



ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

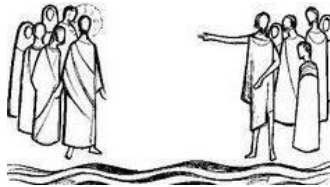
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January 14, 2018
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Samuel, Samuel!"
"Here I am!"



SAINT FRANCIS WELCOMES NEW RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

If you are new to the parish, please call the parish 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

The Family of Agnes Timm. She died Monday, January 8 at the age of 103. She was the mother to Bev Huppert, Toni Helmueller, Valerie Foster, and Dennis Timm. The funeral is Saturday, January 20 at the UCC Church in Prescott at 11:00am.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN
WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018**

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| Ava Acker | Lucy Feuerhelm | Aubrianna Marks |
| Ryan Acker | Marley Halverson | Merrick Mason |
| Jace Anderson | Lily Hanson | Regan Nelson |
| Coehn Bergh | Knox Hines | Evelyn (Evie) Peterson |
| Amelia Dopp | Edison (EJ)Langer | Payslee Jo Rohl |

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 15-21

Monday, January 15

No Mass

Tuesday, January 16

8:30am +Francis Johnson

Wednesday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30am +Jillian Berge

Thursday, January 18

8:30am +David Bjork

Friday, January 19

8:30am For Children in the Hospital
10:00am Communion Service at Atrium
Care Center

Saturday, January 20

Ss. Fabian, Pope & Martyr and Sebastian, Martyr

5:00pm Youth Group

Sunday, January 21

8:30am +Tom Bartlett
10:30am St. Francis Parish

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Adult Choir – Monday, January 15 at 5:30pm.
Youth Choir – Saturday, January 20 at 3:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 18 after Mass.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 18 at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

MISSION TRIP SUPPER

Soup Supper – Everyone is invited to our next Soup Supper on Saturday evening January 20 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.

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.

WANTED

St. Francis Youth Group is looking for a “gently used” Ping Pong Table and Foosball Table for use by our Youth. If anyone knows of a family willing to donate these games – please contact Cheryl Kaufer at goshawk@bevcomm.net

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING

Adult weekly including ACH’s – \$9,753.00. Offertory - \$229.00. Children’s Envelopes - \$4.00. Christmas - \$25.00. New Year’s Day - \$140.00.00. Initial Offering - \$317.00. Utilities - \$30.00.

OREMUS

"OREMUS" A Guide to Catholic Prayer: Back by popular demand! St. Francis offered this 8-week Study on Prayer during the summer and fall of 2013. Since then there have been requests to bring it back! St. Francis will be offering Oremus on Mondays starting January 29 through March 19 with a choice of two times and locations: from 10:00 - 11:15 AM at **Preferred Senior Living** 429 W. Wayne, to be led by John Woehrle or from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the St. Francis Church, to be led by Leann Lifto. Oremus is presented by Fr. Mark Troups, via video, and uses the Oremus Study Guide/Prayer Journal. Sign-up sheets are now in all the church entrances and the study guides will be available, for \$15 each, at the first session. Please sign up or contact Joan Foley at cfoley@dishup.us or 715-338-1199 so we know how many study guides to order. Also, the Oremus videos are available on the Ascension Website with the purchase of a study guide. Contact Joan Foley for more information.

BRAND NEW CHURCH BULLETIN!!

Starting the weekend of February 4th, 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 1st and January 8th, 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 and want more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy at (952) 356-6488. You can also email Gina anytime at: gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US IN BEING A PRAYER PARTNER FOR OUR SCHOOL

We all need to seek God in prayer with our joys, worries, and thankful moments. We are hoping you will join us in being a prayer partner. This week we will be lifting up our 5th Grade Class in prayer ~ Karli Gutting, Sam Hines, Delaney Johnson, Nolan Kummer, Noah Matzek, Wyatt McGrath, Austin Peterson, Gavin Puhmann, Lillie Rewolinski and Lily Vesely.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14

NOW ENROLLING! Come learn with us! We are accepting registration for the fall. If you are interested, or know of a family interested in a Christ-centered education, we are the school for you! For more information and/or to schedule a visit, please call us at 715-273-4391 or visit our website at www.stfrancisellsworth.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 28. We will join in the national observance of Catholic Schools Week January 28-February 3 and kick off the week with an Open House on Sunday, January 28. Students in grades 1-5 are asked to sing in the choir for the 10:30am Mass. Our Open House on Sunday will begin at 9:00am, close during the 10:30am Mass, and continue again after the 10:30am Mass until 1:00pm. The Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake breakfast on this morning as well.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Religious Education. Classes this Wednesday, January 17, due to a Teacher's In-service.

2nd Grade First Reconciliation: Tuesday, January 16, at 6:00 PM. Parents and 2nd graders, please meet in the church. There will be a reception following in the Parish Hall.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

January 20 & 21

5:00pm Mass.

Lector – Youth. Mass Servers – Youth

Eucharistic Ministers –Cheryl Kaufer, Kayla Kaufer, and Shelby Kaufer.

8:30am Mass.

Lector – Jack Hines. **Mass Servers –** Lauren, Austin and Logan Brand.

Eucharistic Minister – Barb and Jack Noll, and Karen Webster.

10:30am Mass.

