ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

PO Box 839, 264 South Grant Street, Ellsworth, WI

May 30, 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
By appointment following preparation class. Please call the parish office to register for Baptism class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

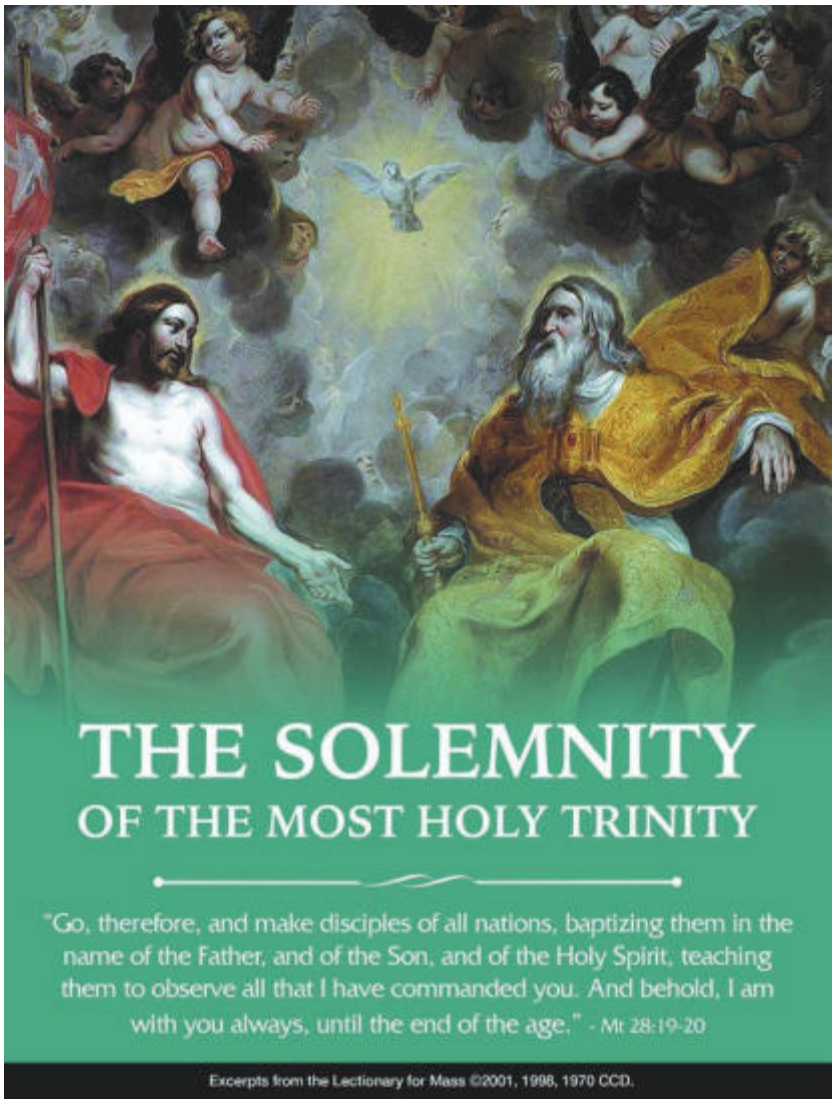
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Administered by request. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday from 4:30-4:55pm or by appointment.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
Any adult interested in becoming Catholic should contact Joan Foley at 715-338-1199

Welcome to St. Francis

Weekend Masses
Saturday……..5:00pm
Sunday…….8:30 and 10:30am



MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY
Monday, May 31 at 8:30am. If the weather doesn't permit an outdoor Mass, Mass will be in the Church.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, May 31
8:30am Mass +Max Klecker

Tuesday, June 1
St. Justin, Martyr
8:30am Mass +Erwin and Elizabeth Schladweiler

Wednesday, June 2
Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
8:30am Mass Quinn Family

Thursday, June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
8:30am Mass +Burt Brickner

