St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Teutopolis, Illinois

Anniversary Celebration
60 YEARS
As Religious Sisters

Sr. Ann Vincent Siemer, SSND
Sr. Helen Vahling, OSF

OPEN HOUSE
1:00 - 3:00 pm, Grade School Auditorium

Congratulations!
From the Pastor

Special Visitors. Before the end of the month, Br. Marc’s mother, brother, and sister will be coming to SFA for a short visit. Hopefully, some of you will have the opportunity to extend a full measure of SFA/T-Town hospitality.

Ministry Booklet. We have a new booklet describing the various parish ministries. Inside the booklet is a sign-up sheet. Please don’t overlook it. Pull out the sign-up sheet, make additional copies for other family members, then fill out the sheets and return them to the parish office by dropping them in the collection basket. If you did not receive a booklet when they were passed out, there are plenty available at the church entrances.

Congratulations…and Thank You! At the 10:30 a.m. Mass today, August 24, Sr. Ann Vincent Siemer and Sr. Helen Vahling will celebrate 60 years of religious life. That is a witness of commitment that we admire and young people would do well to emulate. Sisters, may the God who called you continue to guide you in your vocations.

Rolling out the Tractors. Up in northern WI, we would have an annual blessing of the boats on Lake Superior. We don’t have commercial fishing vessels here in our area, but what we do have is tractors. We will have a blessing of tractors on Sunday, September 7, at 1:00 p.m. Watch for details in next week’s bulletin.

Br. Marc. Though his plans are not completely set, it seems reasonably certain that Br. Marc will be leaving us around September 7. We are grateful for his presence and his ministry during this STiP year of formation. When he gets back to Chicago, Br. Marc will be living at St. Peter’s in the Loop and finishing his work at DePaul University. If you ever get to downtown Chicago, St. Peter’s is easy to find. I’m sure Br. Marc would appreciate getting a visit.

Upcoming Meetings. I will be traveling to Dittmer, MO, for meetings from September 1 – 4. The annual clergy convocation will take place September 15 – 18. This year, the convocation is being held in Effingham. Even though the priests will be attending, we will not have to change our weekday Mass schedule. From the 24 – 26 I will be in Joliet for a Provincial Council meeting.

ACSA. We’re getting ready to start this fall’s ACSA campaign. Every parish in every diocese is expected to shoulder a certain amount of the financial load that it takes to run a diocese’s office and programs. The friars will be discussing the extent of their pledge for this year; I hope you will do the same with your family.

Franciscan Retreat. Il Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center in Dittmer, MO, is offering a “Franciscan Hermitage Experience” from August 29 – September 1. If you are in need of some prayer time away, you can get more information by calling 636-274-0554.

Mass Intentions
Monday, August 25, 6:30: Jim Dust Anniversary
Monday, August 25, 12:10: John Worman
Tuesday, August 26, 6:30: Anna Mae Nosbisch
Tuesday, August 26, 8:05: Mildred Bloemer
Wednesday, August 27, 6:30: Stella Probst
Wednesday, August 27, 8:05: August and Marian Schultz Family
Thursday, August 28, 6:30: Anna Le
Thursday, August 28, 12:10: Jim Koester
Friday, August 29, 6:30: Anna Nguyen
Friday, August 29, 8:05: August and Marian Schultz Family
Saturday, August 30, 8:00: Luella Runde
Saturday, August 30, 5:30: Phe-ro-Tran
Sunday, August 31, 7:00: Pro Populo
Sunday, August 31, 8:45: Herman F. Runde
Sunday, August 31, 10:30: August and Marian Schultz Family

Scripture Verse. He said to them, ”But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, ”You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, ”Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.” -Mt 16:15-17


RCIA meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Museum Meeting Room. This week’s session is on: Who Is God? If you know of someone expressing a desire to know more about the Catholic faith, call S. Pierre 857-6404 for an initial conversation or join us for a session.

