father Eric

**SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Francis before school care program: St. Francis will be offering a before school care program that will start at 7:00am each school morning beginning Thursday, January 4. We are excited to provide this service to our families!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

No Classes this Wednesday, December 27, or Wednesday, January 3, 2018.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**December 24 & 25 – Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

**4:00pm Mass.**

**Lector** – Lynn Loesch. **Mass Servers** – Nic Loesch, Marissa and Rebecca Dendinger.

**Eucharistic Ministers** –Linda Donnelly, Barb Klecker, Shelby, Kayla and Cheryl Kaufer

**8:30am Mass.**

**Lector** – Michele Kurrelmeyer. **Mass Servers** – Lauren, Austin and Logan Brand.

**Eucharistic Minister** – Janet and Sheldon Huppert, Henri Jansa, Marlys Johnson, Barb Leier, Wayne and Carole Langer.

**10:30am Mass.**

**Lector** – Marty Kulak. **Mass Servers** – Sam and Noah Hines

**Eucharistic Ministers**-Julia Brenner, Sheri McCormack, Gayle Nissen, Robert and Roxanne Pechacek, and Brittany Pechacek and Mary Pieper.

**December 30 & 31**

**5:00pm Mass.**

**Lector** – Cheryl Kaufer. **Mass Servers** –Rachel and Bethany Kaufer.

**Eucharistic Ministers** –Scott and Joanne Hines, Shari Huppert, Joe Jorgenson, Barb Klecker, Dee Dee Schutz, and Dorothy Hallock

**8:30am Mass.**

**Lector** – Janet Huppert. **Mass Servers** – Emily and Sarah Belland.

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

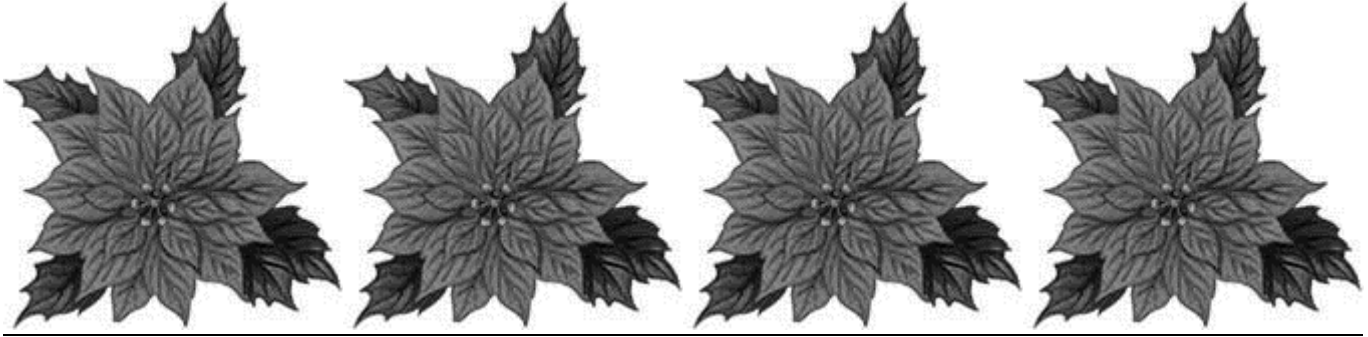
**10:30am Mass.**

**Lector** – John Woehrle. **Mass Servers** –????

**Eucharistic Ministers**- Dorothy Shoemaker, Jean VanderMarliere, Mary Augustine, Jean Brickner, Chuck and Joan Foley and Ann Hines.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER**

Thank you to Brian Yanish and multiple cash donors for providing pizza last Wednesday. Merry Christmas to all.



**Thank you for making our church a beautiful place to worship this Christmas Season**

**Given By**

Elden and Linda Christensen  
Karen Finstad  
Brian and Dolly Mark  
Rose Mickelson  
Bob and Norma Radke

