



ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"THE CHILD GREW, FILLED WITH WISDOM"



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 Roger Geiger. He is very ill.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Adult weekly including ACH's – \$10,328.00. Offertory - \$1746.00
Children's Envelopes - \$5.00. Christmas - \$7,941.00. Religious Retirement - \$180.00. Initial Offering - \$20.00 New Year - \$10.00

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Monday, January 1 at 8:30am

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 January 1-7

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30am Mass +Regina Larson

Tuesday, January 2

Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops

8:30am Mass For Children in the Hospital

Wednesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am Mass +Bob Donnelly

Thursday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30am Mass Mike and Leann Lifto

Friday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30am Mass Larry Wiskerchen Family
10:00am Communion Service at Atrium Care Center

Saturday, January 6

St. Andre Bessette, Religious

5:00pm Mass +Sharon Hines

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am Mass +Paul and Lorraine Huppert and Deceased Family Members
10:30am Mass St. Francis Parish

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, January 5, 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will resume next Sunday, January 7, for children ages 3 to 5, including current kindergarten students, during the 10:30 am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 4 after Mass.

GRIEFSHARE

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

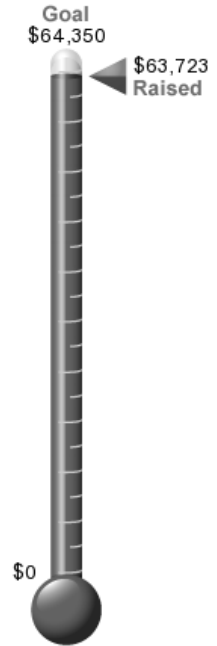
**THE DIOCESE OF
LA CROSSE
SESQUICENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

Discover the history of the Diocese of La Crosse. The book is a hard cover book. There are 464 pages of glossy paper, colored pictures throughout the book. If you want to purchase the book, please call the parish office. The cost is \$40.00.

**JANUARY USHER
SCHEDULE**

5:00pm Mass; Joe Walter, Scott Hines, Tim Campbell, and Brandon Walter.
8:30am Mass; Dan Matzek, Brey Maurer, Paul Belland, and Pete Huppert.
10:30am Mass; Brian Hines, Jeremy Brenner, Jeff Hines, and Jim Langer

**DIOCESAN APPEAL
THERMOMETER**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Classes this Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Happy New Year!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

January 1 - 8:30am Mass.

Lector – Jane Reis. **Mass Servers** – Marisa, Rebecca, and Brayden Dendinger

Eucharistic Minister – Barb Leier, Rosemary Matzek, and Karen Webster

January 6 & 7

5:00pm Mass.

Lector – Cheryl Kaufer. **Mass Servers** –Genna and Austin Peterson, and Bethany Kaufer

Eucharistic Ministers –Shelby Kaufer, Kayla Kaufer, Don Anderson, Mindy Anderson, Don Denzer, Linda Donnelly and Kathy Flanigan.

8:30am Mass.

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

Eucharistic Minister – Colleen Belland, Dean Hines, Doug Hines, Jack Hines, Janet and Sheldon Huppert, and Barb Leier.

10:30am Mass.

Lector – Gayle Nissen. **Mass Servers** –DJ Brenner, Josie and Maggie Pechacek.

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

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU January 4 & 5

Thursday: Breakfast: Baked pancakes

Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, mixed fruit, French fries, and baked beans

Friday: Breakfast: Muffin

Lunch: Mini corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, peaches, and steamed broccoli

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 and Prosperous New Year!

Father Eric

St. Francis Parish Calendar - January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30am Mass Solemnity of Mary	2 8:30am Mass	3 8:30am Mass	4 8:30am Mass Bible Study School Begins	5 8:30am Mass Adoration 10:00am Communion Service at Care Center 10:15am Benediction	6 5:00 pm Mass Food Drive
7 8:30am Mass Cinnamon rolls 10:30am Mass Sunday School Food Drive	8 No Mass	9 8:30am Mass 6:00pm - KC Meeting 6:30pm – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	10 8:30am Mass Religious Education Grades 1-5 5:45-6:45pm Grades 6-10 7:00-8:30pm	11 8:30 M Mass	12 8:30am Mass 10:00am Mass at Care Center	13 5:00pm Mass
14 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass KC Breakfast 8:00am - Noon	15 No Mass	16 8:30am Mass 6:00pm First reconciliation	17 8:30am Mass No Religious Education Classes	18 8:30am Mass Bible Study 6:00pm Parish Finance Meeting	19 8:30am Mass 10:00am Communion Service at Care Center	20 5:00pm Youth Mass Mission Trip Soup Supper
21 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass	22 No Mass	23 No Mass	24 No Mass Religious Education Grades 1-5 5:45-6:45pm Grades 6-10 7:00-8:30pm	25 No Mass	26 8:30am Mass 10:00am Mass at Care Center	27 5:00pm Mass Friendship Collection
28 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass KC Breakfast 8:00am – Noon Friendship Collection Catholic School's Week	29 No Mass Catholic School's Week	30 8:30am Mass Catholic School's Week	31 8:30am Mass Religious Education Grades 6-10 7:00-8:30pm Catholic School's Week			