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Parish website: stfrancischurch.com
Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.
Diocesan website: www.dio.org
Ember Beddingfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator…..
(217) 321-1155
Liturgy Schedule
21st Week in Ordinary Time
August 25—31

Monday, St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz
Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm

Tuesday, Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am

Wednesday, St. Monica
Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am

Thursday, St. Augustine
Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm

Friday, Passion of John the Baptist
Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am

Saturday, Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule
Saturday, - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgical of the Hours with Friars
Monday-Friday -- 11:45 am & 4:45 pm

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, August 26
• RCIA meets, 7:00 pm, Museum Mtg. Room

Wednesday, August 27
• Guitar practice, 6:30 pm, Church
• Jr. High Catechist meeting, (7th) 6:00-7:00 pm; (8th) 7:00-8:00 pm
• Rosary, 8:00 pm, Chapel

Thursday, August 28
• Parish Council tour and cookout, 5:30 pm

Friday, August 29
• Men’s group, 7:00-8:00 am, St. Clare

Saturday, August 30
• Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Celebrating Marriage
Keith McClellan and Nicole Runde
Saturday, August 30, 2014
1:00 pm

Reflection
I will thrust you from your office
and pull you down from your station. Isaiah 22:19

Isaiah places these harsh words in the mouth of God to warn the people of their egotism and immorality. They were acting as if they had no need of divine assistance, forgetting God was the originator of their lives and the giver of their abilities to be successful. They presumed wrongly that they had no need of God, believing they could do anything they pleased, regardless of how this behavior affected others.

When I reflect upon this message for my own life, I am called to consider whether or not I turn sufficiently toward the Holy One for support and guidance. How much do I go about my life as if it was all up to me? And do I consider how my thoughts and actions affect others? Anytime I think myself beyond the need of divine grace, I know my life to be headed toward spiritual disaster, just as the people of Isaiah’s day moved toward their misfortune.

LIVING FAITH
Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Assumption $2,256.90
Franciscan Missions $2,691.43
Mission Coop—Holy Cross Missions $832.64

Homebound Ministry
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, August 31st are Chuck Deters 857-6084 and Lori Mette 857-3523
Take a look! New materials have been added to the media library in St. Clare Hall. Check it out! There is something for everybody; books, videos, bible study, DVD’s, all meant to inspire, instill a desire and feed a hunger.

Parents of COLLEGE STUDENTS! We’d love to stay connected to your student while they are at college, and we need your help! If you could provide us with your student’s name, college address (even if they are at home), e-mail address, and cell number, we’ll send them occasional updates & encouragement from the parish & we’ll also send out reminders of Holy Days, etc! You can send these to the parish office, write it down, put it in an envelope marked COLLEGE ADDRESSES and drop it in the collection basket, or send an e-mail to lsiemer@stfrancischurch.com. We’ll take care of it from there!

Religious Education News.

GRADE SCHOOL- All registration forms for Grade 1 children should have been turned in this past week. Please turn in any registrations for other grade levels, if your children are new in the area and/or new in the religion program. Thanks.

JUNIOR HIGH—Meeting for catechists will take place Wednesday, August 27, from 6:00-7:00 for Grade 7 catechists and 7:00 to 8:00 for Grade 8 Catechists in Sr. Ann’s religious ed office. (Time of the meetings have changed because of the Grade School Open House gathering.)

CATECHISTS NEEDED: Grade School - one catechist is needed for Fridays to teach the Sunday Gospel in 1P’s room. You are given material from which to prepare and children have a worksheet. This class on Friday lasts only 30 minutes. You have lots of resources to draw from.

Junior High— One Grade 8 catechist needed for 1st semester (topic: Heroes of the Early Church) and for 2nd semester (topic: Catholic Understanding of Sexuality). Both are video-assisted programs. You will be given all the help you need to successfully teach these classes. Please call 857-6477 immediately, if you feel called to share your faith with young people. Catechist meeting is Wednesday, August 27; classes begin Wed., September 3.

Looking for help with home projects? Our Sophomores will be having a Confirmation Retreat on Oct. 18 and we are looking for service projects in our area. We’d be happy to help with home repair projects, painting, landscaping, or window washing of people who really could use the help – If you are elderly, infirm or without the resources to do the project at hand, please call the high school religious ed office at 857-1500 to suggest your project. We’ll accommodate all requests that we can!

High School Religious Ed. High School Registrations were sent out this week. Please register your high school students for high school religious education classes. Registrations can be sent in the mail, dropped in the collection basket or can be called in to the high school religious ed office at 857-1500. Classes are Wednesday evenings from 7:20 pm – 8:30 pm at TGS. First night of classes for all grade levels will be September 17. All students are asked to meet in the gym for class room assignments.

Freshmen & their Parent Meeting: We will have our Freshman Confirmation meeting on September 10 at 7:30 in the TGS Cafeteria. This is for the student and a parent. We’ll discuss the exciting new text we’ll be using, as well as what the student can expect, as well as what the parish expects for this process.

Holy Humor...Q. Who is the fastest runner in history? A. Adam, because he was the first in the human race.

