

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

Sacramental Celebrations

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, noon & 7:00 pm

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.

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. Austin Albers, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Vernon Olmer, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. Ken Rosswog, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. Jeff Holtman, OFM, Associate Pastor

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Anita Broom, Bookkeeper

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Parish Council:

Roy Brumleve

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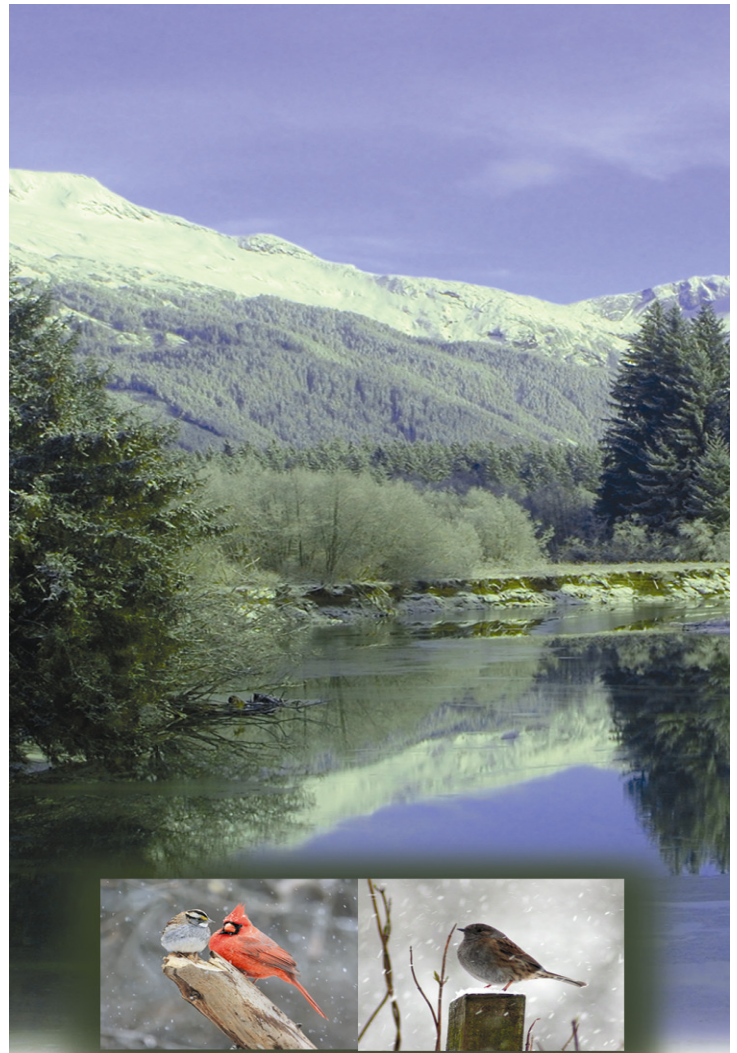
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**Sixteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
February 14, 2010**



*“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”*

— L k 6 : 2 0 - 2 1

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Meditation for Sunday, February 14

Luke 6:17,20-26

Whenever we read passages like this, it's helpful to keep one truth in mind: Jesus always spoke from experience. So when he said that the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the persecuted were blessed, he was not just presenting a fanciful or idealistic set of dreams. He was speaking out of experience about what it was like to have his life shaped by his Father and not by any philosophy of worldly success.

Jesus knew what it meant to be poor and yet have the kingdom of God as his inheritance. He had nowhere to lay his head (Luke 9:58) - but not because he had no other option. No, he chose a life of simplicity because his heart was set on higher riches (Matthew 6:33). He deliberately chose to pray throughout the night (Luke 6:12) and to fast for forty days and nights (Matthew 4:2) because he wanted God to fill him up.

