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St. Francis of Assisi Church | PO Box 839 | 264 South Grant Street | Ellsworth, WI 54011

## December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Weekend Mass Times | Saturdays at 5pm | Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-3:00pm  
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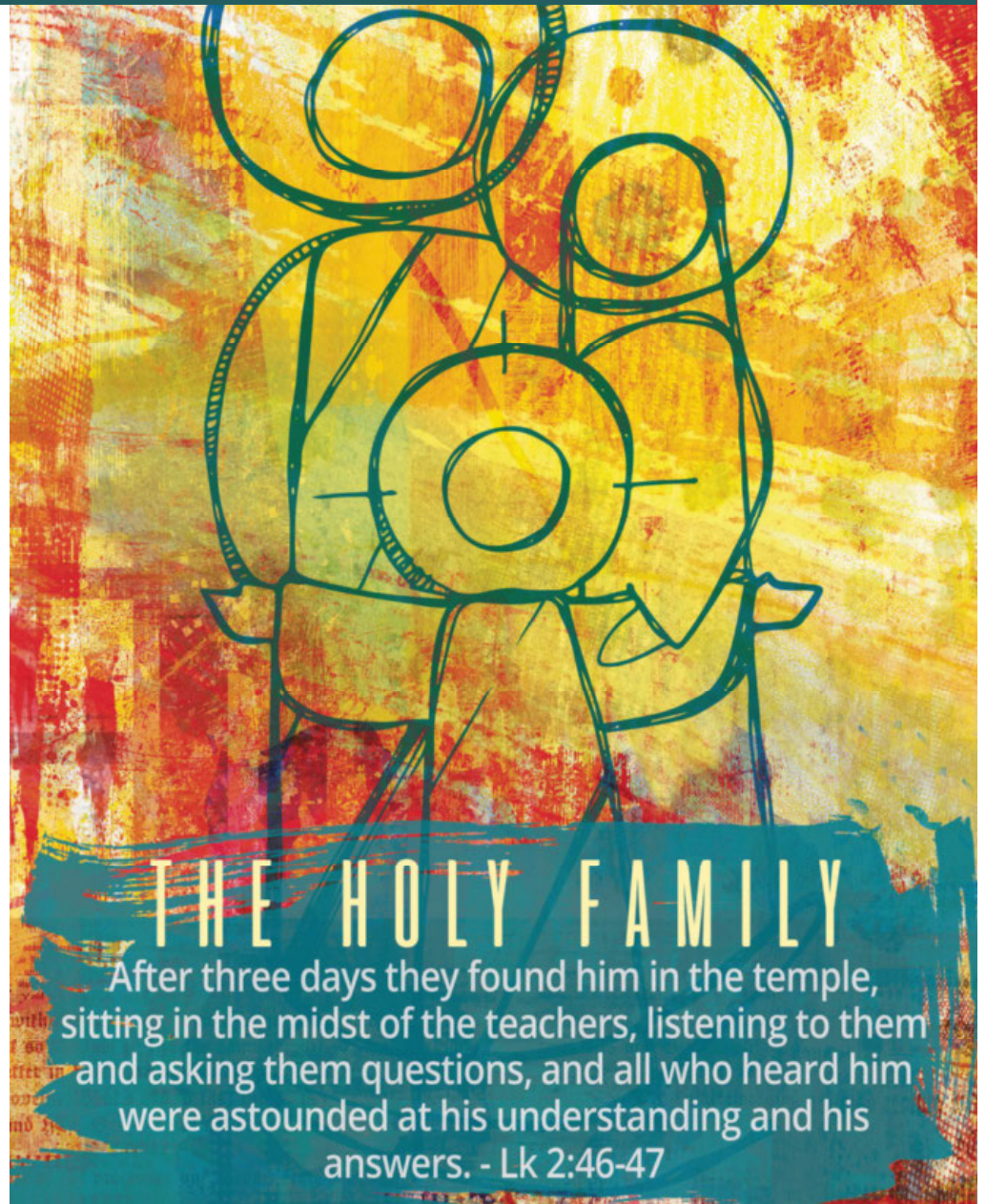
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## A Message from Father Olson

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Merry Christmas! We recall that Christ our Lord has come among us as a baby born in Bethlehem. We celebrate the octave, the eight days, of Christmas as though each was Christmas day itself. Of course, the world stops playing Christmas music on December 26 and Christmas trees are already on the curb or put back into their boxes. Not so for the Church, however, we recognize that Christmas, when God becomes one of us, taking on our flesh, our temptations, our joys and our sorrows, and even our death, is the greatest miracle of all. That God so loved the world that he sent us his Son is worth more than just one day of celebration.

As I write this the work on the interior of our church is continuing. This is also a work in progress and there will be some more steps to complete. For example, we have worked to restore the beautiful tabernacle from the Clayfield church and plan to use that at St. Francis. More information on that will come in the future. I will be taking some time off in January and February and traveling to Mexico. Mostly it will be vacation, however, I will still be available by phone and email if the parish has need. A number of different priests will be here on weekends in January and February. Deacon Marty Kulak will have communion services on each Friday.

