

St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number.....
(217) 321-1155

Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Thursday before First Friday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Anytime by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months
in advance with the Pastor.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism Prep. class is required before baptism. Please call
office to pre-register.

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“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains
in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father, so also the one
who feeds on me will have life because of me.”

- Jn 6:56-57

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus -
The Bread of Life

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgy:

See inside schedule

Weekend Liturgy:

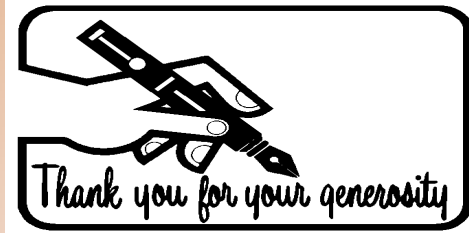
Saturday 5:30 pm; Sunday 7:00, 8:45, & 10:30 am

Holy Days Liturgy:

Eve 7:00 pm; Day 6:00 am, 12:10 pm & 5:30 pm

News from our African Mission.

The friars house in Kolwezi had a debt at the hospital so high the doctors refused to take friars when they were sick. Because of our donations, the friars were able to pay the hospital bill, and are now again eligible for medical treatment. Following is a letter we received from these friars.



A Thank You Letter from Franciscan Seminary in Democratic Republic of Congo:

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is with a heart full of joy that I write you and with a lot of gratitude for the good you did paying our brothers' medical care invoice.

In fact, we are a fraternity of 75 brothers and we are not immune to diseases: we get sick, and because we are many of us the invoice is always expensive. At the end of the month we manage to pay the invoice sometimes but sometimes we can't, especially when there were surgical operations that are very expensive. This is what happened to us: we had to pay \$3000. Because of this hospital debt, we did not have access to any medical care anymore. We tried hard and paid \$1000, and we still had to pay \$2000.

Luckily, Father Damien Isabel, ofm, talked to you about our situation, and you helped us right away sending us \$2000, that we received via the bank. Then the Fraternity paid the bill with great satisfaction.

That is why, on behalf of all the St. John XXIII Scolasticat Fraternity, I want to thank you very much for your generosity and charity towards us. We will never forget what you did to us, we really appreciate it. We will thank God, and keep you in our prayers. For what you did for us, that God rewards times 100, God who said: "Truly I tell you, when you did it to one of the smallest of my brothers, you did it to me." Mt 25, 40. Once again THANK YOU.

- Father Alex M I, Provincial from the Province of St. Benoit the African
- Father Barnabe M,
- Father Prosper Z.

Year of Consecrated Life.

"To Live the Present with Passion"

- From its very beginning, every form of consecrated life has been born of the Spirit's call to follow Jesus as the Gospel teaches. In earlier times, Religious Life was called a "state of life." That sounds static. Religious Life is certainly not static. It is constantly evolving/changing. "A Religious" is who one is, not something one does.



Pro-life: Pope Francis has called abortion the product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many." We are appalled to see the recent videos uncovering the trafficking of unborn baby body parts, such as when the medical director of Planned Parenthood describes the ongoing harvest and distribution of the organs and body parts of aborted babies to companies who obtain them for research. Planned Parenthood (PP) does around 327,000 abortions every year, while taking in \$580 million of our tax dollars. PP likes to minimize this by saying abortion represents only 3% of their total services. Yet, researchers who have studied PP's own reports estimate that abortion accounts for 40-50% of total clinic income.

Please pray and fast for an end to this evil. Ask God to open the eyes of people across the world about the reality of what happens inside the abortion industry. Pray for the conversion and healing of those who perform, facilitate, or advocate for abortion. Contact your congressmen to demand an immediate full federal investigation and the immediate suspension of all government money to Planned Parenthood. May God have mercy on us for allowing this evil in our nation.

Congressmen contact info: Senator Kirk (202) 224-2854; Senator Durbin (202) 224-2152; Representative Shimkus (202) 225-5271.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 17, 6:30: Gene Nosbisch
- Monday, August 17, 12:10: Marian Schultz Death Anniv.
- Tuesday, August 18, 8:05: Anna Niemeyer
- Thursday, August 20: 12:10: Helen Thoele
- Friday, August 21, 8:05: Herman & Luella Runde
- Saturday, August 22, 5:30: Joseph Borries
- Sunday, August 23, 7:00: Pro Populo
- Sunday, August 23, 8:45: Ambrose Ruholl
- Sunday, August 23, 10:30: Living & Deceased C D of A Members

