Welcome to
March 7, 2021

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Catechumens Deborah Cotter, Vanessa Valdez and Joshua Seefeldt, along with their Godparents participated in the Rite of Election last Sunday at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. Earlier that day, they signed the Book of the Elect and were formally sent forth by Fr. Doug, The catechumens stated their wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Bishop Ricken then declared them to be members of the elect, and to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil.

Please continue to pray for our catechumens
and for all those who long to know God.

A note from Fr. Doug...

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, our gospel is Jesus cleansing the temple, cleaning house might be a way to look at this. I pray that your 1% prayer each day is going well. I challenge you this week to spend 1% of your day cleansing or cleaning one area in your life. I think I will work on my home office desk so that I can complete my taxes.

I am starting to see more parishioners returning to weekend Mass. It is good to see you and to pray with you in person. Just in case you miss the collection basket, which is at the doors and not passed at offertory time, you can always mail in your donation, drop it in the outdoor slot at the parish office, bill pay through your bank, or online at: sfamanitowoc.org. Thank you to everyone for continuing to make our parish a safe place to worship by wearing masks, social distancing and helping to wipe down the pews. I know some have gotten your vaccinations, but please do keep wearing your masks for the safety of all.

We are more than 60% of the way to our Bishop's Appeal goal. Catholics have always shown great resilience in times of trial, hardships, and now...through a pandemic! With the love of our Lord, we are able to rise to these challenges and I am grateful for your continued generosity. The Bishop's Appeal supports ministries and programs that serve those in need through Catholic Charities. It provides opportunities for our leaders to grow in Catholic education and faith formation.

I invite you to make your Bishop's Appeal pledge online at: catholicfoundationgb.org/give, mail directly to the GB Diocese, or drop in our collection basket. Every gift is important and touches someone's life. Blessings are multiplied when all of us work together.

May God bless you and your families during this season of Lent. Please continue to pray for the continued health of our community. Together, We Rise Again!

Fr. Doug

Fr. Doug LeCaptain

Because of your generosity we have raised

$102,555

toward our

$165,494

assessment

PARISH SUPPORT

Received Week of **2/21/21**

Envelopes	$24,836
Collection	$1,782
ATP	n/a
Total This Week:	$26,618
Support Required/Week:	$39,031
Difference this Week:	-$12,413
Year-to-Date Required	$1,232,440
Year-to-Date Support	$1,233,668
Difference this Year:	$1,228
Year-to-Date Support Last Year:	$1,305,479

A note from Fr. Ben...

Hello everyone, and a happy third Sunday of Lent to you! This week, I'd like you to think back to the ashes we received at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. And with these ashes in mind, I want to share with you another word-based lesson I learned in seminary. This is Part 10 of *Stuff I Learned in Seminary*: Humiliation

"Humiliation" is almost universally seen as a bad thing. No one likes to be humiliated. When we trip on the sidewalk, or spill our coffee, we feel embarrassed and *humiliated*. It's not pleasant or comfortable. However… "humiliation" has the same root word as "humility" and "humble." We know that humility is a very good thing to have! This common root word is the Latin term *humus* which simply means "earth," "ground," and "low [to the ground]." A "humiliation," then, is simply an event that humbles—an event that reminds us that we are flawed human beings and we make mistakes. When you came forward to receive your ashes at the beginning of Lent, you were *humiliated*. But I'm sure that didn't feel like your typical humiliation now, did it? A rightly ordered spirit that understands humiliation is able to embrace it in all its forms. Perhaps this can be a goal to work towards. It may sound ridiculous at first, but the next time we feel "humiliated" and embarrassed, maybe we can try to receive that with the same spirit we receive our ashes—as a reminder and opportunity to grow in humility. If you're so bold, maybe even thank God for permitting you to receive a humiliation! As you go about your life as a follower of Christ, don't be afraid to make a fool of yourself—who cares what others think of you! We do not seek the esteem of men, but of God. Our humiliations have great potential to increase our humility, but only if we are well-disposed to receive them. In a world so centered on self-promotion and looking good in the eyes of others, we choose to go against that current and follow after Christ. This is the way.

Now go out there and make a fool of yourself!

Rev Ben Johnson

Rev. Ben Johnson

Stay here AND Keep watch A LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT

Thursday, March 18th

How can we pray for you?

