

St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. *Mt 2:19-21*

From the Pastor

Bless Those Babies. We've all seen pictures of the mothers coming to Jesus with babies in their arms and children by their side. When we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord on January 12, we will offer a special blessing for the babies born in 2013. The blessing will take place at the 10:30 Mass. If you have had a little one born in the past year, please plan to attend.

Christmas Thanks. There's so many people to thank at this time of the year that I'm always worried that I will miss someone. But let's take a shot. Many thanks to:

- the Liturgy Committee for the planning and preparation
- the decorating crew who did another magnificent job
- all those who helped "lift and tote" the decorations from storage to the church
- the musicians, cantors, and choirs for their gift of music
- the various other liturgical ministers (readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, servers, ushers) who volunteered to serve
- all those who made donations for flowers
- all those who remembered the friars and parish staff with cards and gifts
- the people who helped sell scrip cards for the benefit of Catholic Heart Work Camp
- the families and businesses that made special donations to the parish

Thank you for making our Christmas celebration and season so wonderful.

Liturgical Hygiene. Now that we're into the cold and flu season, I would like to offer the following reminders for the good of all:

- If you have the flu, are running a fever, or have any other contagious illness, please stay home. You are not required to attend Mass if you are sick, and I'm sure you don't want to share your sickness with others.
- If you are in church but have a cold, please consider refraining from receiving from the Cup. Though I don't know of any instances where diseases have been communicated from sharing the Cup, your symptoms might discourage others from receiving.
- Please recognize that some people may not want to shake hands during the Sign of Peace. They might be protecting **you**. A bow or a wave will suffice.
- Carry and use hand sanitizer.

Joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis has issued an apostolic exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium*. It outlines his vision for the Church's presence in today's world. I am working to prepare a summary which I will make available. In the meantime, if you want to read the whole document, it is easily available on line.

Heading North. Brother Tom and I will be heading to northern Wisconsin for a short family visit. We hope to leave on Christmas day and should be back in T-Town on or before January 2. Fr. Luis Runde will be here to help with Masses on December 31 and January 1. Update: it's predicted that by the time we get to northern WI, more than 24" of snow will have fallen this week.

If you want to get a peek at what winter looks like in northern WI, check the parish Facebook page.

Heading Farther. Fr. Thinh will be leaving for Vietnam after Masses on December 29. He will be gone for about a month. The people in his home village have several celebrations planned to honor their newly-ordained priest. Unfortunately, poor health will prevent Fr. Thinh's parents from traveling from Chicago to Vietnam with him.

Retreat Opportunities. Il Ritiro Franciscan Retreat center is offering "Contemplation for Beginners" on the Saturdays of January from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$12 per session or \$40 for all four sessions. Il Ritiro is located in Dittmer, MO, about 40 minutes from St. Louis. Check them out on line.

And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean. — Mt. 2:22b-23

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Mass Intentions

- Monday, December 30, 6:30 am: AID
- Monday, December 30, 12:10pm: **No Mass**
- Tuesday, December 31, 4:00 pm: AID
- Tuesday, December 31, 5:30 pm: Pro Populo
- Wednesday, January 1, 8:45 am: Mary Louise Westjohn
- Thursday, January 2, 6:30 am: AID
- Thursday, January 2, 12:10 pm: AID
- Friday, January 3, 6:30 am: AID
- Saturday, January 4, 5:30 pm: Tip Buehnerkemper Family
- Sunday, January 5, 7:00 am: Adolph Zerrusen
- Sunday, January 5, 8:45 am: Dorothy & Ermand Thoele
- Sunday, January 5, 10:30 am: Pro Populo

Liturgy Schedule December 30—January 5

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am No 12:10 pm Mass
Tuesday,	New Year's Eve Mass at 4:00 & 5:30 pm
Wednesday,	Mary, the Holy Mother of God New Year's Day World Day of Peace Mass at 8:45 & 10:30 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Thursday, January 2 — 3:30-4:30 pm
Saturday, January 4 — 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Next Baptism Prep Date. Thursday, January 9, 7 pm, in St. Clare Hall. Please call the parish office to register.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Jim Koester, Jack Hardiek, Paula Spencer, Lucille Worman, Mack Kitten, Agnes Kremer, Pauline Gobjczynski, Devin Mette, David Pruemer

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 12/22/2013	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
319 Adult envelopes	\$17,179.21	\$226,523.53
Other	\$634.00	\$14,684.53
TOTAL	\$17,813.21	\$241,208.06



Parish Calendar

Wednesday, January 1

- Holy Day of Obligation
- Parish office closed

Sunday, January 5

- Pre-K Epiphany program, 11:30 am, church
- Youth Councils meet, 6:30 & 7:30

Reflection for Sunday, December 29. Allowing Peace to Enter Us

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts...And be thankful...singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:15-16

We all long for peace. The impulse is understandable. Our minds are often distracted, consumed with to-do lists. The countless demands of work, life and family can take over our days and fill our schedules. Those things can fill our minds and our hearts as well, leaving room for little else. When that happens, we feel out of control, at the mercy of something outside of ourselves.