Friday, June 4
8:30am Mass +David Janisch

Saturday, June 5
St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
5:00pm Mass Jerry Zimmer Family

Sunday, June 6
8:30am Mass +John Domben
10:30am Mass St. Francis Parish

LECTOR AND MASS SERVER SCHEDULE

June 5 & 6
Lectors:
5:00pm - John Woehrle
8:30am - Beth Dendinger
10:30am - Samantha Wilson
Mass Server:
5:00pm - Alex Pazdernik
8:30am - Dendinger family Member
10:30am - Walker Loberg

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Friday, June 4, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00am-Noon. Benediction will be at noon. It is important that we have someone present in church during Adoration

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

NEED PRAYERS OR A VISIT?

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the parish office.

SAINT FRANCIS WELCOMES NEW RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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PRAYER CORNER

Please keep the following in your prayers. Dan Berns, Arlene Canfield, Denise Girdeen, Laura Kemmerer, Jean Qualle, Vickie Riegelman, Joan Ripley, Kristie Wilkens. To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-273-4774 or email us at stfrancisrectory@sbcglobal.net.

Offering for May 22 & 23

Adult Envelopes including ACH's $6,557.00
Offertory - $316.00. Easter—$10.00.

JUNE USHER SCHEDULE

5:00pm Mass: Brandon Walter, Joe Walter, Mark Anderson and Scott Donnelly.
8:30am Mass: Paul Belland, Steve, Jackie and Isaac Mark.
10:30am Mass: Mary and Austin Brand, Robert Pechacek, and Dan Brenner

Dear St. Francis Parishioners and friends,

ODDS AND ENDS

SCHOOL: The 5th grade will graduate this Thursday, I am writing this on Tuesday, so when you read this it will already be done. Today is 80 and partly cloudy, Thursday is supposed to be 48, windy and rainy. As usual, the fifth grade will plant a tree. This year that will be at the cemetery and I suspect the "swamp oak" we are planting won't mind the rain. It is actually a very pretty little tree.

Classes end on June 2nd with a half day and our concluding Mass for the year.

HELP WANTED: Some of our class rooms will be moving to new locations for the coming year and we could use some able bodies to move furniture and stuff on June 3rd and June 4th. Call Amy Matzek at the school to volunteer if you have time.

TEACHERS WANTED: We have an opening for 1st Grade and Kindergarten teachers. If you have a likely candidate who would like to teach in a great school, send him or her our way.

RAIN: The recent rains brought to our attention some area of needed repair and preventative maintenance. We had planned on landscaping in front of the school but will need to do some more extensive grading on the front side of the school before we can do the landscaping in order to solve an ongoing problem of water in the lower part of the school. The rain also revealed some problems with windows on the sacristy of the church and we will need to replace some of the mortar around the windows and then repair or replace the windows. I anticipate doing much of the deferred maintenance in June.

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING: It is a common practice to kneel for a short time after receiving the Eucharist at Mass in order to give some thanks to God for his great gift (and singing when we can do that again). While you can kneel for as long as you want, up until the "let us pray," I've noticed that most people seem to take the Deacon being seated as a cue to sit down. It seems more appropriate to connect the thanksgiving to the Tabernacle. When the Eucharist is placed in the Tabernacle would seem to signal a time to be seated rather than the ups or downs of the priest or deacon. But, entirely up to you.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Olson

