



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 17, 2022

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am

Confession: Saturdays 4:30pm

Adoration: Thursdays 7-8pm

1st Friday of the month
9am-12pm

OUR LOCATION

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Mon - Thurs 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
Friday 9am-12pm

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"There is need of only one thing."
- Lk 10:42**

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER OLSON

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Gospel for this weekend is the story of Martha and Mary. Martha is busy getting things ready when Jesus arrives while Mary is not busy doing things, instead she is next to the Lord listening to him speak. One way to look at this Gospel passage is to see Mary as busy holding on to what is fundamental, the teaching of Jesus.

Our times and culture are filled with so many different and divergent ideas that holding onto some fundamentals strikes me as particularly important. In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he warns the Ephesians, and us, that we should not be "carried about by every wind of teaching and clever cunning of men." Paul tells the Ephesians to speak the truth in love and thereby

grow up into Christian maturity. Eph. 4:14-15. The truths we have regarding the human condition are those fundamental things which in the grand narrative of human history have proven to be true and which are confirmed in the Christian Tradition.

When faced with claims which are contrary to common sense, I think it important not to get caught up in the weeds of some argument, but rather, to go back to basic principles. There are some basic principles which really seem applicable to our times. For example, there are two sexes and men and women are different and a man cannot become a woman simply by saying so, and vice versa. Parents are the appropriate first teachers of their children, especially in areas of sexuality. Talking to little children about their "gender identity" doesn't belong in any school's curriculum and anything like a drag-queen story hour should not be paid for by taxpayers. It might seem this is a pretty narrow focus, but right now the cultural fight is about sex and gender. Christians need to confirm and re-affirm our basic understanding of the human person and our relationship to our

God who made us "male and female." And, yes, I know the complexities of the arguments. You can look at the Growing In Faith video I made last March discussing this. You can find that video through our website, under Faith Formation. Complexities and exceptions do not set aside basic principles nor basic biology.

There is currently a proposal from the Federal Government to take away funding for school lunches unless public and private schools, such as ours, promote a gender fluid policy regarding transgender identity. These government policies are still being formulated and its impact is uncertain, but you can see disputes over cultural issues, and especially over sex and gender, have real implications in everyday life.

Our task as Christians is, as St. Paul said, to speak the truth in love and thereby grow up into Christian maturity.

Let's go out and make Jesus famous,
Fr. Olson

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 18

No Mass

Tuesday, July 19

8:30am Mass +Rosaline Huppert

Wednesday, July 20

8:30am Mass +Jim Langer

Thursday, July 21

8:30am Mass Allan, Kathy, and Kim Huppert

Friday, July 22

8:30am Mass +Teresa Wilkens

Saturday, July 23

5:00pm Mass +Marie Clafin

Sunday, July 24

8:30am Mass St. Francis Parish
10:30am Mass +Mike & Rose Nugent

PRAYER REQUESTS

Steve Bartlett
Tony Berns
Jerome Brickner
Ray Carlson
Dan Davison
Sharon Dingrando
Jerry Filkens
David Francksen

Denise Girdeen
Leon Henneman
Mary Hines
Melissa Holland
Boyd Huppert
Maurine Huppert
Laura Kemmerer
Deb Larson

Corrine Nelson
Joan Ripley
Douglas Ripley
Susan Renta
David Wakefield
Tootie Wilbur
Patricia Woehrle-Wong

To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-273-4774 or email juan@stfrancisellsworth.com.

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

POTLUCK PICNIC!

Sunday, July 24 at 11:30am

It is time for a little church party! Bring a dish to pass, your kickball attire (if you're interested), and a lawn chair. Bring along some friends - all are welcome!

Please meet and welcome our Totus Tuus Team members who will be joining us for the potluck picnic and kickball game!

HOLY BEADS

Monday, July 18, at 1:00pm

The July Holy Beads will meet on Monday in the St. Francis Church. All are welcome to come and pray the Rosary together. Refreshments will be served, afterward, on the picnic tables outside, weather permitting.

RIGHT TO LIFE FAIR BOOTH

Please call Norma Radke at 715-273-4105 if you are interested in volunteering to cover a shift at the Pierce County Fair:

Thursday, August 11 - Sunday, August 14

Shifts are 9:00 -11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., 4:30 -7:00 p.m. and 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

Tickets will be mailed for entrance to the fair. The booth is in the Round Barn. The youth enjoy the educational spin board. The fair is a fun time to celebrate the gift of LIFE.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH FAIR STAND

It's that time of the year to get ready for the St. Francis Food Stand at the Pierce County Fair! Sign-up by completing a paper sheet found in the pews or the back of church, or online at <https://tinyurl.com/SF2022Fair>

Shifts include:

½ Day Assistants (Up to 3 people per shift)

Shift Volunteers (12 people per shift)

Hamburger Patty Making/Food Prep (10 volunteers)

Hamburger Patty Making (8 volunteers)

Stand Cleanup (10 volunteers)

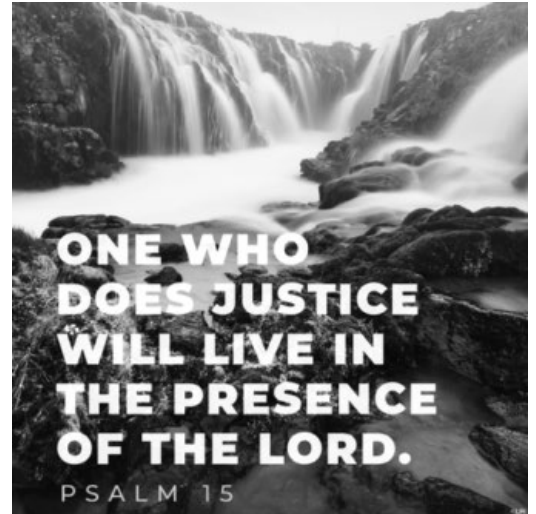
STEWARDSHIP Weekly Offering - July 9 & 10

Adults	\$7,448.00
Offertory	\$459.00

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

Crosier Mission

We raised \$4,172 for the Crosier Mission in Indonesia. A generous sign of our solidarity with the world-wide Catholic Church.



