



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**APRIL 24, 2022**

**2ND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am

## OUR LOCATION

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### Office Hours

Mon - Thurs 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm  
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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER OLSON

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### A little more about Easter

Easter is one of the great solemnities of the Christian tradition. Easter day is celebrated for eight days in the Church's calendar. The eight days symbolizes the completion of a cycle of the new creation. The first creation is done in seven stages in Genesis and the new creation, where Christ comes to not only restore things to their correct way of being, but to make them better, that new creation occurs on the 8th day, the Sunday, the day after the Sabbath rest. On that 8th day Christ rose from the dead and

creation is made new. Symbolically, Easter Sunday now is like an 8th day of creation ushering a new creation where the world is reconciled to God the Father and we human beings are made adopted children in the family of the Blessed Trinity.

### A little about the Annual Appeal

I'm not a big fan of talking about money, however, sometimes we need to. Our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal was set at \$70,000 so far thanks to your generosity we have gotten pledges of \$52,000. The goal however isn't really a goal, it is a bill to the parish for the work the Diocese does. This includes Catholic Charities, educating seminarians, and support of the various offices of the Diocese. It is a necessary collection for the Diocese and each parish is obligated to help contribute. Some people tell me they are willing to support St. Francis, but not the Diocese. The best way to support the parish is by pledging some of your parish support to the Annual Appeal. Our own goal is to give

to the Annual Appeal 25% above the amount set by the Diocese. The reason for that is the monies over the Annual Appeal amount come back to the parish and are not taxed by the Diocese. The Diocese supports itself through the Annual Appeal and through a tax on parish income. However, the parish rebate (the amount given over the Annual Appeal target) is not taxed as income. Therefore, the best way to support the parish is to give generously to the Annual Appeal.

### A little Thank You

Thank you, again, to all who helped make the Holy Week and Easter celebrations come together to be meaningful and enjoyable. A personal thank you, as well, to the many people who sent me cards, gifts, candy, and well wishes at Easter. It is greatly appreciated.

Let us pray for one another,  
Fr. Olson

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 25

No Mass

### Tuesday, April 26

Feast of Saint Mark

8:30am Mass +Pam Kruse & Family

### Wednesday, April 27

8:30am Mass +Scott Hove

### Thursday, April 28

8:30am Mass +Larry McCormack

### Friday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena

8:30am Mass +Norman, Allan, Andy & Dan Huppert

### Saturday, April 30

5:00pm Mass +Tom Thoen & Family

### Sunday, May 1

8:30am Mass +Clarence Anderson

10:30am Mass St. Francis Parish

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Clarence Anderson  
Steve Bartlett  
Tony Berns  
Jerome Brickner  
Ray Carlson  
Concha De Leon  
Dan Davison

Sharon Dingrando  
David Francksen  
Denise Girdeen  
Mary Hines  
Leon Henneman  
Melissa Holland  
Boyd Huppert

Maurine Huppert  
Laura Kemmerer  
Douglas Ripley  
Joan Ripley  
Deb Larson  
Susan Renta  
David Wakefield

To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-273-4774 or email [juan@stfrancisellsworth.com](mailto:juan@stfrancisellsworth.com).

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

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please note that we have new email addresses for staff here at St. Francis. You will find the new email addresses on the front cover of this bulletin.

## ROSES TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Mother's Day Weekend - May 7 and 8

Roses will be available for a \$7 donation to be in vases by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue at St. Francis Church. If you wish to have a rose in memory of your loved one or for a special intention, please contact Norma Radke by May 6 at 715-273-4105. The name or intention will be listed by the roses. This year, red roses will also be available after the weekend Masses in the entry way of the church. The funds will be mainly used to sponsor the educational fair booth of the Pierce County Right to Life. "All life is sacred, including the unborn, elderly and those mentally or physically challenged." May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for our prayers.

## DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

### Tuesday, April 26 at 6pm in the Parish Hall

The Durand Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet at St. Francis Parish Hall on April 26 at 6 pm. Featured speaker is Fr. Kevin Louis who will talk about Blessed Solanus Casey. All women of the parish are invited to attend the evening.

## COLLECTING ITEMS FOR HOPE COALITION

### Domestic Violence Shelter in Red Wing, MN

At times, women and their children arrive at Haven of Hope domestic violence shelter with almost nothing. Help us make the Haven a welcoming place for them. Items can be sent direct using the Amazon Wish List <https://tinyurl.com/STFHOPE> or brought to the back of Church April 23-May 1. Please only bring new items included in the wish list. Items go with clients when they leave the shelter.

Questions: Alesha Radke 715-821-0571 [alesha.radke@gmail.com](mailto:alesha.radke@gmail.com) or Jamie Gonzalez-Diaz 651-347-2458

## STEWARDSHIP Weekly Offering - April 16 & 17

Adults	\$9,965.00
Offertory	\$1,172.51
Holy Thursday	\$915.00
Good Friday	\$1,789.50
Easter	\$5,307.00
Rice Bowls	\$821.00

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



### Diocesan Appeal

We have collected **\$52,100.38** of our goal of **\$70,280.00**. Please mail your pledge cards to the Diocese of La Crosse as soon as possible. Thank you!