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO WRITE THE PRAYER INTENTION(S) YOU'D LIKE TO BE PLACED AT THE FEET OF OUR LORD. A CANDLE WILL BE LIT FOR YOUR INTENTION.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9TH. ANY DONATION TO COVER THE CANDLE COST IS APPRECIATED.

Greetings and Blessing to you. In an effort to improve our ministry and outreach to our homebound and to those in nursing facilities, we are including the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) in this week's bulletin. Our hope is that it will help our viewers participate in the Mass by being able to follow along with the words of the Mass parts that have a Latin translation.

Should there be any questions or concerns, please contact Dcn. Mark Knipp at (920) 652-7815.

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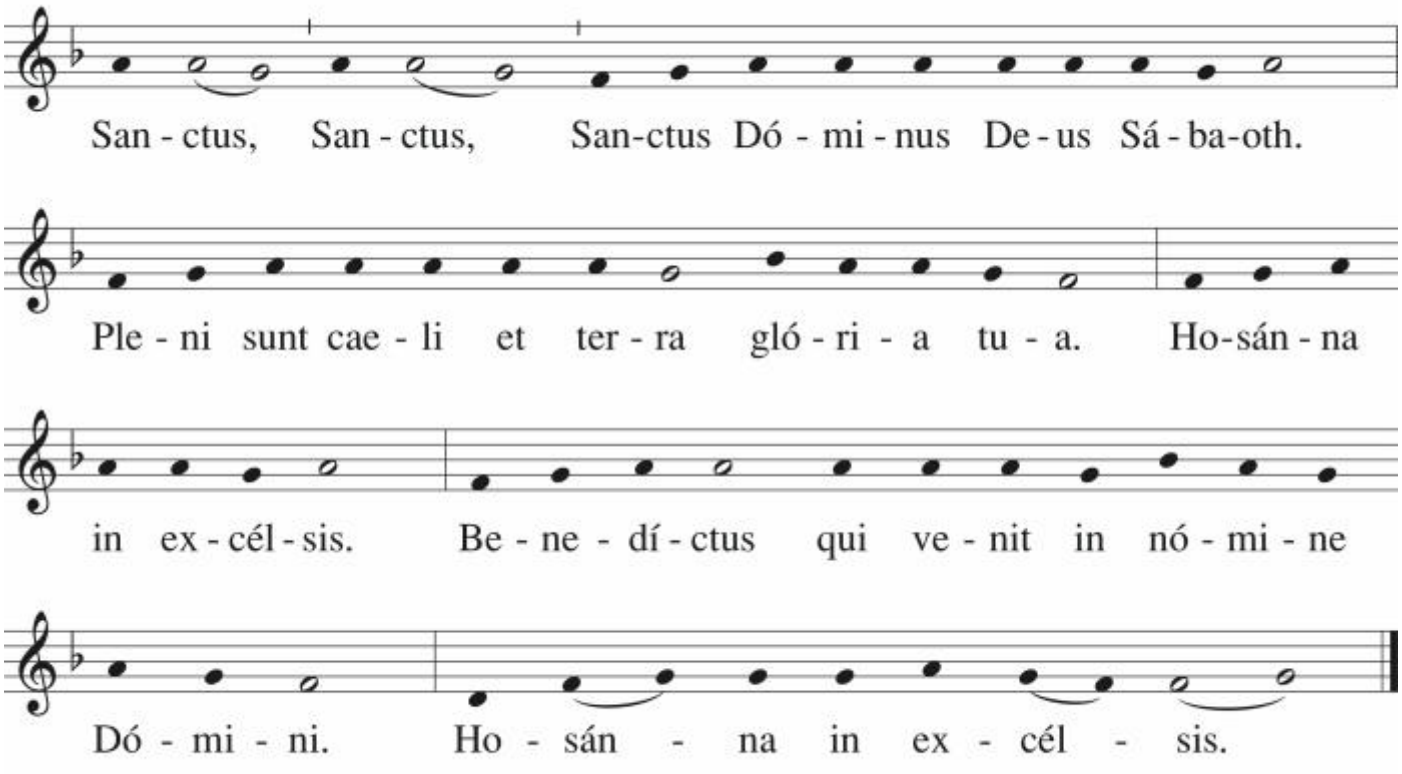