Lector – Rose Mickelson. **Mass Servers –** Alex Pazdernik, Kailey Brenner and DJ Brenner.

Eucharistic Ministers- Robert and Roxanne Pechacek, Mary Pieper

SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST MENU January 15 - 19

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cheese Omelets

Lunch: Fish Shapes, Squash Bisque, Peaches, Tossed Salad

Wednesday: Breakfast: Donut

Lunch: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Mixed Fruit, Broccoli, Fresh Bread

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast-on-a-Stick

Lunch: Chili, Apple halves, Fresh Veggies, Garlic Breadstick

Friday: Breakfast: Coffee Cake

Lunch: Meat Calzone, Apple Sauce, Tossed Salad, Fresh Veggies

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPERS

Many thanks to Amy & Ken Michels and Michelle Selzler for providing and serving supper last Wednesday. There are some openings in the schedule. If you can help, please contact Margie Kulak at margie.kulak@gmail.com or 715-792-5281 evenings

SAINT FRANCIS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2018 – PARISH HALL – 6:00PM

Mike Lifto called the meeting to order. Father Eric led us in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Present - Fr Eric, Jackie Slocum (secretary), Julia Brenner, Brian Hines, Ron Johnson, Cheryl Kaufer, Joe Loesch, Mike Lifto, and Karen Webster. Excused – Beth Dendinger, and Bob Larson,

The minutes from the previous parish pastoral council meeting and the agenda were approved.

The new format for the bulletin will begin February 4.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sacred Worship – Bob Larson & Karen Webster

- A big thank you to all who helped do the color changes for Advent, the changing of the missalettes, and the decorating for Christmas both December 17th and December 24th. The takedown of the Christmas decorations will be January 10th at 7 pm. We need some new trees for the front of the church. We would like to purchase pre-lit trees that are on sale now for next year.
- We are looking for more people to be on the Liturgy committee. So much to do, so few people to go around. A notice in the bulletin that we are looking for more members would be appreciated. If they are interested, they can contact Jackie at the Parish Office.

Social Justice –Beth Dendinger and Julia Brenner

- The Moola for Milk collection brought in \$263.00.
- The library is bringing books to the jail for the inmates.

Education – Joe Loesch and Brian Hines

Religious Education – Joan Foley

- Fr. Billy Dodge will speak about the Mass and the Eucharist Wednesday, February 7. Everyone is invited.
- The 10th grade Confirmation class will take a field to La Crosse for Mass and to meet with Bishop Callahan. They will also tour the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- There are three candidates for the RCIA program. The first meeting with the candidates is Sunday, January 14.
- The Oremus series will be offered for Adult Education starting Monday, January 29.

Home & School

- The Gala Event netted \$27,400.00. They sent out a survey about this event, and the majority like the new venue.
- The school carnival is Sunday, February 25. They are raffling off a Polaris Sportsman 4-Wheeler.
- Walk for Virtues is May 11 and their goal is to collect \$10,000.00.

St. Francis School

- Many parents are attending the Home & School Meetings this year.
- The school is offering before school care for students that need to be dropped off at school early.
- The Diocese is offering flexibility testing standards.
- The new tax law for the 529 saving plan now includes grades K-12
- An anonymous donation of \$18,000.00 has been given to St. Francis School. This is to be used for tuition.
- The new curriculum will include a designated prayer for each grade.
- Friends of St. Francis Committee will continue to generate funds for the school.

Family Life – Cheryl Kaufer and Mike Lifto

- The Youth Committee meets once a month.
- The Youth Masses continue to bring more parishioners to Mass. The next Youth Mass is Saturday, January 20 and the seventh grade Religious Education class will be ushering, lecturing, singing, and serving Mass.
- The 10th grade Religious Education class will be going to Feed My Starving Children, Saturday, March 17.
- The Adventure Camp and Mission Trip youth are fundraising for their trips.
- Cheryl and Mike would like to meet with the Ministerial Association to discuss sporting events that are scheduled for Sunday mornings.

OLD BUSINESS

Brainstorming

- Networking. This is a way to make connections in the community. Maybe a new St. Francis Facebook page would help parishioners and the community be more aware of the events that St. Francis has to offer.
- A Young Mother's Group was discussed
- Having the youth be involved in more Masses was also discussed.
- It is everyone's responsibility to make people feel welcome at St. Francis. We should be a welcoming church. We should take time to greet the new faces we see at church.
- The future of our church is in the youth. We need to get them and their parents more involved.
- The music is an important part of the Mass. If everyone sings and participates in Mass, everyone leaves Mass with a good feeling. We need to get parishioners more involved in singing and participating at Mass. We need to re-introduce into our liturgy some of the old and inspiring Catholic hymns.
- We have two bids for a new sound system for the church. There will be more discussion about these bids when we get more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Diocesan Appeal

- St. Francis has met the pledging goal of \$64,350.00.

150th Anniversary Book

- There are still some books at the parish office. If anyone is interested in purchasing a book, please call the parish office.

Seminarian

- A Seminarian is coming to St. Francis February 3, for Pastoral Internship for a period of three months. The seminarian will work closely with Father Eric during his stay at St. Francis

No Wine During Flu Season

- It was decided not to offer the Precious Blood during the flu season. We will offer it again when the flu season is over.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:00pm.

Respectively Submitted by

Jackie Slocum, Parish Secretary