



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

**THIRTY FORTH 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

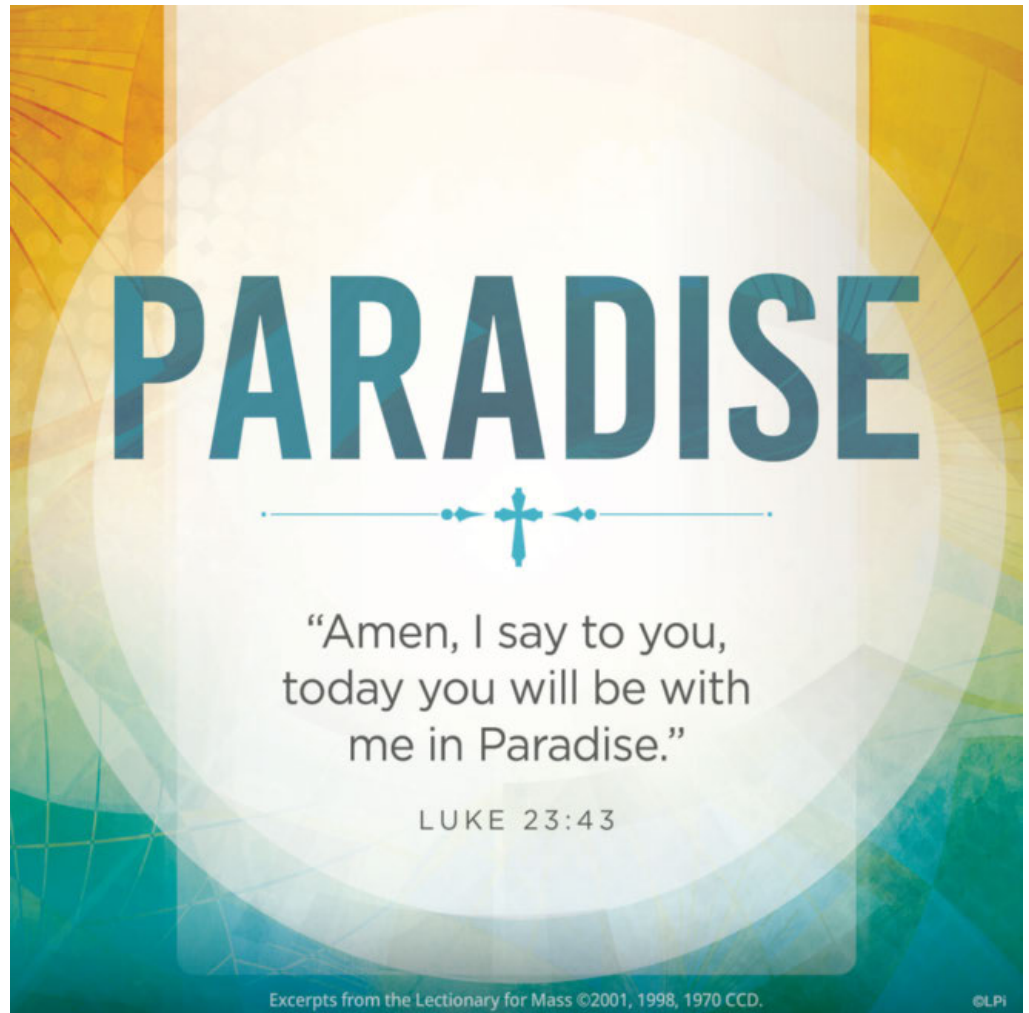
## OUR LOCATION

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### Office Hours

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Inspired by the Spirit Campaign is making good progress toward our goal. We have excellent volunteers who have been spreading the word and answering questions. As of Friday the 11th we were at 45% of the \$610,000 we want to raise with more pledges coming in each day. Hopefully, we will exceed the goal and bring this campaign to a successful conclusion by December 10th.