Jesus so wanted to give people everything he had received from his Father that he openly mourned his disciples' belief and Jerusalem's rejection of him (Mark 9:19; Matthew 23:37). Finally, he knew that, like the prophets, he would be hated, reviled, and persecuted—not because he was obnoxious but because his words struck against the hardness of sin in the human heart. But again, like the prophets, he could not keep from speaking out, so greatly did God's love for his people compel him.

Jesus didn't come to earth to be poor, hated, and sad. He came to reveal the kingdom of God to a fallen people. Likewise, he doesn't call us to become poor, hated, or sad. No, he offers us an experience of his Father's love so great that everything else pales in comparison. He offers us a kingdom so magnificent that we will willingly endure hardship for the sake of embracing this kingdom and spreading its message into the world. With such promises, why would we ever fear God's calling?

“Jesus, you said that your Father ‘is pleased’ to give us the kingdom (Luke 12:32). Open my eyes to the treasures of this kingdom. Let me know its blessings as deeply as you do.”

The Word Among Us

Stewardship Corner

All too often, stewardship is presented only with the Church support or the funding of other charities as the goal. This is too limiting. Stewardship also involves time and talent.

Lenten Regulations

1. **Abstinence**—Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. **Fast**—Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Please Note

Mass times on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th** will be **6:00 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm.** There will be a prayer service with distribution of ashes for the grade school children at **8:05 am.**

Mass times will be changed during Lent. The early morning weekday Mass will start at **6:15 am** instead of 6:30 am Monday through Friday starting Thursday, February 18th.

There will be a **12:10 pm** Mass on Monday and Thursday during Lent starting on February 26th.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday there will be a regularly scheduled Mass at **8:05 am.**

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening at **7:00 pm** during Lent and will hold a different view or theme each week.

February 19th—Traditional—led by the Friars

February 26th—Mary's Way of the Cross

March 5th—Jesus Speaks

March 12th—High Students

March 19th—Jr. High School Students

March 26th—Traditional—led by the Friars

Help Needed

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the 12:10 pm Mass and the 7:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Please come to the sacristy before Mass and see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!

Liturgy Schedule 16th Week in Ordinary Time February 15-21

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:00 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm Ash Service at 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
Saturday,	Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	1st Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, February 20 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Parish Calendar

Monday, February 15

- Parish Office closed
- Men's Holy Name meet, 7:30 pm, Museum Meeting room

Thursday, February 18

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Friday, February 19

- Rosary, 9:30 am in Church & St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
- Jr. High Valentine Dance, 7:30 pm, Grade School Auditorium

Saturday, February 20

- Search, 9:15-11:30 am
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Parish Council Election

Sunday, February 21

- Parish Council Elections
- Secular Franciscans meet, 2:00 pm in Church

Please Note! The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th for President's Day.

Question of the Week

What distinction would you make between hoping in what the Lord promises and having the Lord be your hope?

Jeremiah 17:5-8
I Cor. 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Sidney Horn, Kris Gouchenour, Rebekah Volk, Sr. Clara Esker, Jodi Waymoth, Evelyn Krone, Steve Sehy, Cathy Green, Dorothy and Ermand Thoele, Joyce Vahling, Mardell Weis, Nicholas Rhodes, Peggy Smith.

Special Collection

On Ash Wednesday, a collection will be taken to aid the **Church in Central & Eastern Europe**. The Church in this region continues to have great needs for its essential pastoral work. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future. Please use the envelope in your set.

During Lent we have the opportunity to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. Put your faith into action; help those who live in poverty. The Rice Bowl collection will be on March 28th.

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Henry "Hank" Hemmen. May he be enjoying eternal peace and happiness in heaven.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, February 21 are: Lenora Drees 857-3583, Betty Koeberlein 342-3204, Deb Runde 857-6281, Sharon Brummer 857-6092

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/7/2010	<u>Total Fiscal</u> Year
338 Adult envelopes	\$7,893.00	\$237,443.30
Other	<u>700.48</u>	<u>19,697.82</u>
TOTAL	\$8,593.48	\$257,141.12
GOAL	\$9,300.00	\$297,600.00

Nominees for Parish Council

Jim Apke	John Bushur	Paul Hardiek
Gary Breer	Pat Gebben	Carl Schwinke
Bruce Buhnerkempe	Jack Hardiek	Tim Sheehan

Election will be held next weekend. We will be voting for three men. Every parishioner 18 years and older is encouraged to vote.

