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

January 16, 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-3:00pm
Friday 8:00am-Noon

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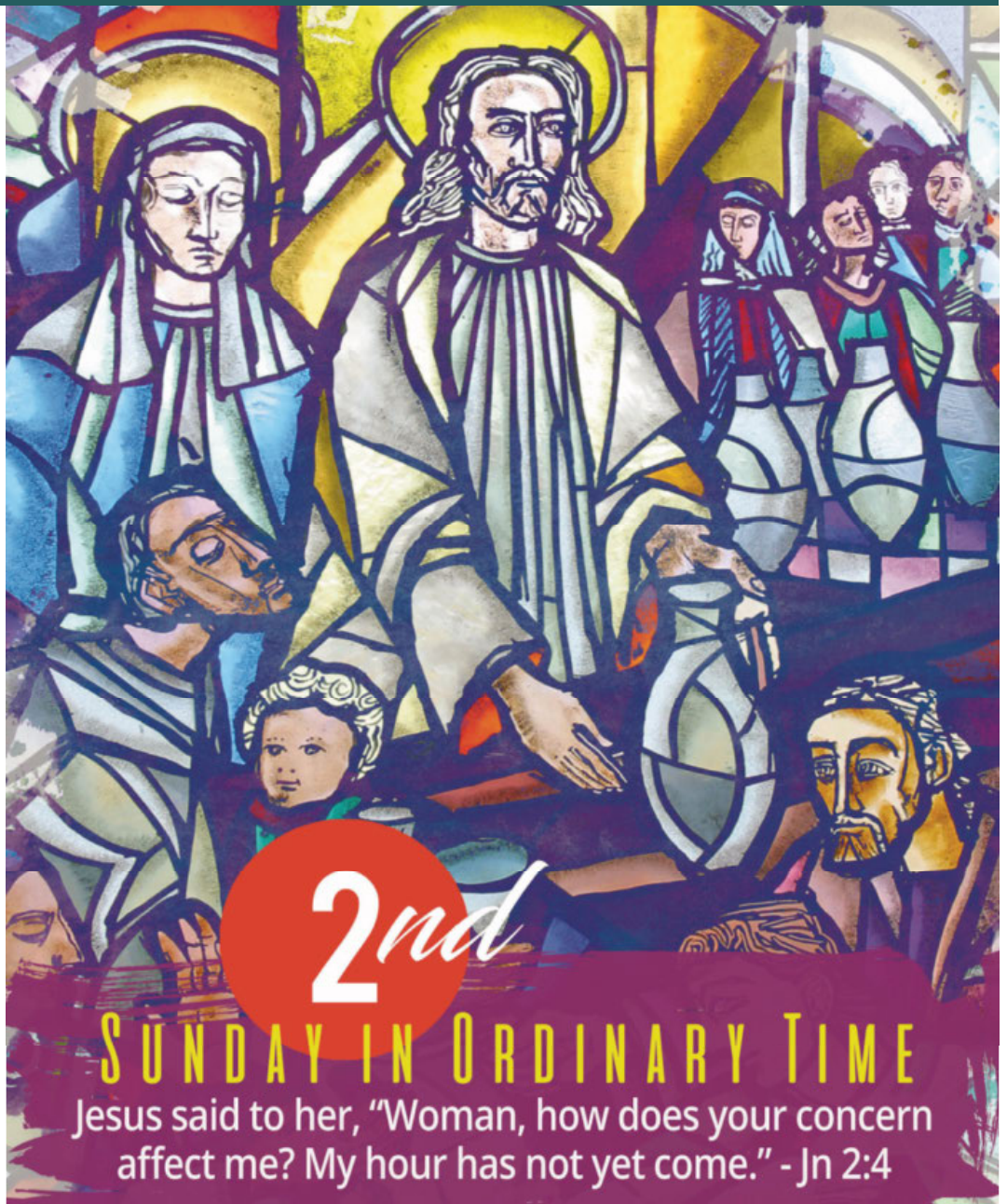
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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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A Message from Joan Foley, Director of Religious Education

Dear St. Francis Parishioners

In Father Olson's absence I was asked to write a message for the bulletin this week. My name is Joan Foley. I am a long time member of St. Francis and have served as the Director of Religious Education for St. Francis for close to 13 years. My job entails organizing the Wednesday Religious Ed. Classes for grades 1-10 as well as Sunday School, much of the Adult Education, and a week long summer event called Totus Tuus.

