



# ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

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**December 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**“STAY AWAKE, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS COMING”**



## 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 - \$10,126.88. Offertory - \$547.40.  
Children's Envelopes - \$3.00. Thanksgiving - \$599.00  
Friendship Fund - \$1,018.75.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass is at 8:30am and 7:00pm, Friday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

### **FATHER ERIC HAS GONE HOME TO GHANA TO RENEW HIS VISA**

Father Eric left for Ghana Sunday, November 12 and he will return Friday, December 15. Please keep him in your prayers.

Father Eric will say Mass for all the weekly intentions in Ghana.

Father Roy Witucki will be here for the Masses on December 8, 9 and 10.

## 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 4-8

#### Monday, December 4

**St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor**

No Mass

#### Tuesday, December 5

No Mass

#### Wednesday, December 6

**St. Nicholas**

No Mass

#### Thursday, December 7

**St. Ambrose, Priest and Doctor**

No Mass

#### Friday, December 8

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30am +Lawrence Langer

10:00am Communion Service at Atrium Care Center

7:00pm St. Francis Parish

#### Saturday, December 9

**St. Juan Diego Cauhlatloazin**

5:00pm +Deceased Zimmer Family Members

#### Sunday, December 10

8:30am St. Francis Parish

10:30am +Bruce Weiss

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Adult Choir – Monday,  
December 4 at 5:30pm.  
Kid’s Choir – Wednesday,  
December 6 at 5:00pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**ALTAR & ROSARY**

Meeting, Tuesday, December 5  
at 6:30pm.

**AWE**

The AWE Group will meet after  
the 8:30am Mass, Friday,  
December 8 in the parish hall. A  
continental breakfast will be  
served followed by a morning of  
fun filled games to get us in the  
Christmas spirit. Please reply to  
Audrey, by Wednesday,  
December 6 at 715-273-4572.

**KC BREAKFAST**

Sunday, December 10 from  
8:00am-noon. Santa will be at  
the parish hall from 9:30-  
10:30am.

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**ELLSWORTH CARE  
CENTER**

The Family Life Commission is  
taking donations at the back of  
Church next weekend, December  
9 & 10 for the residents at the  
Ellsworth Care Center.

**ST. FRANCIS CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

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

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE  
RETIREMENT FUND FOR  
RELIGIOUS**

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers,  
and religious order priests need  
your help. All of us, in some way  
or another, have benefitted from  
their many years of service in  
Catholic schools, hospitals, and  
parishes. *Often they received  
little to no pay*, and now there is  
a shortage in retirement savings.  
Your gift to the national  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
provides funding for medication,  
nursing care, and more. The  
collection for this campaign will  
be at holy Mass the weekend of  
December 9-10. Thank you for  
your support! *Roughly 94  
percent of donations to the fund  
directly aids senior religious and  
their communities.*

**PARISH  
RECONCILIATION**

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

**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.

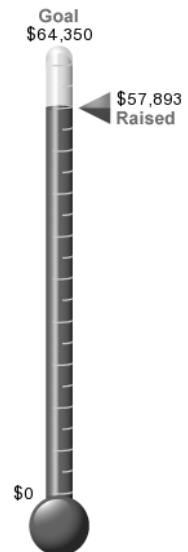
**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

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, while Sunday  
evening Masses can observe  
either the Feast of the Holy  
Family or the Solemnity of  
Mary, Mother of God; either  
Mass will fulfill the faithful’s  
Sunday obligation. Monday,  
January 1, is not a Holy Day of  
obligation in 2018.

**DIOCESAN APPEAL**

We have received \$58,893.00 in  
pledges towards our parish goal  
of \$64,350.00. This is 91.5% of  
our goal

**DIOCESAN APPEAL  
THERMOMETER**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**St. Francis Gift Box Families:** All Gift Box items need to be brought to the Religious Education Office on or before Wednesday, December 6.

**Grades 1 – 5.** Classes will be held Wednesday, December 6, for students and their parents from 5:45 to 7:15 pm. While their children are in class, parents will have the opportunity to help label and organize items for the Gift Box Families.

**Grades 6 - 8:** No Classes on Dec. 6.

**Gift Box Shopping for 9th and 10th Grade Students:** The bus will leave St. Francis for Shopko at **6:00** pm. After shopping is finished students will return to the Parish Hall to wrap and label gifts.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE – December 8 and December 9 & 10.**

**December 8**

**8:30am Mass – Lector –** Beth Dendinger. **Mass Server –** Joe Jorgenson.

**Eucharistic Minister –** Henri Jansa, Barb Leier, and Karen Langer.

**7:00pm Mass – Lector –**Marty Kulak. **Mass Server –** Tyler, Maggie, and Kalen Berns.

**Eucharistic Minister –** John Woehrle, Joan Foley, and Karen Webster.

**December 9 & 10**

**5:00pm Mass.**

**Lector –** Cheryl Kaufer. **Mass Servers –** Nic Loesch, Rachel and Bethany Kaufer

**Eucharistic Ministers –** Lynn Loesch, Mary Hines, Joanne and Scott Hines, Lisa Hines, Shari Huppert, and Joe Jorgenson.

**8:30am Mass.**

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

**Eucharistic Minister –** Sheldon Huppert, Henri Jansa, Marlys Johnson, Karen Langer, Wayne and Carole Langer, and Mike Lifo

**10:30am Mass.**

**Lector –** John Woehrle. **Mass Servers –** Josie and Maggie Pechacek, and DJ Brenner.

**Eucharistic Ministers-** Julia Brenner, Margie and Marty Kulak, Sheri McCormack, Robert and Roxanne Pechacek, and Brittan Pechacek.

**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 4-8**

Monday:	Breakfast: Muffin	Lunch: Hamburger Stroganoff on Rotini, pears, peas
Tuesday:	Breakfast: Bagel w/ scrambled eggs	Lunch: Hot Dog and Saur Kraut, fresh fruit, potato wedges
Wednesday:	Breakfast: Breakfast Bake	Lunch: Loaded Baked Potato, mandarin oranges, broccoli, dinner roll
Thursday:	Breakfast: Strawberry Shortcake	Lunch: Spaghetti and Meatballs, peaches, buttered carrot slices
Friday:	No School	

**ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

There are 14 youth and four adults from St. Francis participating in this year's Mission Trip this summer. They will be going to serve the poor and marginalized of Billings, Montana. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our young people to strengthen and increase their faith as they participate with young people from all over the country. This can be a life altering event for our youth.

Travel expenses, food, lodging and free day activities usually cost several thousand dollars. The youth do not receive nor ask for funds from the parish. The registration fees are covered by parents and youth. All of the other above expenses are covered by fundraisers that are put on by our youth and parents throughout the year.

Our biggest fundraisers are our monthly soup suppers and our spaghetti dinner held in early spring.

If you have not been to one of our soup suppers we invite you to join us for homemade soups, homemade Italian bread, salads, desserts and beverages. We promise you will not be disappointed. We will also be offering different forms of entertainment. December will feature a sing along of your favorite Christmas Carols. As always these are free will offering events.

The following are the dates of our monthly soup suppers. They are always after the 5:00pm Youth Mass: December 16, January 19, and February 16. March Spaghetti Dinner – date to be announced.

Please come and enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship and support our youth at the same time.

Blessings, Leann and Mike Lifo - Mission trip leaders

**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 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)

**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) .