Liturgy Schedule 20th Week in Ordinary Time August 17—23

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	St. John Eudes Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Bernard Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Pius X Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, August 22 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Please Note: School begins on Tuesday, August 18, therefore, Mass begins at 8:05.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl Ann Huber, Jack Hardiek, Paula Spencer, Lucille Worman, Agnes Kremer, Pauline Gobjczynski, Devin Mette, Harold Hardiek, Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Rosie Myers, Vince Huelsing, Anne Nelson, Emily (Heuerman) McCabe, Lorraine Deters, Martha Pruemer, Ann Weis, Dolores Kingery, Claude and Geraldine Brumleve

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 8/9/2015	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
286 Adult envelopes	\$8,844.60	\$47,567.10
Other	<u>\$629.67</u>	<u>\$3,696.02</u>
TOTAL	\$9,474.27	\$51,263.12

Assisi for Africa \$741.00



Parish Calendar

Tuesday, August 18

- Secular Franciscans meet 6:00 pm St. Clare Hall, 7:00 pm Church

Wednesday, August 19

- First Day of Religion, Grades 1-6; No children at 8:05 Mass
- Rosary, 8:00 pm, Chapel

Thursday, August 20

- Parish Council Tour, 5:30 pm; Cookout, 6:30 pm Mini Park

Friday, August 21

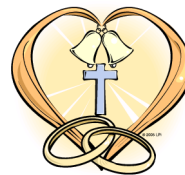
- Grades 3-6 attend 8:05 Mass
- Rosary, 9:30 am Church and St. Clare Hall

Saturday, August 22

- Catechetical Day at St. Ambrose, Godfrey, 12:00-4:00 pm
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, August 23

- RCIA, after 8:45 Mass, Museum Meeting Room
- Br. Tom Smith and Br. Marc Shekells here for vocations, 2:00-4:00 pm, St. Clare Hall



Planning Marriage

Caleb Mette and Kelsey Smith
Saturday, August 22, 2015
1:00 pm

RCIA will not meet until Sunday, August 23rd in the museum meeting room following the 8:45 Mass. Our topic will be: Are Our Images of God Changing? All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Reminder: The bookcase in St. Clare Hall is a treasure trove of audio-visual materials on a variety of topics. Don't forget to try some.

Parents: Check out the parish web site for the personal safety video schedules.



Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, August 23 are Theresa Funneman 821-4867 and Mary Jane Koester 857-3697.

55+ Driving Miss Daisy: Today is the day! We are gathering at St. Clare for lunch at 11:30 (or right after the 10:30 am Mass), having lunch, and then heading out to Sullivan by 12:15 pm! We should be back to the church parking lot around 5:30 pm or 6 pm!



God Bless Those Serving our Country.

Anthony Vahling, Jeremy Deters, Caleb Hoene, Kevin Wernsing, Cody Bushue.

In Union With Jesus Christ

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. John 6:56

An agnostic friend once challenged me to explain this passage, saying, “Eating flesh, drinking blood! This is beyond horrifying.” I did my best to describe the levels of meaning I had been taught—the reference to Jesus’ self-sacrifice on the cross; the Eucharistic meal with the disciples the night before he died that would make that sacrifice present through time for those who gather; his words said again over bread and wine, turning them into his body and blood to be received in Communion. I could see my friend’s eyes glaze over.

These multiple layers of meaning and mystery are beyond words. I added in closing: “What it means to me is that we are all invited to have Jesus become one with us on every level, including the most physical, and to remain in that union forever.”

Jesus, I am so grateful for union with you, no matter how impossible it is to explain.

Patricia Livingston
Living Faith

Youth Notes: National Catholic Youth Conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN on November 19-22, 2015! All high school students are invited to attend this highly energized, faith and fun-filled event. There will be fantastic musicians, speakers, liturgies, entertainers and MORE, much much more! More than 25,000 youth from across the country will be gathered to learn about God and praise Him. Cost for our parish youth is just \$100, and the rest will be covered by fundraising. We will leave immediately after school on Thursday, November 19, and travel to Indy for the conference. Because of Deer Day, students will not miss any school! Please contact the high school religious ed office for registration materials or information, or check it out online on our website under What’s Happening! Registrations are due in by September 12. Parents, this is one of those things your kids will really get a lot out of!

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL- Welcome back to school on Tuesday, August 18, and to the Religion Program on Wednesday, August 19. All religion classes begin on Wednesday, and prayer services and classes take place on Thursday, with Mass on Friday, August 21, for grades 5 and 6 .