Missy Kowalchyk has resigned her position as music director after 25 years at St. Francis. Until such time as we decide on getting a new music director, Stacy Henning and Leann Lifto have agreed to act as lead musicians and will work with cantors and musicians to bring music to our celebrations. We wish Missy the best in whatever new direction her life takes her and thank her for her years of dedicated service.

In this Christmas time, go out and make Jesus famous,

Fr. Olson

## Thank you for making our church a beautiful place to worship this Christmas Season

### In Honor of

Judy Klaas, *donated by Judy Klaas family*

All Our Loved Ones, *donated by Bob and Norma Radke*

### In Memory of

Bernard and Marie Armbruster, *donated by Armbruster Family*

Alfred and Margaret Baker and Wesley and Marie Fetzer, *donated by Bob and Mary Baker*

Tom Bauer, *donated by Peggy and Loran Bauer*

The Birkel Family, *donated by Judy Klaas*

Deceased family members of Donald and Shirley Borst, *donated by Doug and Marilyn Hines*

John and Marie Brickner, *donated by the Brickner Family*

Burt and Pat Brickner and Ben and Anna Brickner Family, *donated by Jean Brickner*

Ruth Capatske, *donated by the Ruth Capatske Family*

Capatske Family, *donated by John and Mary Capatske*

Goldie and Jessie Campbell, *donated by the Campbell Family*

Louis and Hazel Cardell and Marvin and Beatrice Wirth, *donated by Don and Corinne Cardell*

Our parents and siblings, *donated by Elden and Linda Christensen*

Logan Corey Deiss, *donated by Phil and Kim Deiss*

Bob Donnelly, *donated by Kathy and Cindy Donnelly*

Bob Donnelly, *donated by Scott and Linda Donnelly Family*

Robbie Dopp, *donated by Maria, Amelia & Adeline Dopp*

Dorothy Ekstrom, *donated by Bob and DeeDee Schutz*

Marlee Mae Erlandson, *donated by Brian and Dolly Mark*

Marlee Erlandson, *donated by Todd & Billy Jo Mark Family*

Dick Fischer and Shirley and Don Borst Family, *donated by Darla and Jody Fischer*

Bob and Tony Flynn, *donated by Marlis Flynn*

Kathryn and Emery Heacox, *donated by Heacox family*

Clarence and Agie Hemmelgarn, *donated by Jay and Anita Krisnik*

Our deceased family members, *donated by Steve and Suzann Hinck*

Theresa and Willard Hines, *donated by Don Hines*

Joyce Hines, *donated by Lester Hines*

Nancy Hines, *donated by Brian and Dolly Mark*

Nancy Hines, *donated by Todd & Billy Jo Mark Family*

Walt and Avis Hines and deceased family, *donated by Michael and Mary Hines Family*

Lenny and Helen Hines, *donated by Linda Szempruch*

Kate Huppert, *donated by Kari deLongpre and girls*

## Thank you for making our church a beautiful place to worship this Christmas Season

Kate Huppert, *donated by Bob and Norma Radke*  
Norman Huppert, *donated by Bob and Norma Radke*  
Francis, Frank & Evelyn Huppert Families, *donated by Rosemary Huppert*  
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Henry and Regina Huppert and Ervin and Melva Hinrichs, *donated by Al and Shari Huppert*  
Norman Huppert Families, *donated by Mary Huppert*  
Jimbo Huppert, Charles, Marcella, and Janet Huppert, *donated by Jim and Bev Huppert*  
Cyril Huppert and Sylvester Socha and Alexander Huppert, *donated by Sheldon and Janet Huppert*  
Francis and Janet Huppert family members, *donated by Robert and Roxann Pechacek*  
Nick Jahnke, *donated by Jeanne and Lowell Jahnke*  
Eugene and Batty Janisch, *donated by Suzanne Fagerland*  
Eugene and Betty Janisch, *donated by the Flynn Family*  
Clarence & Loretta Jilk, and Ellen and Jerry Billeter, *donated by Michelle Jilk*  
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Sandy Jorgenson, *donated by Sandy Jorgenson Family*  
The Klaas Family, *donated by Judy Klaas*  
Joseph Krisnik, *donated by Jay and Anita Krisnik*  
Gary Langer, *donated by Karen Langer*  
Kade Langer, *donated by Karen Langer*  
Harold and Adeline Langer, *donated by Wayne and Carole Langer*  
Harry and Darlyne Mark, *donated by Brian and Dolly Mark*  
Harry and Darlyne Mark, *donated by Todd & Billy Jo Mark Family*  
Jim Matzek, *donated by Rosemary Matzek family*  
Jim Matzek, *donated by Sandy Jorgenson Matzek family*  
Lyle and Fern McCormack, *donated by Sheri McCormack*  
Larry McCormack, *donated by Sheri McCormack*  
Eli Mickelson, *donated by Rose Mickelson*  
Deceased family members, *donated by Jack and Barb Noll*  
Ed and Loretta Pechacek, *donated by Ed and Loretta Pechacek Family*  
Mike Perkins, *donated by Judy Perkins*  
Norvel and Amalie Radke, *donated by Bob and Norma Radke*  
Herman and Virginia Reis, *donated by Jane Reis*  
Dean and Mitch Reis, *donated by Jane Reis*  
Amy and Lydia Rohl, *donated by Tim and Judy Rohl*

