



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
 PO Box 839, 264 South Grant Street, Ellsworth, WI



June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Hours..... Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-3:00pm
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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



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
 The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
 "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

GLP

Kason Scott Flanigan, son of Jenna Flanigan became our brother in Christ through Holy Baptism after the 5:00 pm Mass Saturday, June 12, 2021.
Elsie James Hipple, daughter of Andrew and Jennifer (Fuchs) Hipple became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism after the 10:30 am Mass Saturday, June 13, 2021.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

No Mass

Tuesday, June 22

**Ss. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, John Fisher,
Bishop, and Thomas Moore, Martyrs**

8:30am Mass +Donna Miller

Wednesday, June 23

8:30am Mass +Bob Bjork

Thursday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30am Mass Healing of Our Nation

Friday, June 25

8:30am Mass +Shirley Hines

Saturday, June 26

5:00pm Mass +Joyce Hines

Sunday, June 27

8:30am Mass St. Francis Parish

10:30am Mass +Stu and Gert Dunn

Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/ Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/ Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

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, Denise Girdeen, Laura Kemmerer, Karen O'Brien, Jean Qualle, Vickie Riegelman, Joan Ripley, Kristie Wilkens. To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-273-4774 or email us at stfrancis-rectory@sbcglobal.net.

LECTOR AND MASS SERVER SCHEDULE

June 26 & 27

Lectors:

5:00pm - Chuck Matzek

8:30am - Mary Kiefer

10:30am - John Woehrle

Mass Server:

5:00pm - Landyn Gaard

8:30am - Logan Brand

10:30am - DJ Brenner

Offering for June 12 & 13

Adult Envelopes including ACH's \$8,845.00

Offertory - \$395.85

The four picnic tables have been built and are in place east of the church. You have an opportunity to help pay for the materials for one or more of the tables or even a part of a table in memory of someone, or just as a donation to a good cause. The materials cost is \$200 per table. You can drop your donation in the collection in an envelope marked "picnic table". Thank you.

Thank you to the Norman Huppert Family and the Bob, Betty and Jack Webster Family for their donations for each a picnic table.

Dear St. Francis Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there. While Father's Day is a hallmark holiday, it does mark something important; that Fathers are part of the plan of God for us and for families. The masculine role in families, the role of the father, is part of God's plan for human existence. In the beginning God made them male and female and united man and woman in marriage, as helpmates and for fruitful generation. It really isn't open to dispute that the single best indicator for a child's success is an intact family with mother and father both involved in the child's education and development. While that is true for worldly success, it seems to me it also is true for a child's development in faith and relationship to God. In no way is this meant to disparage single parents who often work very hard at great personal sacrifice to raise children both for worldly success and in faith. It was Pope St. John Paul II who recognized most clearly that there exists both a masculine and a feminine "genius" which is displayed in two parent families and helps in the raising of children. Dads have a real and needed role in displaying good masculine traits in families for the benefit of all the members of the family. This is also true for the church and for training children in religious practice. In the rite for Baptism, the father of the child is named the first to train his child in the faith. Religion was never meant to be just the work of the mother; fathers have an important role in modeling religious conduct for their children. While there are many good saints who model masculine traits, many men in recent years have turned to St. Joseph as an excellent model.

Mass and the Eucharist

June 26/27 is the weekend on which the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will be lifted in the Diocese of La Crosse. Because of Covid, the Bishops "dispensed" people from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. That obligation will be back in effect and is based on the Commandment, "Keep Holy the Sabbath." One day a week is given to God and meant for our re-creation and spiritual strengthening beginning with receiving the Eucharist at Mass.

The Eucharist is not a reward for the good, it is a medicine for body and soul. It strengthens us for this journey as the Mass recalls the Lord's words, "Do this in memory of me." The Holy Eucharist includes the promise of Jesus, "those who eat this bread will live forever." At the end of your life are you really going to tell Jesus you had something better to do than to receive his Body and Blood? I didn't think so. Welcome Back Everybody!!

