



ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH

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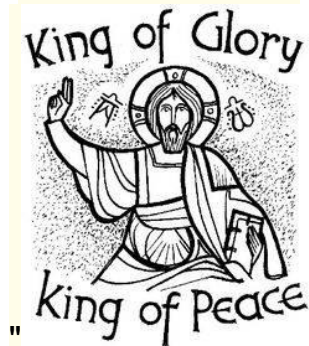
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November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**"HE WILL TAKE HIS SEAT ON HIS
THRONE OF GLORY, AND HE WILL
SEPARATE MEN ONE
FROM ANOTHER"**



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 - \$7,871.00. Offertory - \$297.00.
Children's Envelopes - \$5.00. Thanksgiving - \$42.00.

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.
Father Roy Witucki will be here for the Masses on December 2 and 3 and December 8, 9 and 10.

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 Nov. 27-Dec. 3

Monday, November 27

No Mass

Tuesday, November 28

No Mass

Wednesday, November 29

No Mass

Thursday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

No Mass

Friday, December 1

8:30am Communion Service

10:00am Communion Service at Atrium
Care Center

Saturday, December 2

5:00pm +Steve and Carmen Huppert

Sunday, December 3

8:30am St. Francis Parish

10:30am +Jim Klaas

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Adult Choir – Monday,
November 27 at 5:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, November 30 at
9:00am. In the KC Room.

**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.*

THANK YOU

To Mary Dougherty and the
residents and staff at Preferred
Senior Living for hosting the
Monday morning Bible Study -
"David The King" for the past 2
months! All who attended
enjoyed their hospitality along
with learning about the life and
events of King David from the
Book of Samuel.

**DECEMBER USHER
SCHEDULE**

5:00pm Mass; Al Huppert,
Kevin Huppert, Mike Hines and
Rob Hallock.
8:30am Mass; Jack Hines, Jon
Krauss, John Hines, and Pat
Foley.
10:30am Mass; Jerry Pieper,
Drew Pechacek, Andy
Augustine, and Norman
Canfield.

**PARISH
RECONCILIATION**

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

LOVE AND LIFE PROJECT

Thank you to First Choice
Clinic, directed by Mandy
Fleming, for providing the funds
to bring the Love and Life
Project to the St. Francis 8th, 9th
and 10th graders on Wednesday,
Nov. 15. The Love and Life
Project is a traveling speaking
team of young adults who strive
to be witnesses of authentic love
to young people in the area.
Their thought provoking
presentation was enjoyed by all,
students and adults alike!

**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.

**ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL -
HOLIDAY SCHWAN'S
CAMPAIGN**

Are you 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 (Gift Certificate gives
back 40%). Thank you for your
support!

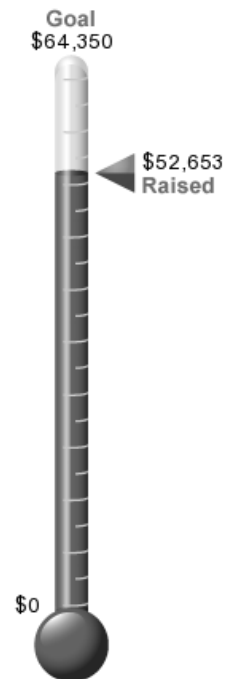
TO ORDER:

1. Visit www.schwans-cares.com/c/34856
 2. Click "Shop to Give"
 3. Select team member, if applicable
 4. Start shopping!
- ORDER BY PHONE: Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 34856 and Team Member ID, if applicable.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

We have received \$52,653.00
in pledges towards our parish
goal of \$64,350.00. This is
81.8% of our goal

**DIOCESAN APPEAL
THERMOMETER**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 - 5 No Classes, Wednesday, November 29.

Religious education. Grades 6 - 9: Classes will be held this Wednesday, November 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

10th Grade Confirmation Students: Class will be held this Wednesday, November 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

St. Francis Gift Box Families: Anyone who would like to participate in purchasing gifts for a member of our St. Francis Gift Box Families, please contact Joan Foley, 715-338-1199 or cfoley@dishup.us for details. Remaining ornaments, indicating specific gifts, will be displayed on Wednesday Evening in the Parish Hall for anyone to choose. These gifts need to be wrapped, labeled and returned to the Religious Education Office by **December 6.**

Ninth and Tenth Grade Students will be shopping for their Gift Box Families on Wednesday, December 6. A bus will leave St. Francis at **6:00 pm** for Shopko. (Don't forget your permission forms!) Upon returning students will wrap the gifts in the Parish Hall.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE – December 2 & 3

5:00pm Mass.

Lector – Lynn Loesch. **Mass Servers** – Kayleigh Ayala, and Austin and Logan Brand

Eucharistic Ministers – Don Anderson, Mindy Anderson, Don Denzer, Linda Donnelly, Kathy Flanigan, Joe and Judy Hines.

8:30am Mass.

Lector – Michele Kurrelmeyer. **Mass Servers** – Emily and Sarah Belland, and Rebecca Dendinger

Eucharistic Minister – Beth Dendinger, Collen and Paul Belland, Dean Hines, Doug Hines, Janet and Sheldon Huppert

10:30am Mass.

Lector – Nicole Field. **Mass Servers** – Jianna Jean, Maggie and Kalen Berns.

Eucharistic Ministers- Gayle Nissen, Jean Brickner, Chuck and Joan Foley, Ann Hines, Jeff Hines, Morgan Hines

ST. FRANCIS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU November 27 - 30

Monday:	Breakfast: Sausage/Cheese biscuit	Lunch: Turkey vegetable soup, peaches, corn muffin
Tuesday:	Breakfast: French Toast	Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, fresh fruit, corn spoon bread, fruit jigglers
Wednesday:	Breakfast: Muffin	Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a bun, mixed fruit, spinach salad, waffle fries
Thursday:	Breakfast: Boiled Eggs and Toast	Lunch: Walking Tacos, applesauce

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

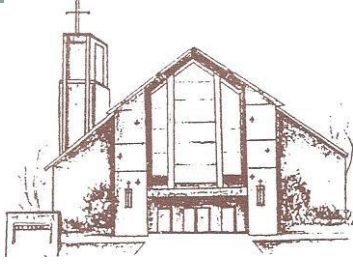
Suggested Amount \$15.00

NAME OF GIVER _____ Phone _____

NAME OF PERSON FOR MEMORIAL LISTING _____

OR IN HONOR OF _____

Donation enclosed _____ (Make checks payable to St. Francis Parish)



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