Youth Notes. Teen Center: The Grand Opening for this school year will be September 19 from 7 – 10 pm. We’ll have games, snacks & fun! Parents, we are looking for chaperons for the Teen Center! You can sign up at the junior high religion parent meeting or on your high school registration form. Please note that all chaperons are required to have the Protecting God’s Children before they can be scheduled. Thanks for doing your part to be trained for keeping kids of our parish safe. It’s going to be a great year!
Sister Helen Vahling, OSF (Barbara Ann) - 60 years

Sister Helen Vahling, who is celebrating her Diamond Jubilee of Profession as a Sister of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois is a native of Teutopolis, Illinois. She is one of five children born to Anna (Osterhaus) and Ferd Vahling. Her brother, Ray (Joyce) still lives in the Teutopolis area. Her sister, Julie (Tim) Lynch lives in Lombard, Illinois; her sister, Mary (Daniel) Meinhart lives in Montrose, Illinois, and her sister, Sister Rita Vahling, OSF lives in Joliet, Illinois.

Sister Helen grew up on a dairy farm and attended Teutopolis Grade and High School. She received her high school diploma from St. Francis Academy (now Joliet Catholic Academy) and a BA in biology and education from the College of St. Francis (now University of St. Francis) Joliet, Illinois. She received her MA in theology from Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois. She furthered her education through coursework in religious education at various institutions.

After teaching in grade schools throughout Illinois for sixteen years, Sister Helen became Religious Education Consultant for the Diocese of Joliet, responsible for the southern rural area of the Diocese. In 1978 she returned to her hometown of Teutopolis and her home parish of St. Francis of Assisi to minister as Director of Religious Education. From 1985 to 1989 she ministered at St. Mary Parish in Sterling, Illinois, and in 1990 she returned to the Teutopolis area to minister at St. Aloysius, Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart (Effingham). From 1994 until 2004 she was Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph Parish in Chatham, Illinois.

In 2005 Sister Helen began her present ministry as a member of the Congregation’s House of Prayer (Contemplative Community Ministry) where she serves the Church through prayer and service in the Joliet area. Once a month she leads a Communion Service at one of the Retirement Homes in the area and once a week she leads the Rosary for a group of seniors suffering from dementia at another Retirement Home.

Commenting on her years as a Joliet Franciscan, Sister Helen says that, “Each day calls me to praise and thank God for the gift of Saints Francis’ and Clare’s charism of Incarnation and Creation Centered Spirituality. This challenges me to be loving and caring/hospitable in all situations and to be mindful of the most needy.”

Sister Ann Vincent Siemer, SSND

Sister Ann Vincent Siemer, who is celebrating her Diamond Jubilee of Profession as a School Sister of Notre Dame, spent most of her early life as a resident of St. Louis, Mo. She was one of three children born to Vincent and Louise Siemer on September 16, 1932. Her brother Jack is one year older and her sister, Jean, now deceased, was two years younger. Jack and wife Jini live in St. Charles, Mo. Jean’s five children with families reside in various locations in Pennsylvania and in Easley, South Carolina.

Sister Ann attended St. Barbara’s parish school located near north St. Louis County and Rosati-Kain Catholic High School in the city of St. Louis. After working two years as a typist for the Edicott-Johnson Shoe Company in downtown St. Louis, she entered the Convent of the School Sisters of Notre Dame on August 28, 1952. While in the second half of her Candidature year of training, she was saddened by the death of her father, who passed away on April 20, 1953.

At Notre Dame Convent College she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature in 1959. In 1967, she received a Master’s degree in Elementary Administration from St. Louis University, and in 1997, a Masters in Pastoral Theology from St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana.

Sister Ann has taught at almost every grade level except Grade 2 and Grade 4, and she sees this was God’s way of preparing her for the overall ministry that directing religious education at all levels entails.

Today, Sister Ann, with the help of a multi-capable secretary, several committed and dedicated parishioners, directs the daily religion program for children in 19 classrooms, staffed by volunteer teachers and helpers. She directs the Junior High program on Wednesday nights, and the Sunday morning Pre-K program. She is grateful for all the support she gets from the parish staff, the Franciscan priests, brothers, and sisters, from the musicians, and directors of the High School and RCIA programs. She understands this is a cooperative venture and it needs everyone’s help to make it successful. Reflecting on her sixty years as a School Sister of Notre Dame, she is grateful for all the opportunities she has had of receiving an excellent education; of teaching at various levels and in so many different locales; and for all the wonderful people she has met in doing the Lord’s work. The people of Teutopolis fall into that category. She thanks God every day for good health and asks blessing on all she comes in contact with throughout the day.
The Teutopolis Knights of Columbus #2874 5th Sunday Communion/Breakfast will be Sunday, August 31st, at St. Aloysius Church, Bishop. Mass will be at 8:00 am with breakfast following. All members and their wives are invited. Spouses of deceased members are also invited to attend. Please sign up at the KC Hall, or call 857-3111 and leave your name and number of people coming. Please register by Thursday, August 27th.