What would it mean to let the peace of Christ control our hearts? It sounds so submissive, so un-American. But there is something in that tiny word "let," Scripture urges us to allow the peace of Christ, not to chase after it or put it on our list of things to accomplish. The Lord has already granted us his peace. We have only to open our hearts and receive it, to clear a path for him and to thank God for what he has already given.

Lord Jesus Christ, help me open my heart to you.

LIVING FAITH

Karla Manternach



Ministry Message

There are ministry sign-up sheets for the Holy Day on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in the main entrance of church. If you are commissioned to be in any of the ministries: Usher, Reader, Gift Bearer, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please consider sharing your ministry this Holy Day. Also, please check in the sacristy the day of the Holy Day to see where you are needed. Thank you for sharing your time and ministry!



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound for Sunday, January 12, are: Rita Pals 857-3569 and Mary Runde 857-3276.

2013 Christmas Party Thank You. The officers of the CCW wish to thank all those who attended and were involved in making our annual Christmas Party a huge success!! Special thanks to the committee chairwomen and all the ladies in their respective neighborhoods—Food Committee: Marlene Hille, Laurie Drees and Theresa Funneman.

Turkey Bakers: Marlene Hille, June Grunloh, Nancy Pals, Theresa Funneman, Jane Ruholl (Robbie), Karen Drees, Gina Drees.

Entertainment Committee: Cathy Goldstein

Decorating Committee: Tina Schwinke

Thanks also to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule, Theresa Draper, and the Friars of St. Francis for helping us celebrate the season! Johnny's Angels did a great job of singing, directed by Father John. We had a great and entertaining evening due to the efforts of so many!! A great big Thank You goes to the out-going officers of the CCW—Diana Althoff, Joan Buehnerkemper, and Lois Meinhart. They have done a spectacular job for the last 2 years.

THANK YOU!!!



Maggie Kay Jansen

Daughter of Ryan and Holly (McMahon) Jansen

Hallie Jane Pals

Daughter of Matthew and Nancy (Lidy) Pals

Alyssa Lynn Myers

Daughter of Zachary and Rachel (Deters) Myers

Welcome to our Faith Family!

Pray the New Year in at St.

Anthony's Hospital Chapel on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2013. The Rosary will begin at 10:30 pm, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11:00 pm. All are invited. We also invite more adorers to pray an hour a week before the Most Blessed Sacrament. To sign up, please call 857-3153 or 342-4764.

Calendar Year Closings. Please note that the year of 2013 will be closed out in the computer as of December 31, 2013.

If contributions are to be considered in the year of 2013 for tax purposes, they must be received at the parish office by 4:00 pm on December 31st or be postmarked before January 1st. All contributions received or postmarked after December 31, 2013 will be posted to the year of 2014. Thank you.

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL-- Religious education classes will resume on Monday, January 6. We thank all the parents, catechists, teachers, Mass walkers, substitutes, helpers, prayer sponsors for your cooperation, prayers, and help throughout the year. May you continue to bless us with your service, dedication, and commitment! Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

PRE-K classes will resume on Sunday, January 5, Epiphany Sunday. Please bring the children to the Museum Dining Room where they will meet until 11:15. At that time they will bring all their belongings to St. Clare Hall where they will gather following the Epiphany program which begins in church at 11:30. All are invited to join the children and their families in St. Clare Hall for the reception following the short Epiphany program.

"Epiphany" means revelation. This presentation recalls the Biblical account of Jesus, the Saviour, being revealed to the three wise men, who represent the three kings, who represent all the nations of the Gentile world, including us. Any questions or concerns, please call 857-6477. Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

JUNIOR HIGH - Classes resume on Wednesday, January 8, in the junior high building. Grade 8 students will receive their new room assignment as they begin their study of the Christian understanding of the development of our Covenantal relationship with God and of our salvation (hi) story.

Mark your calendars! Taste of T-Town will be held on January 11, 2014 at the T-Town KC Hall! We'll have local entertainers and a variety of great food! After last year's event, several people said the Taste of T-Town was like a winter church picnic! Tickets are on sale with any of the Catholic Heart Work Camp Crew, parish office, or at National Trail Branch of the First National Bank of Dieterich. Tickets are a steal at just \$10 for 12 tasting tickets if purchased in advance! Come enjoy food, friends and fun at the Taste of T-Town in January! Anyone who would like to participate by hosting a food booth is encouraged to call Tisha Hardiek at 663-2162 to sign up! We'd LOVE to have your chef talents be spotlighted!

Youth Notes. No Teen Center on Friday, January 3rd.

Chicken and Toast, fries and cole slaw will begin on January 3rd, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus and continue every Friday night in January.

Ministry Schedule for January

Servers: Please pick up your schedule from a church entrance.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:30 pm Sat.