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Olson

ST. FRANCIS SOFTBALL REPORT

June 9, it was one of the hottest days of the year 95 degrees and sunny, a real scorcher. The team was red faced and sweating and they just got to the field. Boy I am sure glad I benched myself from playing in this game. Tonight's opponent is Bethel and their all-star pitcher, I sure wish that he would finally retire from pitching. The first game started out slow for St. Francis, having a difficult time getting anyone on base. Of course, Bethel started on fire, and we were playing from behind the whole game. St. Francis made a gallant attempt to muster up enough runs but came up short, losing 12 to 17. The highlight of the game was Andrew Harrington's miraculous jumping catch at the fence, stealing a home run from Bethel and ending the inning. (don't worry Andrew I believe going to confession is not required for that one) The second game started out much the same with Bethel's pitcher having his way with our batters. St. Francis didn't get a run until the fourth inning, and then the team had some fun smacking the ball everywhere. Highlighted by Kanon Kulpa's in the park home run with two men on base. Remember him from last time—playing for the other team. St. Francis came up with fifteen runs by the end of the game, but Bethel ended up with nineteen and the win. Everyone had a great time even in the heat. We drowned our sorrows with some pie and a bucket of water over our heads. Come out and cheer on the team at the next game and maybe even have a piece of pie. See you at the ballgame. John Woehrle

TOTUS TUUS (TOTALLY YOURS), SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

Our St. Francis Parish will be hosting a Totus Tuus Team, (4 college students, 2 men and 2 women), for one week. During this week, the team will be providing Catholic Youth Programs for our Grade School and Middle/High School age children.

Parents: If you haven't registered your child yet, there is still time, there is no deadline. We just ask that you please contact Joan Foley with your child's name, grade, and t-shirt size, if planning for them to attend Totus Tuus, so we know how many to plan for.

The Totus Tuus Grade School 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 the parish hall.

Middle School & High School Sessions (those entering grades 7 - 12) will be held during the evenings of **June 27 - July 1**, (Sunday -Thursday Evenings) from **6:00 to 8:45 pm**.

Registration forms are available at the church entrance, on the church website, stfrancisellsworth.com, or by contacting Joan Foley at 715-338-1199 or cfoley@dishup.us.

Meals Needed: Volunteers are needed to provide meals for our four Team Members: Lunch meals, to be delivered to the Parish Hall by noon, on any of the days, Monday - Friday, June 28 - July 2. Evening meals will be needed for some of the days, Saturday - Wednesday, June 26 - June 30. If willing to help with any of these meals, please contact Joan Foley at 715-338-1199 or cfoley@dishup.us.

Thank You to those who have offered to host the team in their homes and others who have already signed up to help with meals, snacks, teachers' aides, etc.

"THE HOLY BEADS"

Please join in and be part of the "Holy Beads" this Monday, June 21, at 1:00 pm at St. Francis Church. We will be praying the rosary together with the aid of Bishop Robert Barron via YouTube. Bishop Barron includes a wonderful contemplation for each mystery along with sacred art to go with the particular mystery we are meditating on. This month we will meditate on the Joyful mysteries. Small intention boxes have been placed in the Church entryways for anyone to write out an intention they would like "The Holy Beads" to pray for. The intentions will be read before starting the rosary unless you wish the intention to remain anonymous, (if so, please indicate that). After praying the rosary, there will be refreshments served outside on our new picnic tables, weather permitting. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS POTLUCK AND KICKBALL PARTY

We all hated covid and social dysfunction and it is time for a little church party, so, bring your kickball attire and bring some food to share and pass after the 10:30 am Mass Sunday, June 27. Bring an extra lawn chair and bring along some friends. You don't even need to be Catholic to enjoy kickball and potluck. If you have a grill and want to tailgate, we are fine with that, too. Of course, we want it to stay family friendly. Got a guitar, tuba, oboe or keyboard and want to play some music? Bring it along and we will see about setting up a mic and speaker. Talk to youth ministry committee members with any special requests. The parish will supply soft beverages.



Meet our new St. Francis School principal, Mrs. Mary Cormican!

Mrs. Cormican's long career in education began in Michigan's UP where she was a Phy. Ed. teacher and coach. Since first entering the education field she has held many positions including special education teacher, diagnostician, administrator, director of special education and pupil services and curriculum, and most recently principal at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in Ladysmith, WI.

Mrs. Cormican feels a sense of renewed energy coming from our school, church, and community, which is what drew her to St. Francis. She's looking forward to contributing to our future here!

Raised in Baraboo, WI (and fun fact, she was actually born in Long Island, NY!) she attended parochial school through 8th grade and fondly remembers the loving, family atmosphere.

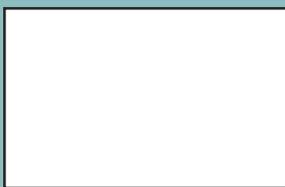
Mary and her husband, John, will be relocating to the Ellsworth area. They have three grown children, one grandchild, and another grandchild on the way. Plus, three fur babies (two Labradoodles and a Teddybear). In her spare time, you'll find her working on DIY projects with her husband, enjoying time outdoors, reading, or cheering on her favorite sports teams (Badgers and Packers in WI of course, and Duke's Coach K).

Please join us in welcoming, Mrs. Cormican!

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