**Celebrating 50 or More Years of Marriage**
**September 7, 2014** with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki.
We will again host a Diocesan celebration for couples who have been married 50 years or more. The celebration will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception starting at 1:00 pm with a musical program. Holy Mass will follow at 2:00 pm with a reception afterward. If you have been married 50 years or longer (or will be by December of this year), contact us for your certificate today!

**“SOWING THE SEED OF FAITH” RELIGIOUS VOCATION SUPPORT MASS AND BANQUET**
The Effingham Knights of Columbus invite all Catholics in the Springfield Diocese to a Mass and Banquet on Sunday, October 12, 2014, to support Religious Vocations in the Springfield Diocese. It has been 3 years since the previous Mass and Banquet and seminarians supported 3 years ago will be attending this banquet as priests. The theme for this event is “**SOWING THE SEED OF FAITH**”. People answering the call to a Religious Vocation have had the Seed of Faith sown within them like all of us, but their Seed of Faith is special because of their own special relationship with God. Their Seed of Faith has been watered, fertilized, provided warmth and nurtured with prayers, encouragement and support from priests, nuns, families, friends and their Parish family. This Mass and Banquet will help show the encouragement and support of Catholics in the Springfield Diocese for those entering the religious life.

The event will begin with a 4:00 P.M. Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese at St. Anthony of Padua Church (101 E. Virginia Avenue) with a Fourth Degree Honor Guard. A Social Hour and Banquet will follow at the Effingham K of C Council facility (1501 W. Fayette Avenue) with Bishop Paprocki as the keynote speaker. 100% of the proceeds from the banquet will be given to seminarians and other religious of the Springfield Diocese. Banquet Tickets are $30 each and an order form is available on the Council’s website at [www.effinghamkc.com](http://www.effinghamkc.com) or you may contact Jesse Davis (217) 690-2641, Greg Koester (217) 821-7731 or Jim Miller (217) 343-7480 for tickets or questions. If you are unable to attend the Mass and Banquet, please consider making a donation. In addition, you may sponsor a ticket or a table of 8 for the seminarians, postulants and novices, priests, nuns and religious sisters in the Springfield Diocese who have been invited. And finally, if you know of a person considering a religious vocation, let us know so we can invite them to the Mass and Banquet.

**Rosary at Planned Parenthood.**
Join the Life Runners on Tuesday, September 2, at noon to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood.

Rosary Vigil on Tuesday, September 2, at 1:00 pm at the Planned Parenthood Facility.

**Here and There**

**Pre-Labor Day Picnic** to be held on Sunday, August 31st at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Ste. Marie. Delicious deep-fried chicken and pork loin dinners served in the parish center from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Other attractions include quilt raffle, crafts, country store, white elephant stand, bingo, basket stand, raffles (with $1,000 grand prize), food stands and various games and fun for all ages. The band, Big Creek, will be playing Blue Grass music from 5:00-7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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**First Annual Fundraiser for the friars** at Holy Cross Friary, Quincy, IL will take place on Saturday, October 4, the feast of St. Francis. Mass will be at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Quincy, IL at 4:00 pm followed by a happy hour and dinner at the Senior Center. Come join the Franciscan Firefighter & Law Enforcement Ministries with their friends as they celebrate and honor our Franciscans. In a special way the following friars will be honored for their many years of service to our city, Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau, OFM, Fr. Austin Albers, OFM, and Fr. James Wheeler, OFM. All proceeds will help the friars with their retirement and living expenses. Cost of tickets will be $50 per person; a cash bar will be available. A silent auction, 50/50, friar/dessert auction. Please contact Br. Ed at 217-316-4335 for reservations.

**Catholic Charities Spaghetti Dinner**, sponsored by Joe’s Pizza and Pasta will be held on Sunday, September 14th, 10:30 am—2:30 pm at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Dine in, Carry out, or Drive thru. Tickets available at Catholic Charities, Joe’s Pizza Pasta, from any Catholic Charities Advisory Board Members—Anita Deters, David Habing, Catholic Charities Staff, and at the door. For more information contact Catholic Charities at 217-857-1438.

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