Body

*Janet Dhom
Tess Probst
Toby McMahon
Kate Schmidt

Blood

Karen Pruemer
Kent Probst
Mary Jane Renschen
Denise Weichman
Lynn Semple

7:00 am Sun.

Body

*Reta Swingler
Jason Breer
Joyce Vahling

Blood

Marita Weber
Charlotte Wente
Sharon Brummer
Sarah Hewing

8:45 am Sun.

Body

*Angie Hotze
Mergie Meyer
Chad Hewing
Mary Flach

Blood

Cindy Kremer
Donna Niemerg
Cathy Brummer
Jane Ruholl
Janet Buenker

Body

*Chuck Deters
Rick Schumacher
Maranda Martin
Lauren Jansen

Blood

Liz Kremer
Darlene Buehnerkemper
Karen Ruholl
Holly Huber
Rich Walk

Readers

5:30 pm Sat.

Denise Will
Jim Quatman

7:00 am Sun.

Herman Brummer

8:45 am Sun.

Carol Heuerman
Angie Esker

10:30 am Sun.

Carrie Copple
Maranda Martin

Clean Linens: Tess Probst

Ushers

5:30 pm Sat.

*Brian Drees
Bill Runde
Charles Semple
Glen Waldhoff
Tony Runde
Mike Gaddis

7:00 am Sun.

*Dave Westendorf
Paul Westendorf
Pat Wente
Mark Willenborg
Martin Hutmacher
Don Zerrusen

8:45 am Sun.

*David J. Zerrusen
Jake Hotze
Jeff Hardiek
Dave Meyer
Jordan Niebrugge
John Flach

10:30 am Sun.

*Dick Runde
Brad Koester
Roy Brumleve
Addison Brumleve
Brock Brumleve
Bruce Buhnerkempe

Gift Bearer Families

5:30 pm Sat.

1/4 Charles Semple
1/11 Andy Habing
1/18 Tim McMahon
1/25 Tim Hemmen

7:00 am Sun.

1/5 Mark Willenborg
1/12 Martin Hutmacher
1/19 Ray Vahling
1/26 Bernie Waldhoff

8:45 am Sun.

1/5 Chad Hewing
1/12 David J. Zerrusen
1/19 Dave Meyer
1/26 Jeff Hardiek

10:30 am Sun.

1/5 Doug Schabbing
1/12 Brad Koester
1/19 Bruce Buhnerkempe
1/26 Marty Siemer

Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:30 pm Sat.

1/4 No Liturgy—Holiday
1/11 Lisa Starwalt
11/18 Jackie Tabbert
1/25 Kathy Bloemer

10:30 am Sun.

1/5 No Liturgy—Holiday
1/12 Jennifer Weidner
1/19 Judy Wermert
1/26 Jill Buhnerkempe

Happy January Birthdays

- 1/2 Bernice Gaddis (89)
- 1/3 Dolores Will (94)
- 1/10 Doris Niemeyer (85)
- 1/11 Norma Ruholl (81)
- 1/12 Stella Esker (82)
- 1/13 Richard Hoene (87)
- 1/15 Roger Borries (85)
- 1/29 Marilyn Meyer (81)

#5 - Easy

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Right to Life. The bus is booked. The registration forms are printed and ready. Are you ready?? Ready for the Annual March for Life to Washington D.C. to march peacefully for life issues. Each year thousands travel to Washington D.C to stand up for life. The Effingham area life caravan will leave Tuesday, January 21, 2014 and return Thursday, January 23, 2014. Cost of the trip is \$150 per person. Meals are not included. If unable to go, consider sponsoring someone. For registration forms or more info call Liz Kremer at 217-342-9677 or 217-273-9677. Are you ready???

NEW YEAR'S




Wishing you a Happy and Blessed New Year!





January 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Epiphany Party, 11:30-1:00, Church & St. Clare RCIA at St. Isidore	6	7 Secular Franciscans meet, 6:00 pm, St. Clare	1  Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 8:45 & 10:30 am Parish office closed Fr. Think gone til January 31	2 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm	3	4 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm Foccus 6:30 pm
12 Pre/K classes RCIA at St. Isidore	13 Holy Name meets, 7:30 pm, Museum Meeting Room	14	8 Jr. High Religion, 7:20 pm	9 Baptism prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare	10	11 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm Taste of T-Town
19 Pre/K classes RCIA at St. Isidore Right to Life Breakfast Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00 pm	20 Parish office closed for Martin Luther King holiday CCW meets, 7:00 pm, St. Clare DeColores Board mtg., 7:00 pm, MMR	21	15 Jr. High Religion, 7:20 pm	16	17 Rosary, 9:30 am, Church & St. Clare Ultreya Mass, 7:30 pm	18 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
26 Pre-Cana RCIA at St. Isidore	27	28	22 Jr. High & H.S. Religion, 7:20 pm	23 Grade 4 Bake Sale	24	25 Wedding Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
			29 Jr. High & H.S. Religion, 7:20 pm	30	31 Fr. Think returns	