

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

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November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

***YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL IN
 SMALL THINGS; COME AND JOIN IN
 YOUR MASTER'S HAPPINESS***



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 - \$9,602.00. Offertory - \$361.63. Children's Envelopes - \$5.00. All Saints Day - \$25.00

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.

We have the following priests scheduled for the weekends that Father Eric will be gone.

Thanksgiving Day and November 25 and 26 - Father Billy Dodge

December 2 and 3 and December 8, 9 and 10 - Father Roy Witucki

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24.

WELCOME TO

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mass Schedule

Weekend.....Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

10:30am

Weekday.....Tuesday - Friday 8:30am

Confession...Saturday 4:30 before Mass

SAINTS and INTENTIONS

For the week of November 20-26

Monday, November 20

No Mass

Tuesday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Wednesday, November 22

No Mass

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

8:30am +Francis and Mike Hager

Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest

8:30am Communion Service

10:00am Communion Service at Atrium Care Center

Saturday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

5:00pm +Walt and Avis Hines

Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30am St. Francis Parish

10:30am +Bruce Weiss

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Contemporary Choir – Monday,
November 20 at 5:15pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday school, Sunday,
November 26.

JOYFUL NOISE

Anyone interested in attending
“Joyful Noise” Blaine,
Minnesota.
Family Music Fest in June 2018,
please contact
Cheryl Kaufer at
goshawk@bevcomm.net. Its two
days of Praise and Worship!!!!
Dates are not advertised yet but
if we go by last year – it will be
June 8/9th, 2018.
Stay tuned.....We plan to buy
bulk tickets on “Black Friday”
when they go on sale for the
lowest price. If enough people
respond we will take a bus to and
from the event – so no driving or
parking!!!! Don’t miss this
fun!

**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.*

MOOLA FOR MILK

Thank you to everyone who
donated for Moola for Milk.
With the money (\$263.00) given
in these jugs, clients at the Food
Pantry will be given a coupon to
purchase milk.

MYPARISHAPP

St. Francis Parish has its own
App for iPhone and Android
smart phones. This will allow us
to better communicate with you
throughout the week and keep
you updated with relevant parish
news or updates. This App will
be a great resource for
parishioners by providing daily
Mass reading, Catholic news and
prayers, convenient prayer and
Confession reminders, our
bulletins and more. Learn more
or download our App
at myparishapp.com.

"DAVID THE KING"

The 2nd half of “David” the
movie, from The Bible
Collection, will be shown on
November 20 from 10:00 -
11:30 am at Preferred Senior
Living and November 21 from
6:30 - 8:00 pm in the St. Francis
Youth Room (basement of the
church). All are welcome!

THANK YOU

To Sarah Ries and all of her
helpers for making the 35th
Annual Craft Sale a big success.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A great big "THANK YOU" to
adults and youth who donated
items or helped in various ways
with the Youth Group Food
Sales at the Craft Sale on
Saturday, November 11. The
sales were a big success,
bringing in several hundred
dollars for the youth group!
Donations and help from all of
you made this a very successful
fundraiser.

**CEMETERY PERPETUAL
CARE FUND**

The November packet of
envelopes contains an envelope
to be used for donations for the
Perpetual Care of our four
parish cemeteries: St. Francis,
Clayfield (2) and Lost Creek.
The money collected will be
added to the Perpetual Care
Fund for the care, mowing, and
maintenance of each cemetery.
Please use the envelope
provided in your packet for this
collection or mark an envelope
“Cemetery” and write your
name and the amount of your
donation and place it in the
collection

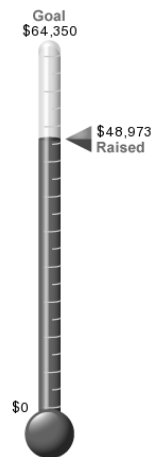
THANK YOU

The two planters in front of
church have been beautifully
planted and donated by Bo Jo’s
creations. They also donated and
put fall decorations at the front
of church by the Altar. Thank
you.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

We have received \$48,973.00 in
pledges towards our parish goal
of \$64,350.00. This is 76.1% of
our goal

**DIOCESAN APPEAL
THERMOMETER**



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL GALA

St. Francis School wishes to thank the parish for all of their support for this year's Gala. It was a wonderful evening of people all brought together to show love and support for our school. If you were unable to attend this year we hope you will make a point to make it next year. They are still in the final stages of getting numbers/profits from the event, so stay tuned for that excited announcement!