## WELCOME!

If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office or visit our website to register. We are glad you are here!

## LECTORS & MASS SERVERS

### Lectors

#### April 30 & May 1

5:00pm - Jane Reis, Chuck Matzek  
8:30am - Beth Dendinger, Mary Kiefer  
10:30am - Youth

### Servers

#### April 30 & May 1

5:00pm - DJ Brenner  
8:30am - Dendingers, Sarah Belland  
10:30am - Youth

## THANK YOU

St. Francis Catholic Church would like to thank you for purchasing an ad with Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPI) in our bulletin. Our sponsors defray the cost of our weekly bulletin.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Wednesday, April 27

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

**Grades 6-9 and 10th Grade Confirmation:** Break-Out 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. There is no fee for Sunday School.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Feed My Starving Children

Youth Ministry is volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on Friday, May 13. We have 24 spots available for anyone who wishes to join us. We will have pizza ready to eat before going to the FMSC. We will leave St. Francis 4:00pm and work at FMSC from 5:00 to 6:30pm. We will be back to St. Francis by 7:30-8pm. Please contact Cheryl Kaufer for information and sign-up.

### Hanging Basket Sale

Our annual hanging basket fundraiser takes place May 3-4, 2022. Plants cost \$28 each, we are selling from 8a-6pm on Tuesday, May 3rd and 8a-5pm on Wednesday, May 4th. There will be several varieties to choose from including red/pink geraniums, ivy geraniums, petunias, calibrachoa, fuchsias, begonias, impatiens, and assorted sun/shade plants.

Proceeds benefit students attending Youth Adventure Camp.

## SCHOOL NEWS

We had a wonderful time roller skating on Friday. It was fun to see students, staff, and families having a good time!

There are only three spots left in the TTH 3YK program for the 2022-2023 school year. All other grades still have a few spots available.

The final Home and School meeting for the 2021-2022 school year will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. There will not be childcare available for this meeting. We will introduce the new officers for the 2022-2023 school year and set-up committees. I am very appreciative, and amazed, at the level of support for St. Francis School that occurs through Home and School and all of our school and parish families. Thank you. Please plan on attending for your voice to be heard. Our school is only as great as our collaborative efforts and through the many blessings He continuously bestows upon us.

In faith and peace,  
Mrs. Mary E. Cormican, Principal

### Now Hiring

St. Francis School has two teaching positions open for the 2022-2023 school year: AM 3YK/PM Wrap-Around teacher and part-time (2 days/week) general music teacher. Please contact Mary Cormican, Principal, for more information.

### St. Francis Kid's Choir

Do you like to sing? All elementary school children are invited to participate and sing during mass with the Kid's Choir. Our first practice is scheduled Wednesday evening March 16 at 5:00-5:30pm in church. Bring your friends and see you there!

Schedule of practice and masses:

Mass: Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 (First Communion)

Practice: Wednesday, April 27 from 5:00 - 5:30

Practice: Wednesday, May 4 from 5:00 - 5:30

Mass: Sunday, May 8 at 10:30 (Mother's Day)

## ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL GALA

### Happening Now!

The 16th annual "Ein Prosit!" Oktoberfest Gala is happening this week! We invite you to join us daily on our website at [stfrancisellsworth.org/gala](http://stfrancisellsworth.org/gala) and Facebook page @stfrancisellsworth to partake in all the fun! We are looking forward to celebrating under das Bierzelt on April 23 beginning at 4 pm in the St. Francis School parking lot. If you are unable to attend, the event program will be livestreamed on the school's Facebook page at 8:30 pm. Our goal this year is to raise \$90,000 to help fund building improvements and curriculum. Please help us support this critical fundraiser in any way possible, whether through financial contributions or by spreading the word to others with the ability to do so. Thank you very much for your support!!



## THANK YOU

**Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our church and donated flowers for this Easter season.**

Dahl Family in Memory of Faye and Bernard Larson.

Dahl family for Loretta and Frank Campbell, Ron Campbell, and Howie Anderson.

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Alisha Hines and Ruston + Abigail Huggett for Hubert & Elaine Bauer and Shannon Richardson.

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Bob & JoAnn Larson for Beverly Schmitt.

Mike & Mary Hines in Memory of Leo & Elsie Schmidt and their deceased family.

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Ron Johnson's Family in Memory of Ron Johnson.

Patty Brenner in Memory of Arlene Canfield.

Mike & Ann Foley in Memory of Francis, Audrey, and Gerald Foley.

Mike & Ann Foley in Memory of Dale + Lila Birkel, Patricia Birkel, and Cole Birkel.

Mary Joan Quinn for Tracie Quinn.

Mary Joan Quinn for Bill Quinn.

Scott Donnelly family in Memory of Ruth Capatske and Loretta Pechacek.

Scott Donnelly family in Memory of John & Mary Capatske.

Scott Donnelly family in Memory of Bob Donnelly.

Ron & Karen Webster in Memory of Bob Donnelly.

Ron & Karen Webster in Memory of Bob, Betty, and Jack Webster.

Jerri Zimmer in Memory of Jerry, Connie, Todd, Michelle, and Haylee Zimmer.

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