Dick and Penny Rohl Family, *donated by Jeremy and Mande Brenner*  
Janelle Rohr, *donated by Mary Brand*  
John and Mary Schladweiler Family and Jamie Rohl, *donated by Rosemary Huppert*  
Leo and Elsie Schmidt and deceased family, *donated by Michael and Mary Hines Family*  
Eddie and Genevieve Sylvester, *donated by Sheri McCormack*  
Our deceased choir members, *donated by St. Francis Adult Choir*  
Our deceased family members, *donated by Bob and DeeDee Schutz*  
Charlene Cernohous & Ron Schommer, *donated by Mike and Shelby Schommer & Family*  
Maurice and Virginia Schommer, *donated by Mike and Shelby Schommer & Family*  
Alex Skog, *donated by Bob and Norma Radke*  
Lorraine and Robert Steffen, *donated by Steffen Family*  
Bob, Betty, and Jack Webster, *donated by Ron and Karen Webster*  
Theodore Joseph Wisniowski, *donated by Wisniowski family*  
Parents and deceased relatives and Jack Webster, *donated by Barry and Marsha Young*

### Prayer Corner

Please keep the following in your prayers. Tony Berns, Ron Campbell, Dan Davison, Sharon Dingrando, David Francksen, Denise Girdeen, Leon Henneman, Boyd Huppert, Laura Kemmerer, Jim Langer, Joan Ripley, Doug Rock, Debra Larson, Steve Bartlett, and Susan Renta. To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-273-4774 or email us at [stfrancisrectory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stfrancisrectory@sbcglobal.net).

### Religious Education

Wednesday, December 29

No classes scheduled due to the Christmas break.

### Sunday School

Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 2, 2022. All young children, over the age of 3 years old, are invited to attend Sunday School during the 10:30 am Mass.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, December 27 - No Mass  
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday, December 28  
8:30am Mass +Joe and Bev Falteisek  
The Holy Innocents

Wednesday, December 29  
8:30am Mass +Shirley Hines  
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday, December 30  
8:30am Mass +Bob Donnelly

Friday, December 31  
8:30am Mass +Shirley Hines  
St. Sylvester I, Pope

Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary  
8:30am Mass Eugene Woehrle

January 1 & 2  
5:00pm Mass +David Janisch  
8:30am Mass +Faye Larson, Howard Anderson  
And Frank and Loretta Campbell  
10:30am Mass St. Francis Parish

## Youth Ministry

### Sunday Soup Luncheon

Thank you to all who supported our December Soup Luncheon. It was very well attended. Our youth, parents, and Leann and Mike very much appreciate your continued support of our youth programs.

Our next Soup Luncheon will be January 9. We will start serving after the 10:30 mass. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and support our youth!



## Lector and Mass Server, and Usher Schedule

### Mass Servers

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary  
8:30am Dendinger Family Members

January 1 & 2  
5:00pm DJ Brenner  
8:30am Dendinger Family Members  
10:30am Youth

### Lectors

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary  
8:30am Beth Dendinger and Chuck Matzek

January 1 & 2  
5:00pm Kathy Steffen  
8:30am Beth Dendinger and Michelle Jilk  
10:30am Youth

### January Usher Schedule

5:00pm Mass: Scott Donnelly, Mark Anderson, Randy Brickner and Wally Hines  
8:30am Mass: Dan Poellinger, Dominic Fedie, Pete Huppert and Bob Radke  
10:30am Mass: Robert Pechacek, Dan Puhmann, Andy Augustine and Drew Pechacek



*"Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow." Pope John XXIII*

On behalf of everyone at St. Francis Catholic School, I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Mark your calendars! Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 30-February 5, 2022. Watch for a list of activities in next week's bulletin.

Registration information for the 2022-2023 school year will be available in mid-January.



The 9th and 10th grade Religious Ed. Classes sponsored a family for the Ellsworth Community School District Gift Box Program. On December 1 they took a bus to Walmart in Red Wing to shop for their families. They all used their OWN money to pool together (each student brought \$20 or more) and they worked as a team to figure out how to purchase as much as they could to make the family's Christmas special. Then spent time together wrapping and labeling the gifts.

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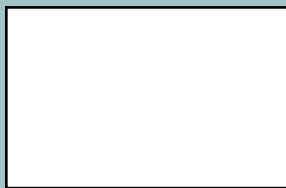
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