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!

MASS MINISTRY

July 23 & 24

5:00pm

Mass Server - Volunteers Needed

Lector - Chuck Matzek

Ushers - Scott Donnelly, Mark Anderson, Randy Brickner, Wally Hines

Eucharistic Ministers - Chuck Matzek

8:30am

Mass Servers - DJ Brenner, McKayla

Poellinger, Miranda Bigaouette

Lectors - Janet Huppert, Rose

Mickelson

Ushers - Dan Poellinger, Dominic

Fedie, Pete Huppert, Bob Radke

Eucharistic Ministers - Julia Brenner

10:30am

Mass Servers - Volunteers Needed

Lectors - Volunteers Needed

Ushers - Robert Pechacek, Dan Puhman, Andy Augustine, Drew Pechacek

Eucharistic Ministers - Volunteers Needed

Mass Coordinator - Cheryl Kaufer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Totus Tuus - Totally Yours

Please welcome the 4 Totus Tuus Team members who will be arriving Saturday, July 23. They will be speaking at the 3 week-end Masses, attending the Potluck Picnic after the 10:30 am Mass and joining in on the Kickball Game. During the week they will be leading evening programs for students going into 7th - 12 grades and daytime programs for children going into 1st - 6th grades. If you haven't registered your child for either the Elementary or Middle/High School program, there is still time. Please contact Joan Foley.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: One Host home is still needed for lodging of either the 2 men or 2 women from the team. Meals will be provided at the Parish. (Team members are not allowed to stay at a home with children under the age of 18.) If you would like to help out at Totus Tuus by providing snacks for the participants or helping to provide a lunch or supper for the team members, please contact Joan Foley 715-338-1199 or joan@stfrancisellsworth.com.

We are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled week!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Have you been thinking or have questions about becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about your faith? Would you like to invite a friend or relative to consider becoming a Catholic? RCIA is for those who; 1. have not been Baptized, 2. have been Baptized in another Christian Tradition and desire to become Catholic, 3. have been Baptized Catholic but never received instruction in the Catholic Faith and desire to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. 4. are Catholic and just want to learn more about their faith.

The RCIA Team is planning for sessions to begin this fall, dates yet to be determined. Think about it! All are welcome! If interested or have questions please contact Joan Foley at joan@stfrancisellsworth.com or 715-338-1199. More specific information will be coming in future bulletins.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Bless our Mission Trip

On Monday, our St. Francis high schoolers leave for a week of Mission Trip. We will be going to Marshalltown, IA this year doing God's Work about the community, strengthening our faith, and making Jesus Famous. The following students will be going: Kallie Beissel, Sarah Belland, Maria Harrington, Alex Pazdernik, Kalen Burns, Logan Brand, Joey Jean, Stephanie Jennings, Brandon Kulpa, Abigail Michels, Billy Pechacek, Jyllian Rodriguez, Thomas Tober, Kona Lansing, Makayla Williams, Sara Maiers, Lauren Bigaouette, Corynn Jahnke, Derek Lifo. Chaperones are Kari Jennings, Wendy Maiers, Kathy Kulpa, Kanon Kulpa, Leann Lifo, Mike Lifo.

You have graciously supported us financially and now we are asking you to support us with your prayers.

Youth Ministry Flower Sale!

Our Youth Ministry is hosting a Flower Sale at Cenex (Alcivia) in East Ellsworth on July 15 from 2:30-3:30pm, selling 5-stem Sunflower bouquets for \$8 to benefit Casa Hogar Orphanage in Lima Peru (as part of World Youth Day Ellsworth). This orphanage is sponsored by the DIOLC.

2ND ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL GOLF FUNDRAISER!

We're excited to announce our 2nd annual St. Francis School Golf Fundraiser! An afternoon on the course followed by dinner and raffles.

Ellsworth Country Club

Friday, August 19, 2022

Registration from 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm

Shotgun Start at 2:30 pm | 4-person scramble

\$50 per golfer - includes 9 holes of golf, dinner, prizes, and raffles. \$10 cart rental/person.

Not a golfer? Please join us for dinner! Dinner is \$15.00/person.

For more information/registration:
stfrancisellsworth.org/golf-fundraiser

THANK YOU, HARRINGTON'S GREENHOUSE

A huge thank you to Harrington's Greenhouse for their continued donations of flowers in our cemeteries and in front of our church. Harrington's recently donated these flowers for the priests in our cemetery.



125TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH DIRECTORY

This year St. Francis of Assisi Parish celebrates 125 years of ministry to the Ellsworth community. Part of our celebration will include an anniversary-edition church directory with a special historical account of our parish's history dating back to the dedication of our first church building in 1897.

COME BE A PART OF HISTORY! Don't miss having your family included in this once-in-a-lifetime directory.

Photography Days:

Thursday, July 28, 2-8:30pm

Friday, July 29, 2-8:30pm

Saturday, July 30, 10:30-5pm

Thursday, August 18, 2-8:30pm

Friday, August 19, 2-8:30pm

Saturday, August 20, 10:30-5pm

Schedule your appointment by calling the parish office at 715-273-4774 or online at:

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