Parents of GRADE 1 children, registration forms are available in St. Clare Hall, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., if you have not yet filled out your child’s registration.

CATECHISTS AND ALL RELIGION HELPERS- Class lists of your students will be available on the round table at the parish office entrance beginning on Tuesday of this week. Lists of students will be on the doors of the classrooms, if they are not picked up on Tuesday. Thank you for volunteering your services, and God bless your year!

NEW STUDENTS- If new families move into the parish and your children enroll in Teutopolis Grade School, please call 857-6477 to register your child in the religion program.

JUNIOR HIGH- Classes begin on Wednesday night, September 9, at the Junior High Building. Junior High catechists’ meeting takes place on Wednesday night, September 2, in the grade school religious ed office...6:30-7:30 Grade 7 catechists...7:30-8:30 Grade 8 catechists. (note the change of date).

PRE-K 10:30 Sunday morning classes in the Museum Dining Room begin on Sunday, October 11.

ALL CATECHISTS not yet signed up to attend the Saturday, August 22, meeting in Godfrey, may still register to attend by calling 857-6477 by Tuesday, August 18.

High School Religious Ed: We are ready to start a great year of religious education!

Freshmen/Parent Orientation: Our freshmen and their parents are asked to attend the student/parent orientation meeting on September 16 at 7:30 pm in the TGS Cafeteria. We will give you all the information regarding confirmation and explain this sacrament’s preparation. Please have one parent with your student for this night of class.

All high school grade levels start classes on September 23. Classes will run from 7:20 – 8:30 pm. For the first night, all students are asked to meet in the gym by 7:20 for opening prayer and classroom assignments. We can’t wait for this year to begin!

SEARCH Special Religious Education is looking for volunteers to help with our program. SEARCH is a program for persons with special needs. We provide sacramental preparation and spend time together to form a community of faith. We sing, share the liturgy and do arts and crafts. Classes start October 3rd, and go through May. Classes are held every 3 weeks at the Teutopolis Grade School on Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am. For more information, please contact Stacey Meyer at 217-844-2499.

Franciscan Friars to Hold Information

Session. The Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Heart Province will hold an informational session for all interested men ages 18-40 on Sunday, August 23rd, from 2:00-4:00 pm. It will be held here at St. Clare Hall. Bro. Thom Smith, OFM, Vocation Director, and Bro. Marc Sheckells, OFM, along with the friars of our parish, will host the event. The Franciscans have served in the Diocese of Springfield since 1858. St. Francis of Assisi Parish was the first place they ministered at after arriving from Germany. If you, or someone you know, is discerning a religious vocation, or would like to know more information about the Franciscan Friars (OFM), please plan to attend. Please register by calling Bro. Thom (314) 766-1952 or emailing him at btsmith52@hotmail.com.

Sympathy. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of James Cahill. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Effingham Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

All women are invited to the Effingham Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting on August 25, at St. Mary's, Marshall, starting with Mass at 6:30 pm in church. "Those who walk with God, always reach their destination."

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — August 15th

"All generations will call me blessed,
For he who is mighty has done great things for me."

Catholic Charities Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by Joe's Pizza & Pasta, will be held on Sunday, September 13th, 10:30 am—2:30 pm at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. \$7/adults, \$5/children. Tickets available at Catholic Charities, Joe's Pizza & Pasta, from any Catholic Charities Advisory Board Member, Catholic Charities Staff, and at the door. All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities. For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1458.

It's Tea Time! You are cordially invited to 'sit and sip a cup or two' at Bishop Creek on Sunday, August 23, 2015 from 12:30-2:30 pm, with doors opening at 12:00. In conjunction with its sesquicentennial celebration, St. Aloysius is hosting a Tea Time, and all are welcome. Come and enjoy casual conversation, instrumental music by a stringed ensemble, heirlooms/memorabilia, and a hat show while munching on petite sandwiches and delicate, specialty sweets served with hot or cold tea. Vintage or contemporary dresses/skirts is appropriate attire. Hats are optional. Tickets are required for admittance and are available by calling Jill Kreke (217-821-1644) or Sandy Meinhart (217-273-1758). Cost is \$10/adults, \$5/students, free/children 5 years and under, and \$80/table reserved for eight.

Prayer Vigil for Life. St. Mary's, Shumway, will host the August 17th Prayer Vigil for Life. Mass will begin at 6:30 pm and praying the rosary at 6:00 pm. The 7:30 business meeting will be conducted in the lower level of the Church. Current pro-family legislation, local pro-life events will be on the evening's agenda. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer for an end to abortion.