God is the source of all that we have and are. As we approach Thanksgiving Day, we are invited to consider the blessings we have received from God. There are passages of scriptures that can guide us in our offering a litany of praise and thanksgiving or encourage

us to pause and reflect. As I consider the wide range of experiences many of us have gone through this year, I am drawn to the Apostle Paul's word to the church in Philippi when he writes, "I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry of having plenty and of being in need." (Philippians 4:12) This verse comes shortly after his inviting others to "not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

There are times when words of thanksgiving come easily. For those who are finding words of thanksgiving hard to come by this year, perhaps starting with the understanding that God is with you in the valley and thanking God for such a presence in your life is what it needed to take the best step forward.

Whether valley low or mountain high, I hope we each might imitate the Apostle Paul and learn the secret of being content. Such starts with giving expression of thanks in all circumstances, giving thanks for how God is not far removed from our

experiences but with us each step of the way.

Let us work to make Jesus famous,  
Fr. Olson

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 21**

No Mass

**Tuesday, November 22**

8:30am Mass +Raymond Guski

**Wednesday, November 23**

8:30am Mass +Jim Tobias

**Thursday, November 24**

8:30am Mass +Tom Hines

**Friday, November 25**

8:30am Mass +Richard Olson

**Saturday, November 26**

5:00pm Mass +Harry & Darlyne Mark

**Sunday, November 27**

8:30am Mass St. Francis Parish  
10:30am Mass +Arlene Canfield



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Steve Bartlett

Tony Berns

Ray Carlson

Dan Davison

Sharon Dingrando

Joe Dolence

David Francksen

Mary Beth Gentner

Denise Girdeen

Kathy Gutting

Leon Henneman

Mary Hines

Melissa Holland

Boyd Huppert

Maurine Huppert

Bob Ickler

Laura Kemmerer

Greg Koller

Camille Elizabeth Langer

Joan Ripley

Susan Renta

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Tootie Wilbur

Patricia Woehrle-Wong

To add a name, 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 contact the parish office.

## ADVENT "REJOICE!" MEDITATIONS

Please join in on our St. Francis Advent Program, "Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture" each Monday during advent, Nov. 28 through Dec. 19, with a choice of two time periods - 1:00 to 2:30 pm or 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The Rejoice! Journal that includes daily reflections from the Sunday Mass readings will be available for each participant (\$10) and will be the basis of our discussion along with a short video. Check it out at [rejoiceprogram.com](http://rejoiceprogram.com). If you are unable to come on Mondays, Rejoice! can be used individually at home. Whether you will be participating in the group setting or would like to do this individually at home, please contact Joan Foley at [joan@stfranciscisellsworth.com](mailto:joan@stfranciscisellsworth.com) or 715-338-1199 to reserve a Rejoice! journal. We will be ordering the journals very soon.

## PARISH DIRECTORIES

If you were photographed for our Anniversary edition parish directory you will be receiving a complimentary copy! Your copy can be picked up at the parish office, or at upcoming Masses. If you would like to purchase a directory they are \$10 each.

## PANCAKE BREAKFASTS ON HOLD

Due to a change in Dept. of Public Instruction policy, our Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfasts have been put on hold. Because they are held in the school's commercial kitchen we must comply by DPI rules and state and county inspections, which requires that a certified person must be present when using the commercial kitchen. It was decided to put a pause on the pancake breakfasts until we have a process to ensure compliance is in place. Be assured, the Knights of Columbus are still engaged in other fundraisers which generously support the parish, our youth ministry, and school. We are always grateful for the good work of the Knights who support the parish and our community in so many ways.

## STEWARDSHIP Weekly Offering - November 12 & 13

Adults	\$7,194.33
Offertory	\$412.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$200.00

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

### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

We have received pledges for \$278,320 of our \$610,000 goal for the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign.