I'm sure most of you are aware that our parish runs on the volunteerism of so many parish members who quietly take care of one specific thing or another without anyone noticing. I would like to take this opportunity to focus on one such group of parishioners, the volunteer Religious Ed. Teachers. These volunteers are committed to taking time to prepare and come every Wednesday evening to teach the children about the Love of Jesus and His Catholic Church. What could be more important than that?

Teaching a Rel. Ed. Class is not always an easy task but it can be very rewarding. If you ask those teachers who have been doing this for a long time, they will tell you that every year's class is different depending on the size of the class and the mixture of personalities! I love to hear the teachers describe how their classes went, especially when they tell me how their students were engaged in their class and how they were interested and excited about what they were learning. Believe it or not, I hear that scenario quite often. That uplifting feeling is the teacher's reward, as they do not get paid.

Since I started this job, there has been an explosion of good Catholic Resources made available, that aims at helping catechists/teachers prepare to teach the weekly lessons without spending hours preparing ahead of time, as in the past. Our parish is also very blessed to have the school rooms available for the individual classes. Many parishes struggle for adequate space. All of these things help to make it possible for our volunteer teachers to come and teach.

I, and all of the teachers, would agree that the best Religious Ed. Program cannot take the place of the parents' role of teaching the faith. Children learn what they live! St. Francis has great families with really good kids! It has been so exciting to see so many more families attending Sunday Masses and engaged in many of the other activities in our parish in addition to the Wednesday Classes. Keep it up and encourage others to come as well!

In closing, I want to commend all the Religious Ed. Teachers, (including my substitute teachers) for their commitment in sharing their talent, time and effort in teaching the "Love of Jesus" to our youth! They are truly making a difference!!!

God Bless You All!

Joan Foley

Offertory January 1 & 2

Adult - \$6,232.00 (Including ACH's)

Offertory - \$435.00

Solemnity of Mary - \$5.00

Initial Offering - \$140.00

Thank you for your generous support of St. Francis Parish!



We have collected \$50,380.00 of our goal of \$70,280.00. Please mail your pledge cards to the Diocese of La Crosse as soon as possible. Thank you!

Prayer Corner

Please keep the following in your prayers. Tony Berns, Jerome Brickner, Ray Carlson, Ron Campbell, Dan Davison, Sharon Dingrando, David Francksen, Denise Girdeen, Leon Henneman, Boyd Huppert, Laura Kemmerer, Joan Ripley, Deb Larson, Steve Bartlett, and Susan Renta.

To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-273-4774 or email stfrancisrectory@sbcglobal.net.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, January 17 - No Mass
St. Anthony, Abbot

Tuesday, January 18 - No Mass

Wednesday, January 19 - No Mass

Thursday, January 20 - No Mass
Ss. Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Sebastian, Martyr

Friday, January 21
8:30am - Communion Service
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

January 22 & 23
5:00pm Mass + Frank and Elizabeth Conroy
8:30am Mass + Mark Trebil
10:30am Mass St. Francis Parish

Lector and Mass Server

Mass Servers

January 22 & 23

5:00pm Logan Brand
8:30am Sarah Belland and Dendinger Family
10:30am Youth

Lectors

January 22 & 23

5:00pm Jane Reis
8:30am Beth Dendinger
10:30am Youth

AWE (Adult Worship & Education)

The next AWE gathering is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022, in the meeting room (K.C. Room) at 8:45am. The Holy Beads will start with the rosary. A continental breakfast will follow, and then they will celebrate the new year by playing bingo. Bring any intentions you would like the Holy Beads to pray for. To help with planning, please RSVP to Audrey at 715-273-4572 by Friday, January 14.

Bible Study

Join us for our next Bible Study on Thursday, January 20 at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome! Baptism Announcements



Welcome Abigail Hugget into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Abigail's parents are Lucas Hugget and Alisha Hines.

Welcome Russell John Gentry into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Russell's parents are Cody Gentry and Brooke (Hines) Gentry. They were Baptized after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

Family Life Meeting

The parish pastoral council Family Life Committee will be meeting Monday, January 17 at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room (KC Room). All are welcome! Come bring your ideas and thoughts. We would love to see you!

March for Life 2022

The annual National March for Life is an opportunity to recall why we stand for life and continue to defend human life in our community.