Rosary Vigil at Effingham Planned Parenthood every Tuesday between 12:00 and 4:00 pm. Feel free to bring a chair, wear a hat and bring an umbrella, as there is no shade.

"Where there is despair, hope."

MISSION POSSIBLE! Possible, yes. Easy, no. Living in despair must be a terrible cross to bear. Despair means, to me, that there is no "light at the end of the tunnel" so to speak. There is nothing ahead but darkness; no future.

When a person chooses suicide as an option, I am often puzzled by what would make that choice more appealing rather than asking for help, or talking with someone they think might be able to help or crying with a friend.

Maybe that is part of it. They feel they have no friends; there is no one to talk to or listen to them. That makes my part in a relationship even greater. When was the last time you spent just listening—not hearing, but listening?

When I am listened to I am with someone who will make eye contact with me. I experience a feeling of being heard, not just in my words, but also in how I say what I say. A sense of what my whole body is saying not just my words.

Can we do that for others? Reflecting on a time of despair or difficulty in your own life, what brought you hope? Can you bring that same hope to someone else? Say the Peace Prayer of St. Francis this week, and listen to what you are saying.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Bread of Life discourse where he emphasizes over and over again that his followers are to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Not surprisingly, his listeners don't know what to make of this mysterious teaching. So the quarrels begin. We can imagine what was being said: "He's just using analogies," one man would suggest. "No! He says it's 'true food' and 'true drink,'" another would reply. Others would accuse Jesus of blaspheming, while still others would assert that they believe every word he says. And so it went.

This scene is all too common. People encounter a difficult teaching of the faith--one that is challenging to fulfill or difficult to believe--and so they argue about it or rationalize it away instead of just accepting it and living according to it. On a large scale, these sorts of arguments are what lead to the breakdown of Christian unity. Time and time again in history, when a group of people disagrees about a Christian teaching, they splinter off and define their own set of beliefs. Not only does this harm the harmony of the Christian community, but it makes it too easy to avoid the tough parts of the faith.

Some of the things Jesus wants us to do are difficult--like respecting God's plan for sexuality or controlling our urges for unrestrained pleasure, power, or profit. Some of the things Jesus taught us are mysterious--like the teaching that the Eucharist is truly his body and blood. But thankfully he has given us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and do what we should. Let's not waste our time arguing about the faith. Let's just live it.

Holy Humor...Hymns, by Profession

Dentist's Hymn:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Contractor's Hymn:

"The Church's One Foundation"

Tailor's Hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Golfer's Hymn:

"There is a Green Hill Far Away"

Politician's Hymn:

"Standing on the Promises"

Optometrist's Hymn:

"Open Mine Eyes that I Might See"

I.R.S. Hymn:

"All to thee"

Electrician's Hymn:

"Send the Light"

Shopper's Hymn:

"Sweet By and By"

Q. Do priests need to wear vestments for the celebration of all sacraments?

A. Vestments are liturgical garments worn specifically for the celebration of various liturgies--Mass, prayers, blessings, sacraments, etc. Normally, a priest wears vestments for the sacraments. However, vestments are not essential to the sacrament; there are a few exceptions.

When Fr. Walter Ciszek was in prison in Siberia, he would secretly celebrate Mass whenever the opportunity presented itself. He would use whatever was available to him for vessels and would make wine from raisins. He could not do any of this publicly, so vestments were obviously out of the question.

Another example would be confession and anointing of the sick. Usually, the stole is the vestment a priest would wear for these sacraments as a sign of his priestly office. However, in an emergency or in cases of pastoral need, he might not have one available. That does not prevent him from celebrating the sacraments. If someone approaches a priest and asks to go to confession, the priest will hear the confession, stole or not. At the scene of an accident, or in an emergency room, a priest might anoint someone without worrying about wearing a stole. The sacraments are for us, and while all attempts should be made to follow the norms for celebrating the sacraments with great respect and devotion, we should not be overly sensitive to externals when pastoral needs indicate otherwise.

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Prayer for Teachers

Heavenly Father,
on this day, we pray for teachers from all walks of life.
For those who work in the classroom,
may they be models of your compassion and discipline.
For those who train people in professions,
may others see you in their daily lives and hard work.
And we pray for parents, best and wisest of all mentors
that their children may learn holiness from their example.
Whether their lessons are about math, work or life,
give all teachers the grace to show your patience,
your virtue, and your joy to those near them.
Give all teachers love for your truth, life and Church.
Amen.

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