## MASS MINISTRY SIGN-UPS

Sign up to volunteer by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STFMass>

Or, to sign up for Youth Mass, go to <https://tinyurl.com/STFYouthMass>



## 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

### November 26 & 27

#### 5:00pm

Mass Server – Volunteers Needed  
Lector – Chuck Matzek  
Ushers – Ben Gaard, Mark Hotter, Tim Campbell, Randy Brickner  
Eucharistic Ministers – Chuck Matzek

#### 8:30am

Mass Servers – Dendinger Family (2), Samantha Augustine  
Lectors – Beth Dendinger, Rose Mickelson  
Ushers – Kim Wagner, Barry Bigaouette, Brey Maurer  
Eucharistic Ministers – Beth Dendinger

#### 10:30am

Mass Servers – Volunteers Needed  
Lectors – Volunteers Needed  
Ushers – Chuck Foley, Brian Hines, Jeremy Brenner, Mikey Brenner  
Eucharistic Ministers – Angie Olson  
Mass Coordinator – Angie Olson

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Wednesday, November 23**

**Grades 1-5:** No classes due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Grades 6-10:** No classes due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

### Sunday School

St. Francis invites young children, 3 years old and up, to attend Sunday School each week during the 10:30 am Mass. Before the readings, Father Olson will invite children and teachers to gather up front for a blessing before they are sent off to the Preschool Room in the St. Francis School across the street. After Mass, parents are asked to walk over to the school to pick up their children. There is no fee for Sunday School.



### Mike & Leann's Christmas Extravaganza!

Our Mission Trip youth are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Prime Rib Meal for six people! Tickets can be purchased for \$20 each from any mission trip youth or leaders. Drawing will take place after the 10:30am Mass on November 27. Thank you for your support!

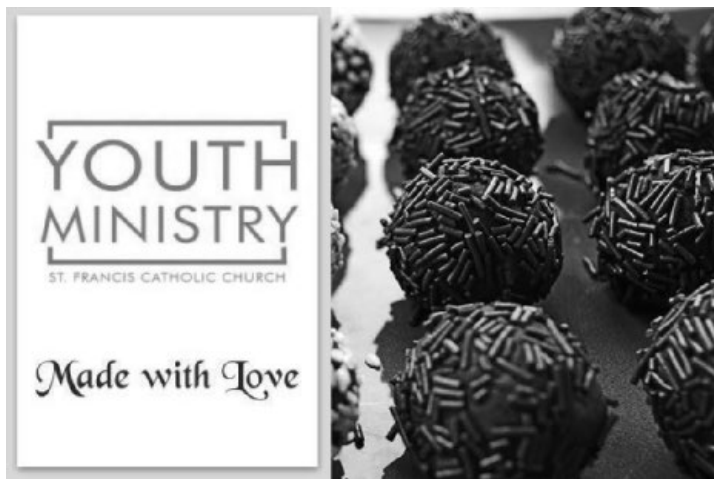
## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Chocolate Truffle Sale

Christmas is just around the corner and Youth Ministry wants to make your shopping days easier! Chocolate Truffles will be handmade, with love and for sale in time for your gift needs. Taste testing samples will be given and orders taken at all Masses on Thanksgiving weekend, November 26th and 27th.

\$15.00 per box including 6 different varieties (chocolate peanut butter, oreo/white chocolate/peppermint, chocolate fudge/chocolate, peppermint/chocolate, red velvet/white chocolate, and chocolate/raspberry).

We are taking orders and payment on Thanksgiving weekend after all Masses and will take orders via email [cheryl@stfrancisellsworth.com](mailto:cheryl@stfrancisellsworth.com) or text 651-308-8576 through December 14th (or until supplies last - availability is limited).



## SCHOOL NEWS

"For it is in giving that we receive." -St. Francis of Assisi

What an amazing opportunity for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students along with their teachers and wonderful volunteers! They gave of their time to help feed starving children, receiving so much more in return.

Their day began with Mass which concluded with Fr. Olson calling all the students up front for a blessing on their travel and work at Feed My Starving Children. Upon arrival there, they learned what starvation really looks like, they packed food to help the hungry and then joined

together in a beautiful blessing and prayer over the very meals that they had packed.

While they have been learning about the Works of Mercy in Religion class, the lessons learned today will be carried in their hearts and are sure to make them more passionate towards the hungry children in the world.

Through their efforts, the food that was packed today will be sent to El Salvador to feed 52 children for an entire year!



## A GRAND CELEBRATION!

We enjoyed celebrating the 125th anniversary of our parish last Friday, November 11 at Tattersall in River Falls. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and volunteered their time to pull together this lovely event. And a big thank you to everyone who was able to attend and celebrate this historic event with us! Here's to the next 125 years of praise and worship!



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