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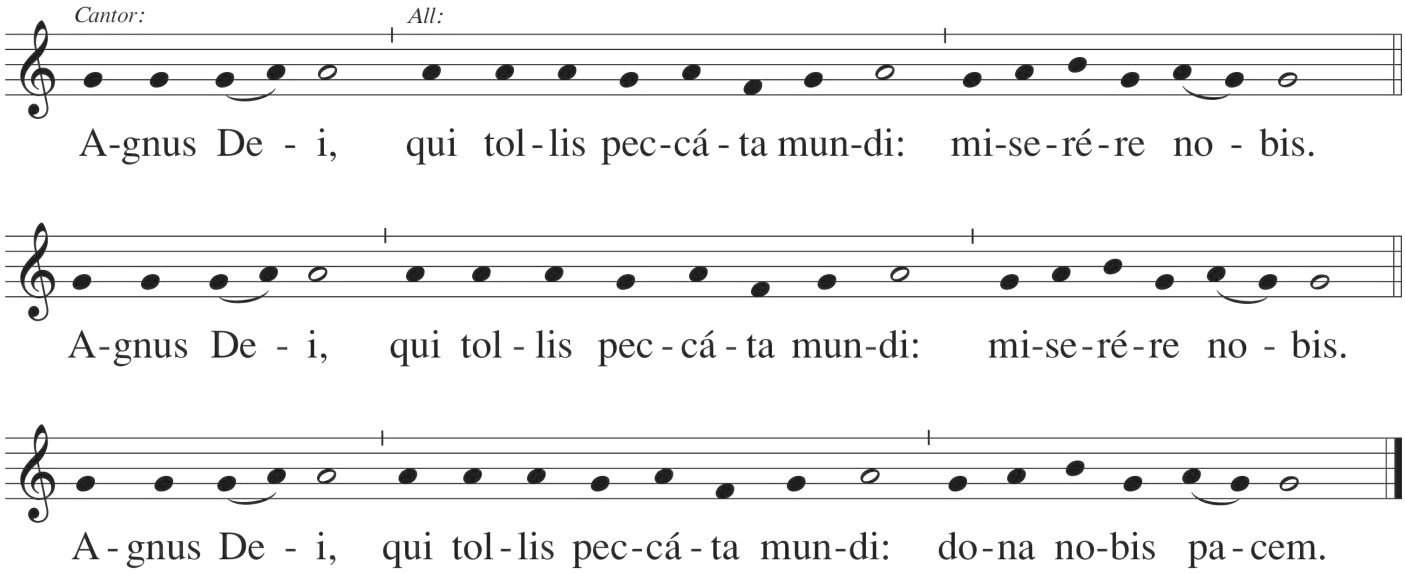

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Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6th -
Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM G †Wendy Johnson Dekeyser, Bob Johnson, Nic & Elaine Everard
4:00 PM W †Janet & Paul Klackner

Sunday, March 7th -
Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM W †Helen Goswitz
8:00 AM G †George Mott and Ken & Beatrice Sieracki
9:00 AM M †Evelyn Brilliant
9:30 AM W For the Parish
10:30 AM G †Julie Thor
6:30 PM W †L/D Mbrs. Catholic Financial Life

Monday, March 8th - Lenten Weekday
6:45 AM G †L/D Mbrs. Don Kautzer Family
9:00 AM W †Erich Pitz

Tuesday, March 9th—Lenten Weekday
6:45 AM G †Frank Coons
9:00 AM W For the Parish
6:30 PM G †L/D Mbrs. St. Clare Society

Wednesday, March 10th—Lenten Weekday
6:45 AM G †Allen Evanoff
9:00 AM W †Richard Gainey, Gordon & Joan Waldvogel

Thursday, March 11th - Lenten Weekday
6:45 AM G †LeRoy, Gloria & Maureen Kattner & Margaret Meyer
9:00 AM W †For All Souls

Friday, March 12th - Lenten Weekday
6:45 AM G †Joe & Clara Franz & Sara Franz
9:00 AM W For the Parish

Saturday, March 13th -
Forth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM G †Charles Spiering
4:00 PM W †Conrad & Betty Vogel

Sunday, March 14th -
Forth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM W †William C. & Phyllis Biaggio
8:00 AM G For the Parish
9:00 AM M †Samantha Kinjerski & Harold & Rose Mary Strauss
9:30 AM W †Dorothy Rathsack
10:30 AM G †Allen Kubsch
6:30 PM W †John Dvorak

Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones

We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of:

Dorothy Holschbach

May all the faithful departed
rest in peace.

In Memory of...