Join us January 21, 2022 at St. Francis Church for the communion service at 8:30am. Following the service, we will either march or drive (weather permitting) to the front sidewalk of the Pierce County Courthouse to lift prayers for the unborn. Estimated time of arrival at the courthouse will be 9:00am.



Save the Date! St. Francis Music Workshop



Please join us for a music workshop led by Mr. Pete Dulak, retired EHS music director, on Monday, January 24, 6:00pm. The workshop will take place in the church.

All cantors, musicians, choir members, school children at St. Francis, elementary, middle school and high school students, young adults, parents, teachers, any parishioners and all who are interested in learning more about music at St. Francis are cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Topics covered will include: microphone technique, body language when performing, communicating text when singing, the importance of listening for pitch and balance, and the impact of music in a worship setting.

Youth Ministry

Join us for "BreakOut" on Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00pm for praise and worship music, "Escape Rooms" on the Miracles of Jesus, the team who finishes all 4 Mysteries first - wins BIG! Led by the High School Leadership Team.



The St. Francis High School Leadership Team is a group of youth who lead Youth Events such as BreakOut, Adventure Camp meetings, Christmas Caroling, World Youth Day, and Mission Trip, Steubenville and Adventure Camp Fundraising. We serve at Mass, Praise and Worship God through music, skits, and prayer.

We learn about our faith through small group faith discussions, and friendship where we keep each other accountable to Christ. Youth earn community service hours and learn life-long leadership skills.

Please see flyer in this week's bulletin for more information.

Religious Education

Wednesday, January 19

Grades 1-5: Student Classes from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. Please meet in the Parish Hall.

Grades 6-9 and 10th Grade Confirmation: BreakOut from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please meet in the Parish Hall.

The **Wednesday Evening Supper (WES)** will be served from 5:15 - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School

St. Francis invites all young children, over the age of 3 years old, to attend Sunday School each week during the 10:30 am Masses. Please contact Joan Foley at cfoley@dishup.us or 715-338-1199 for more details or questions. There is no fee for Sunday School.



January is a very busy month at St. Francis School. The students are leading weekly prayer services in place of attending weekly Mass in Father's absence. Prayer services are held in the church on Wednesdays at 8:30. It is open to everyone to attend.

Catholic Schools Week is from Sunday, January 30 to Sunday, February 6. The book fair will be open after all Masses the weekend of January 29-30. Our Open House will be Sunday, January 30.

We hope you can join us for our annual School Carnival on Sunday, February 6. This year's theme is, "Travel the World". Our parent volunteers/carnival committee is working hard to ensure a successful event!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating St. Francis School!

Mary Cormican, Principal
St. Francis School



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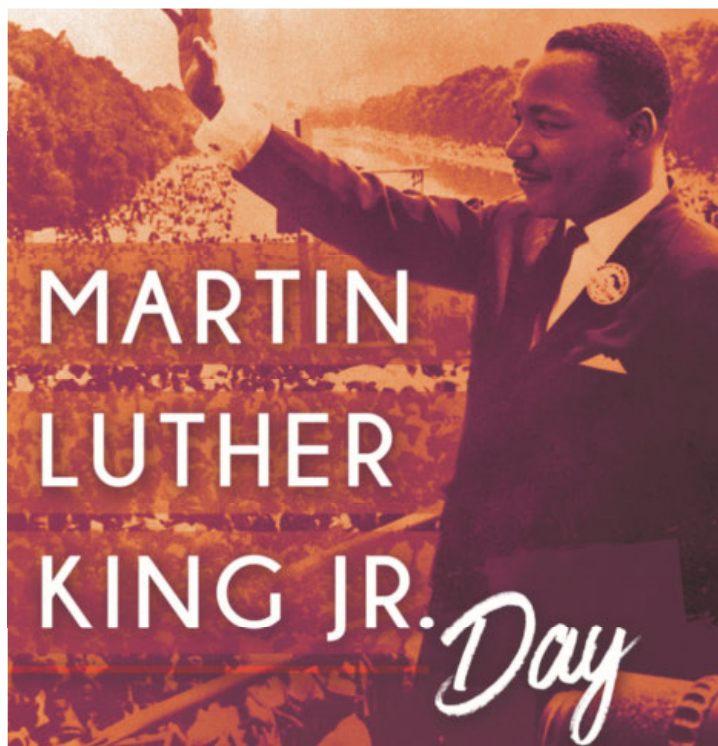
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