**In Honor of**

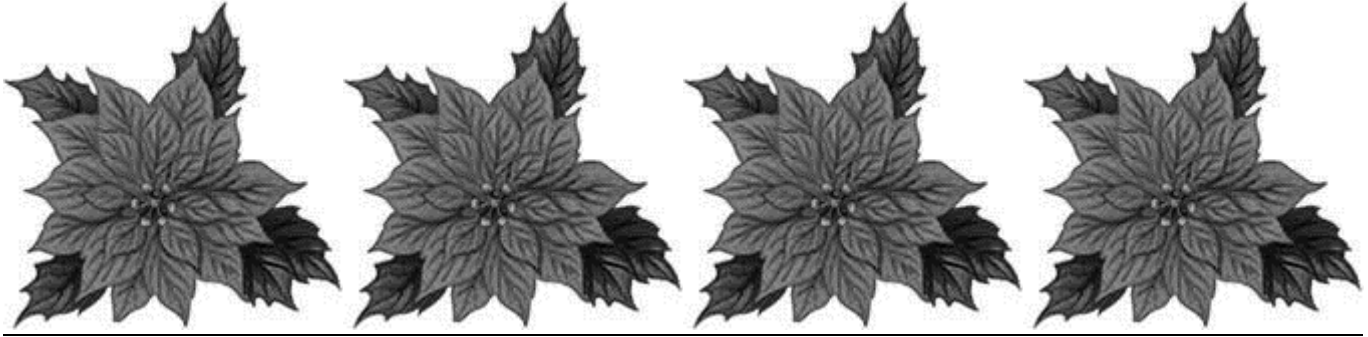
Mary and Jay Payton  
My Sons and Grandchildren  
Marlee May Erlandson  
Fr. Eric Dadson  
All Our Loved Ones

**Given By**

Bob and Mary Baker  
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Loran and Peggy Bauer  
Betty Brenner  
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Dan and Julia Brenner  
Burt and Jean Brickner  
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Ruth Capatske Family  
John and Mary Capatske Family  
Don and Corinne Cardell  
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Kari and Girls de Longpre'  
Kathleen Donnelly  
Peach Dunn  
Tom and Kathy Flanigan  
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Madison Judith Helmer  
Scott Helmer  
Steve and Suzann Hinck  
Brian and Deanna Hines Family  
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Jack and Shirley Hines  
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**In Memory of**

Alfred and Margaret Baker  
Wesley and Marie Fetzer  
Thomas Bauer  
Bob and Dorothy Seifert  
Jim Brenner  
Deceased Family Members  
Pat Brickner  
Ben and Anna Brickner Family  
Bill and Isabelle Donnelly Family  
Ruth Capatske  
John and Mary Capatske  
Louis and Hazel Cardell  
Marvin and Beatrice Wirth  
Kate Huppert  
Bob Donnelly  
Stuart and Gert Dunn  
Kenneth and Marcele  
Sarah Holland  
John and Jean Flanigan  
My Grandma Judi Helmer  
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Deceased family Members  
Jim Klaas  
Robbie Dopp  
Deceased Family Members of the Dick and Doris Hines Family  
Deceased Family Members of the Floyd and Dorice Finstad Family



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Mike and Mary Hines	Walter and Avis Hines and deceased family
Mike and Mary Hines	Leo and Elsie Schmidt and deceased Family
Al and Shari Huppert	Henry and Regina Huppert
Al and Shari Huppert	Ervin and Melva Hinrichs
Jim and Bev Huppert	Jimbo Huppert
Jim and Bev Huppert	Charles and Marcella and Janet Huppert
Mary and Norman Huppert	Ed and Mabel Rohl Family
Mary and Norman Huppert	Steve and Carmen Huppert Family
Rosemary Huppert	John and Mary Schladweiler and Deceased Family Members
Rosemary Huppert	Du Wayne King
Rosemary Huppert	Beverly Schmitt
Rosemary Huppert	Francis, Frank and Evelyn Huppert
Joe Jorgenson	Sandy Jorgenson
Cheryl Kaufer	James Perron
Darlene Kruse	Harold Kruse
JuDea, David, Nancy, Suzanne Klaas	The Klaas Family - Frederick, Susan and James
Judea Klaas	The Birkel Family - Ernest and Kathryn
La Vern and Delores Kusilek	Robbie Dopp
Karen Langer	Gary Langer
Karen Langer	Kade Langer
Brian and Dolly Mark	Harry and Darlyne Mark
Rosemary Matzek	Jim Matzek
Rose Mickelson	Eli Mickelson
Audrey Murphy	Deceased Murphy Family Members, Don, Judi and Dawn
Lori Nickel	Elaine Brandenburg
Jack and Barb Noll	Deceased Family Members
Robert and Roxanne Pechacek	Francis, Michael, Paul and Heather Hager
Ed and Loretta Pechacek	Ed and Loretta Pechacek Family Members
Judy Perkins	Mike Perkins
Bob and Norma Radke	Kate Huppert
Bob and Norma Radke	Alex Skog
Tim and Judy Rohl	Amy and Lydia Rohl
Bob and DeeDee Schutz	Our Deceased Family Members
Bob and DeeDee Schutz	Dorothy Ekstrom
Jim and Theresa Streifel	Deceased Family Members of Jim and Theresa Streifel
The St. Francis Adult Choir	Our Deceased Choir Members
Linda Szempruch	Lenny and Helen Hines