For the week of March 7th, 2021

Sanctuary Candle is for:
Karen Ann Neuser
at the Grand Site

Sanctuary Candle is for:
Robert Herzog
at the Marshall Site

Sanctuary Candle is for:
Helen Goswitz
at the Waldo Site

Tabernacle Candle is for:
Special Intention
at the Adoration Chapel

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Our resources and energies are directed to the educational, social and spiritual needs that exist in the Mississippi Delta. Since 1952, St. Francis of Assisi Mission has been supported by the generosity of others. Our resources and energies are directed to the educational, social and spiritual needs that exist in the Mississippi Delta. Please explore everything that St. Francis Mission has to offer!

Who We serve

We serve children of families that seek education that stresses the hallmarks of Catholic education: Faith, Academics and Discipline.
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We serve four faith communities in the Mississippi Delta.

What We Do

The Franciscan Friars and Sisters serve four parishes in the Delta for the Catholic Diocese of Jackson.
The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Wisconsin) along with lay teachers and staff provide quality education for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6.
St. Francis Mission sponsors direct service projects that provide summer recreational programs and vacation bible programs for children, assistance to homeowners in the care of their home, and building and facilities project at St. Francis Mission and School.

Who We Are

Formed in the spirit of the Gospel and inspired by the life and example of St. Francis of Assisi,

- Our parish ministry promotes God's kingdom of justice and peace, faith and hope, love and acceptance.
- Our education ministry develops each student's spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional gifts.
- Our direct service ministry sponsors projects that make evident the presence of God's kingdom to those in need.

Source: sfgw.org/St-Francis-Mission

ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTERS!

It has been over a year since we have been able to gather and work on our prayer shawls together. I miss all of you and know that you also miss sharing our special ministry. In an attempt to reconnect, I have a couple of ideas.
1) Please send me your email address so that I can create a Prayer Shawl list to keep us all up on the parish COVID rules, and share patterns, ideas and personal news. My email address is below.
2) Send me suggestions as to how we might share our ministry despite isolation. There are a large number of shawls available, so please let others know and take them as you see a need. They are at the parish office in the library. If you would prefer that some are brought to you for delivery or want a shawl delivered to someone, let me know and I will do so.

If you might be interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact any member or me, Laurale Stern, coordinator, for more information at: lauralestern1@gmail.com or (920)683-3966.

Scrip NEWS:

Manitowoc Mini Mart has changed from a Shell gas station to a BP gas station. If you have any gift certificates on hand you are fine as the certificates are for the Mini Mart not the particular brand of gas, you will just be getting BP gas and NOT Shell gas. We continue to have the certificates on hand for sale at the scrip office in the $25 and $50 amounts with the 5% rebate that can be used only at the Mini Mart. The Shell plastic cards will continue to be sold also for use at any Shell nationwide.

Kwik Trip gift cards, we are officially out of the 20%, $100 gift cards. I continue to have the other denominations, $5, $10, $20 and $50 cards available at the 20% rebate. The next denomination I will run out of is the $50 cards. I was able to get $100 cards into the office at 10% rebate which is still better than the normal 5% if you really want $100 cards. If you don't care which denomination you get but want the 20% rebate, please mark your order forms as such or mention that on your phone messages and emails.

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RONCALLI
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Roncalli High School gifted teacher, student microscopes

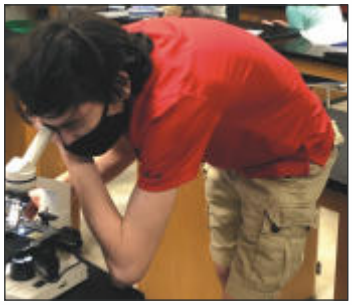
Roncalli High School, part of Roncalli Catholic Schools, was recently gifted 20 student biological compound light microscopes and one teacher trinocular biological compound light microscope through a private donation from an alumnus.

"We are grateful for this generous gift, which will support the efforts of the Biology department at Roncalli High School," said Mrs. Gina Blaser, Roncalli High School science teacher. "Advanced equipment like this not only supports classroom learning, but also prepares students for future career endeavors in the field of science. Many of our students want to pursue unique careers in the scientific field, and good equipment broadens their view of what science can offer, as well as helps them discern their unique individual interests."

The teacher microscope can be used to project onto a screen and has a camera to take photographs. The student microscopes enlarge 40X-1000X, and the teacher microscope enlarges 40X-2500X.

The microscopes are used to study cell types in Human Biology (Histology), the cell cycle/mitosis in General Biology (Cell Biology), and general cell structure in prokaryotes and eukaryotes in Freshman and General Biology.
Since these microscopes have greater enlargement capabilities than the old ones, new labs will be incorporated to utilize this feature.