“Why Catholic?” groups can begin at anytime. The official timeline has us beginning the week of February 14th. Anyone needing a text or desiring to join an existing group may call Sr. Pierre at 857-6404 for more information.

DATE CHANGE: BIBLE STUDY will meet on the 4th Thursday of this month rather than the third Thursday. We will continue with John’s Gospel beginning at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Bring your bible and a desire to hear God’s Word differently. We hope to see you there.

Catholics at the Capitol

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Springfield, Illinois

Please join us for the Second Annual Catholics at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 in Springfield, Illinois with Cardinal Francis George, the Bishops of Illinois, clergy, and laity from across the state, to promote our gospel values with state policymakers.

10:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

11:00 am Presentation by CCI staff on “Advocacy at the Capitol”

12:00 Individual meetings with Legislators

For more information, contact the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066, or go to www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org

Handicapped Children’s Committee

The Effingham Elks Lodge #1016 Handicapped Children’s Committee is asking for your help. They are currently seeking children with special needs under the age of 21 in our area that need assistance. If you know of a student who could benefit from their services, please contact them at 217-342-3636 or through their web site at www.effinghamelks.org.

Religious Education News

ATTENTION—BECAUSE THREE OF OUR MASS WALKERS ARE NOW WORKING FULL TIME JOBS, AND FOR OTHER REASONS, WE ARE NEEDING MASS WALKERS AND SUBSTITUTES FOR THESE DAYS—MONDAY-4M, TUESDAY-3M, AND FOR FRIDAY-5B. WE ARE HOPING SOME MEN WILL SIGN UP FOR THESE DAYS. CALL 857-6477 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS SERVICE ENTAILS. YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL THANK YOU. THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF WILL BE “ETERNALLY” GRATEFUL.

Grade School - Thanks to Grade 6 parents, children, catechists, Mass walkers, teachers, and all helpers who participated in and serviced the Grade 6 Valentine Mission Bake Sale. Total amount collected and all winners will be announced in next week’s bulletin.

Ash Wednesday Ashes Service will take place in church on Wed., February 17, at 8:05., for grades 3 to 6. Children in grades 1 and 2 will meet in the East open area for an ashes service. Each child will receive a letter informing parents how they will be observing the practices of Lent throughout the six weeks...also, they will be bringing home their mission box/folder to foster helping others during this special time of compassionate living.

Grade 2 First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, February 27, in two sessions—9:00-10:00 (persons whose last name begins with A-M) and 10:30-11:30 (N-Z).

Kdgn/PreSchool- Sunday Program takes place every Sunday during the 10:30 Mass in the Grade School cafeteria area.

Junior High- Youth in 7th and 8th grades are expected to begin Lent by attending the Ash Wednesday Mass at any of these times—6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Begin Lent by Thanking God for all blessings received and by asking God the question...“How do you want me to know, love, and serve You and others today?”

High School

No High School religion on Wednesday. Please attend Mass with your family on Ash Wednesday.

Youth Notes

Junior High Valentines Dance—come dance the night away on February 19th from 7:30-10:00 pm at the Grade School gym.



“Celebrate good times, Come on!” Rediscovering Catholicism, chapter 5 speaks of celebrations. As Catholics, “the one thing we do more than anything else is celebrate.” We celebrate life, in all forms; we celebrate changing seasons; we celebrate heroes and heroines; we celebrate birth, re-birth, journeying and even death. We celebrate individual journeys and communal journeys. How do you celebrate? How do you come to the celebration of the mass? Is there any eager anticipation “I can hardly wait to get there” attitude? “We become what we celebrate.” What are you becoming? Just what are you celebrating? “Let the celebration begin!!!!”