HOLIDAY SCHWAN'S CAMPAIGN

Looking for a great Christmas gift or some holiday treats? St. Francis School is starting a Schwan's campaign in time for the holidays. Buy a \$25 gift certificate and the school gets \$10! Any food and treat orders between now and Christmas gives back 20% to the school (GC give back \$40). Thank you for your support!

TO ORDER:

1. Visit www.schwans-cares.com/c/34856
2. Click "Shop to Give"
3. Select team member, if applicable
4. Start shopping!

Call

[1-855-870-7208](tel:1-855-870-7208) and provide Campaign ID: 34856 and Team Member ID, if applicable.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Classes Wednesday, November 22. Happy Thanksgiving.

St. Francis Gift Box Families: Families with children in grades 1-8 had the opportunity to choose paper ornaments, with particular items written on them, for members of these Gift Box Families. These gift box items need to be purchased, wrapped with the paper ornament taped to the outside and **returned by December 6**. There are many ornaments left. Please contact Joan Foley at cfoley@dishup.us or 715-338-1199 if you would like to help with these additional items.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER

Thank you to Beth Dendinger, Julia Brenner and Mindy Anderson for providing and serving supper last Wednesday. No class next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE – Thanksgiving and November 25 & 26

Thanksgiving Day

Lector – Mary Kiefer. **Mass Servers** – Emily and Sarah Belland.

Eucharistic Ministers – Bob and Norma Radke and Barb Leier.

5:00pm Mass.

Lector – Cheryl Kaufer. **Mass Servers** – Loran, Austin and Logan Brand.

Eucharistic Ministers – Mindy Anderson, Don Anderson, Linda Donnelly, Kathy Flanigan, Mary and Mike Hines, and Lisa Hines.

8:30am Mass.

Lector – Ron Johnson. **Mass Servers** – Genna and Austin Peterson.

Eucharistic Minister – Beth Dendinger, Janet and Sheldon Huppert, Henri Jansa, Karen Langer, Carole Langer, and Rosemary Matzek.

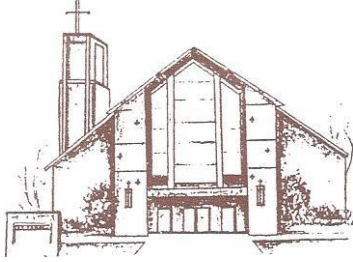
10:30am Mass.

Lector – Nicole Field. **Mass Servers** – Sophie and Dan Vogel.

Eucharistic Ministers- John Woehrle, Jean Brickner, Norman Canfield, Chuck and Joan Foley, Ann Hines, and Jeff Hines.

ST. FRANCIS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU November 20 - 24

Monday:	Breakfast: Waffles and fruit	Lunch: BBQ Beef on a Bun, mixed fruit, tossed salad
Tuesday:	Breakfast: Oatmeal w/ raisins	Lunch: Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings



Dear Friends:

Peace, Joy and Love!

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?

Starting **January 2018**, St. Francis Parish will begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask questions you may have about the Church.

Who is RCIA for?

1. Persons in need of Baptism.
2. Person baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic.
3. Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

How long is the RCIA process?

The time varies, but the Diocesan Office of Catechesis and Evangelization highly recommends a 15-month process. The RCIA is a process of conversion that is meant to form and prepare adults to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ and courageous witnesses to the Catholic Faith. After experiencing both the 15-month and two year processes, there is no comparison to the 9-month model.

As a parish community, we are not asking too much in carrying out a 15-month RCIA process. As Pope John Paul II wrote: “it would be wrong to think that ordinary Christians can be content with (a limited presentation of the faith and) a shallow prayer that is unable to fill their whole life. Especially in the face of many trials to which today’s world subjects faith, they would be not only mediocre Christians but ‘Christians at risk’” (Novo Millennio Ineunte, n. 34). How can we offer any less to those coming to us to receive the fullness of the Truth and Grace? Rather, let us give to those searching for a deep relationship with Christ and His Church “The Pearl of Great Price.”

If you are interested, please feel free to call Joan Foley (RCIA Coordinator). Her phone number is 715-338-1199. Feel free to email her at cfoley@dishup.us

Pastor