St. Francis Softball Report The first two softball games of the year were played on Monday May 24, on a beautiful 74-degree evening. The team was excited to be finally playing again since last season was canceled due to Covid. Their first opponent was newcomer to the league Abundant Life from River falls. The first game started slowing with nether team having any luck getting a run. I guess everyone needed to get in the mode of playing ball again. St. Francis started out the scoring with a couple of runs in the third inning and looked like it might be a 3 to 2 game. The sixth inning was a little different with the bats of St. Francis getting blazing hot. Base hit after base hit, everyone got in on the fun and scoring eight runs in the inning. The Inning was highlighted by Zack Hines hitting a in the park homerun with two men on. Zack pounded a line drive into right field up against the fence. With the crack of the bat the players on base took off running and scoring easily with Zack hot on their heels. I thought I saw the third base coach put up the signal to stop at third, but Zack wasn't about to slow down and blew right past the stop sign and was safe at home. The final score was St. Francis on top 11-3. As in previous years the second game is always difficult. Abundant Life lost a couple of players and asked if any of our extra players would play for them. We were more than glad to help (this usually backfires on us and the player that is loaned out has a crazy good game) this night was one of those nights. The player in question was Kanon Kulpa and he got hot. Kanon crushed the ball every time he got up and kept the opponents rallies going. It seemed every time St. Francis got on a roll hitting Kanon would make a remarkable diving catch in the outfield stopping the rally. Boohoo. St. Francis came up short losing the second game 7-12. Kanon that's the last time you play for the other team. The team sat around afterwards and ate pie telling all the tall tales of the night. What a glorious night it was, it's great being able to play ball again. The next game is Wednesday June 9 at 7:00 pm come out and have some fun cheering on the team and maybe even have a piece of pie. I'll see you at the ballgame. John Woehrle

TOTUS TUUS "*Totally Yours*" (a different version of VBS)

Is coming to St. Francis! Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic parish-based summer Catholic youth program put on by a team of 4 college students, or seminarians, who will be staying at St. Francis for one week. Our Totus Tuus Program for children **going into Grades 1 - 6** will be held Monday - Friday, **June 28 - July 2**, from **9:00 am to 2:30 pm. IN ADDITION**: Totus Tuus Programs for students in **Middle School** (those entering 7th or 8th grades) and for students in **High School** (those entering grades 9 - 12) will be held during the evenings of **June 27 - July 1**, (Sunday -Thursday Evenings) from **6:00 to 8:45 pm**. Each evening will begin with supper, with the Totus Tuus Team, in the parish hall. Registration information and details, for all these groups, will be on the Parish website and have been sent to families with children of these ages.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would like to help out at Totus Tuus by providing snacks, coordinating meals, helping in the classroom or at snack/lunch time, greeting children, hosting part of the team in your home, or providing a lunch for our four teachers, please contact Joan Foley at 715-338-1199 or cfoley@dishup.us.

Come celebrate St. Francis School, gathering safely together, and all things summer at the Summer Fun Series kick-off event on Thursday, June 3 from 5:00-7:00 pm, East End Park. Family fun activities, games, and food by Hungry Badger food truck available beginning at 5:00 pm. Music by Colleen Raye at 6:00 pm (sponsored by Brush Strokes Art Supply).
Please bring bubbles, chalk, or any fun outdoor activities. And please wear your school colors.

CEMETERY GUIDELINES

The week of June 13, anything that is loose on the gravestones will be taken off. These items will be brought to the parish office. The lawn mowing company now blows off the gravestones when the grass is thick. These items also get blown off when this is done. If you want to glue these items to the bottom of the gravestone, it was suggested you use locktite.
All plants/flowers and other items that are not in permanent stands that are placed for Memorial Day will need to be removed by June 13.

MONDAY ADULT GET TOGETHER

On Monday, May 17, several adults gathered to pray the rosary together in our St. Francis church. After that we gathered outside to enjoy a desert and to visit. During our visit it was decided to make this a monthly event. Anyone is welcome to join us. We decided to call this group **"The Holy Beads"** and will meet one Monday a month to say the rosary together and follow with refreshments and visiting! We will be placing an intention box in the Church Entryway for anyone to write out an intention they would like" The Holy Beads" to pray for. If you can, please join us **on Monday, June 21, at 1:00 pm** in the St. Francis Church to pray the rosary. This month the rosary will be led by Bishop Robert Barron via YouTube. Bishop Barron includes a wonderful contemplation for each mystery along with sacred art to go along with the mystery we are meditating on. All are welcome!

End of the School Year Prayer

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from your hand.
While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will,
With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.

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