Prayer Vigil for Life

Christ the King parish in Greenup will host the February 15th prayer vigil for life. Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass and meeting. Please join us in prayer to end abortion.

Right to Life Rummage Sale is scheduled for March 11/12 at the Effingham KC Hall. Bring your items on March 10th. Volunteers are needed. Mark your calendar and think of us when you house clean your closets. Thank you.

St. Clare Rosary Group will meet on Friday, March 19th, 9:30 am in Church with visiting afterward in St. Clare Hall. All are welcome! If you’ve never joined us before, Lent would be a great time to start.

DeColores Spring Weekend

The Men’s weekend #117 is March 11th-14th.
The Women’s weekend #118 is March 18th-21st.
Bob and Rita Probst are Rector and Rectora
@217-925-5334
For more information please contact Tom & Patti Jansen
@618-238-4339

Polar Plunge

Join us by being a FAN of Bravery!! The Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge will be Saturday, March 6th at Lake Sara in Effingham. 11:00 am registration. Plunge at noon. Take the plunge and support local Special Olympics Athletes. For more information call 217-345-2424 or register on line at www.plungeillinois.com.

Know Anyone Currently In The Military?

Do you know of anyone from the Teutopolis School District who is currently serving our country in the Military? We would like to recognize our military in a PowerPoint presentation at the Vision 2020 breakfast on March 17 at the Teutopolis K of C Hall. \$5.00 from each ticket sold will be used towards the Teutopolis share of the Effingham County Promise. If you know of anyone, please contact Norma at the Teutopolis Unit 50 office at 857-3535 or by e-mail to Foundation@ttown.k12.il.us with the name, where he/she is serving, and what branch he/she is serving in. Thank you for your help..

Adult Enrichment—The Nicene Creed: A Theological and Historical Perspective

will be presented by Fr. Ted Bracco, O.F.M., Tuesdays, Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 7:00-9:00 pm, at St. Anthony Parish Center. For more information and to register call 217-347-7129.

Broadway for Life

This year’s production will be held on February 21st, at St. Anthony High School, Effingham. This year’s production, entitled “Our Family,” will feature highlights from a variety of famous Broadway shows, such as Les Miserables, Fiddler on the Roof, and Hello dolly. Curtain time is at 3:00 pm. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Jack Koester (857-3060) as well as the Family Life Center (342-5433).

Healing The Grieving Heart

An adult grief support program begins on March 1 thru April 12 at 6:30 pm at the Hospital Auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Call St. Anthony’s Community Relations at 217-347-1529 or visit the web site at www.stanthonyshospital.org.

Holy Humor

A father was in charge of his two-year-old daughter while her mother was out. As the father sat in the living room engrossed in the evening news, his little girl used her toy tea set to bring him a cup of “tea,” which was really water.

When the mother came home, he asked her to watch as the child brought him another cup of tea, because it was so cute. The mother waited until the father had been served and drank his “tea.” Then she said, “Dear, did it ever occur to you that the only place that baby can reach to get water is the toilet?”

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2010

Present: Fr. Vernon, Fr. Ken, Jodie Pruemer, Dean Kremer, Roy Brumleve, Steve Witges, Ted Koester, Doug Mette, Terry Meyer, Sandy Fisher, Tammy Willenborg, Pam Hemmen, Louise Sheehan. Absent: Fr. Austin

Meeting was opened with prayer and minutes of November 5th meeting were approved.

Finance: Steve Witges

- Financial. Statements for November and December were approved.
- SCRIP financials were reviewed.
- CHWC financials were reviewed.
- The parish is in the process of getting the property along the frontage road classified to farmland from residential which will reduce taxes significantly.
- All Council member were asked to think about potential parishioners who might be good candidates to serve on the committee.