"Roncalli Catholic Schools is thankful for the tremendous support from our alumni and other benefactors! They continue to support our mission and the students of today through their generosity," said John Stelzer, Roncalli Catholic Schools president.



Students in Mrs. Gina Blaser's Biology class recently tested out new microscopes at the high school.

Readings for the Week

March 7, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

St. Clare Corner:

Our spiritual advisor, Deacon Mike Dolezal, has graciously agreed to offer us some Inspiration this week:

To the readers of the St. Clare Corner, the Lord be with you. "The Lord be with you" is a statement that we often hear just before a blessing is given and received. It is a statement that I have really come to enjoy hearing, and one that I have really come to enjoy saying.

In Philippians 4, St. Paul says something similar. He teaches us about things that we do that would bring us to the place where the God of peace would be with us. Philippians 4:8–9: Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

A long time ago, I put this Scripture verse in my journal under the heading of ENTERTAINMENT. At that time in my life, I was discerning what kind of thoughts I was entertaining and what tools I might use to entertain holier thoughts.

For the rest of Lent, I would like to offer you a suggestion, a continuation of what Fr. Doug has asked us to do with our fasting. Take something secular and replace it with something Christian, or specifically, Catholic. As a musician and lover of music, and realizing how powerful music is for our thoughts and mood, my first suggestion is that for the rest of Lent, you listen exclusively to Christian music, either contemporary or sacred traditional. (I like K-LOVE 90.5 / 104.9 FM or the K-LOVE free APP on your phone.) If you watch news and current events, try Relevant Radio 1050 AM or EWTN on TV. If your love is reading, any of the saints' lives would be a good choice. What thoughts are you entertaining and what actions are they inspiring in you? In all these thoughts and actions, there is the opportunity for the Lord to be with us.

I pray you have a blessed Lent,

Deacon Mike Dolezal

Respect Life SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Your Spiritually Adopted Baby begins rapid eye movements at 23 weeks. These are similar to those seen when children and adults have dreams. Baby's little brain is developing at a clip and will continue to do so until age 5. Baby's growing taste buds may be able to detect strong flavors and your Little One's hair is a short, bright white crop.

Keep praying for Baby **and** Mother and Father. It is never too late to intercede for the life of an unborn child. If you have not yet done so, spiritually adopt, name, and pray for your baby and his or her parents daily: ***Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.***

If you know a Mother or Father who needs help, **THE CROSSING** in Manitowoc really care about them **and** Baby. They may be reached at 205 North 8th Street, 973-4357 or on the web at: www.crossingmanitowoc.org/

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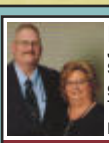

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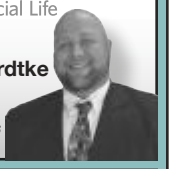

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Please notify the parish office of family/friends who are homebound, in care facilities, or hospitalized.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission to the office during the afternoon is by appointment only. There is a secure drop box near the front door entrance and bulletins are available outside.

Mission Statement:

The Manitowoc Catholic Community exists as a sacramental body of Christ, to love as Christ loved, by boldly proclaiming our faith, teaching our youth, spreading the Good News of Jesus, and serving one another and others in an ever-changing community.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: Grand site: 4:00 p.m.
Waldo site: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: Waldo site: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Marshall site: 9:00 a.m.
Grand site: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Weekday: Monday-Friday 6:45 a.m. at the Grand Site
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. at the Waldo Site
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Site
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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Grand site: Saturday, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Grand site: Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Waldo site: Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Baptism & Marriage
Please contact the parish office for more information on baptisms and marriage and to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick
A communal celebration is offered three times per year. individual anointing is available upon request.

Want to become a Catholic?

Have you been questioning whether the Catholic faith is the path you should take? Then RCIA may be the answer! The RCIA journey will lead you to a fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. Please contact Ruthann Ross; our Pastoral Associate, in the parish office for more information.

We Welcome You to St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

- Our most important involvement in the parish community is our presence at the Sunday Eucharist—"the source and summit of our life in Christ".
- Our parish Christian stewardship is based on prayer, service, and sharing. We are called to give back to God as generously as God has given to us.
- If you wish to find out more about our parish community, please contact the parish office, or complete this form and drop in the collection basket at Mass. You will be contacted by a member of the parish staff.

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