Building and Grounds: Roy Brumleve

- Discussed plans for renovating the kitchen (by auditorium). Ron is getting bids for necessary repairs.

Liturgy: Ted Koester

- Collection for old palms will start January 31. There will be a basket in front of the altar to place the old palms in.
- Lent begins February 17. Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is 6:00 am, 12:10 and 7:00 pm Mass. Ash Service is at 8:05 am for school children. Weekday Masses during Lent will be at 6:15 am Mon. through Fri. and at 12:10 pm on Monday and Thursday.
- There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent.

Religious Education: Louise Sheehan

- Grade School:** First Reconciliation for children in Gr. 2 will take place on Sat., Feb. 27 from 9:00 until 11:30 am. The number of St. Francis children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion is 40.
- St. Blaise feast day is Wed., Feb. 3. Grades 1 and 2 will have their throats blessed during 8:05 Mass. The priests will go to the classrooms for the St. Blaise blessing between 8:00 and 8:45 am for grades 3—6.
- The Office of Concerns of the Diocese is asking all parishioners to send postcards to their 2 US Senators and their Representative regarding the revision of the Immigration Bill. Postcards are at the entrances of church. These cards will be bundled and mailed by the Parish.
- The Grade 4 bake sale for the Missions accrued \$906.00. This money will be sent to the Catholic Relief Services for the Haiti relief.
- School children collected pennies, nickels, etc. for Haiti. Total was \$2120.00.
- Overdue Religious Ed book bills (113) were sent out this week.

Adult: The bulletin will focus on a chapter from Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly. Various staff and parishioners have graciously said yes to doing the reflection for the particular chapter in focus.

- RCIA continues with the initial 4 catechumens (to be baptized) and candidate (already baptized and seeks to join the church). Within the last two weeks 2 more persons interested in the church are meeting separately as they begin their journey.
- Why Catholic begins Feb. 14th.
- Bible Study continues. Draws members from other parishes as well as St. Francis.
- Personal Safety Videos for students in grade school and Jr. High religious ed program is completed. The Freshmen and Sophomores have completed their sessions. We still have an outstanding number of parents who did NOT sign up for the entire time their children are in religious education. We will continue to work on having them complete that task so that every year we don't have to spend so much time repeatedly requesting forms to be returned.
- A Day of Prayer is planned for Sunday, Feb. 14th from 12:00-5:00 pm. Looking for men to take the lead with or without their wives for some of those hours.
- CHWC participants continue with their fundraising.

Stewardship: Tammy Willenborg

- 2 new families have joined the parish.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Louise Sheehan, Secretary

Area Happenings

Fish Fry at the Teutopolis K of C hall on Friday nights from now until Good Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Annual Breakfast at St. Rose Church, Montrose on Sunday, February 14th. Serving 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Prices are \$5.00 for a large plate and \$4.00 for a small plate. Everyone is invited to come.

“Souper Supper” at the Teutopolis K-C Hall on Sunday, February 14th. Serving 3:00-6:30 pm. Hosted by the Teutopolis American Legion Post 924.

Soup Supper at St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton on Sunday, February 14th, 10:00 am—6:00 pm. Bingo 11:00 am—5:00 pm. Proceeds benefit St. Thomas Church and School.

Fish Fry at St. Anthony Parish Center on Friday, February 19, serving 4:00-7:00 pm. Proceeds support the St. Anthony music Booster Assoc.

Eucharistic Day of Prayer to be held on Sunday, Feb. 21 at Bishop St. Aloysius after 8:00 am Mass and will close with Benediction at 6:30 pm.

St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper on Sunday, February 21. Serving 4:00-7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius Hall. In conjunction with the day of prayer at St. Aloysius Church.

Card Party at St. Michael’s, Sigel on Sunday, February 21st. Games begin at 6:00 pm. Admission \$5.00.

Card Party to benefit the Dieterich Civic Center to be held on Sunday, February 28th, 7:00 pm. Cost for the evening is \$5.00.

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