

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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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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February 15, 2015

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18

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.**

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

From the Pastor

I Will Go to the Altar of God, #4

Conversations on the Road

One of the gospel texts I keep turning to is Luke 24: 13-35—the account of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Among other things, this passage can shed light on what happens at Mass.

As you will recall, the encounter takes place on the first day of the week (Sunday). As the two disciples walk from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, Jesus meets them on the road; but they fail to recognize him. When Jesus asks them about their sad demeanor and the topic of their conversation, they recount the events of the past few days—Jesus' passion, death, and burial as well as the odd report from the women who visited the tomb and found the body missing. Their hopes that Jesus would prove to be the Messiah have been shattered.

Having heard their story, Jesus then shows them how the events they recounted fit into the larger story of God's plan for our salvation. As he explains the passages from "Moses and all the prophets," they could feel their "hearts burning inside us." In light of the larger story of God's plan, the events of the past few days suddenly make sense.

Later, as they sit at table, the guest (Jesus) becomes the host. As he blesses and breaks the bread, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him." In haste, they head back to Jerusalem "where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled." Then they "recounted what had happened on the road and how they had come to know him in the breaking of bread."

Throughout the week, our individual stories unfold. Depending on the week, those stories could be happy or sad, painful or joyful, frantic or serene. In any case, we gather on the first day of the week so that we can wrap our personal stories within the larger story of salvation. That's the essential purpose of the readings and the homily: to help us see how God's story intersects with our own story.

Then, as the disciples did before us, we approach the table where the Guest becomes the Host. If our faith is strong, we, too, "know him in the breaking of the bread." Having been nurtured by the Body and Blood, we are strengthened to return to our daily lives and to share with others how we have encountered the Risen Lord.

Please open your Bible and read Luke 24, reading it not only as a story from "way back when" but reflecting on how this encounter takes place within the context of our Sunday liturgy.

ASH
WEDNESDAY

DAY of
FASTING
and ABSTINENCE

Please Note. Mass times on Ash Wednesday, February 18 will be 6:00am, 8:05am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm.

One Mass time change during Lent—The early morning weekday Mass will start at 6:15am instead of 6:30am starting **Thursday, February 19th.**

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

February 20th—Traditional—led by the Friars

February 27th—Mary's Way of the Cross

March 6th—Volunteers

March 13th—Jesus Speaks

March 20th—Traditional—led by the Friars

March 27th—Silhouette Stations—led by the Jr. High

April 3rd—Good Friday—Passion Drama

Help Needed. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the **6:00am Mass, the 12:10pm Mass and the 7:00pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.**

Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!

Palms for Burning. If you haven't already done so, please bring your old palms to church by Tuesday, February 17th. Place them in the basket in front of Mary's altar. Thank you.!

Mass Intentions

Mon. Feb. 16, 6:30: Geraldine Fulle

Mon. Feb. 16, 12:10: Andrew Gobczynski

Tues. Feb. 17, 6:30: AID

Tues. Feb. 17, 8:05: August & Marian Schultz Family

Wed. Feb. 18, 6:00: Herman J. Runde

Wed. Feb. 18, 8:05: AID

Wed. Feb. 18, 12:10: Paul Schmidt

Wed. Feb. 18, 7:00: AID

Thurs. Feb. 19, 6:15: Marie Martin

Thurs. Feb. 19, 12:10: AID

Fri., Feb. 20, 6:15: Alice Schumacher-Pruemer

Fri., Feb. 20, 8:05: Joe Hoedebecke

Sat., Feb. 21, 8:00: Michael Zerrusen

Sat., Feb. 21, 5:30: Geraldine Fulle

Sun., Feb. 22, 7:00: Pro Populo

Sun., Feb. 22, 8:45: Marian Schultz

Sun., Feb. 22, 10:30: Paul Schmidt

Liturgy Schedule 6th Week in Ordinary Time February 16—22

Monday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Ash Wednesday—Day of Fast and Abstinence Mass at 6:00 & 8:05 am, and 12:10 & 7:00 pm
Thursday,	Mass at 6:15 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	First Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, February 21 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 20 - 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Anna Habing, Jack Hardiek, Paula Spencer, Lucille Worman, Agnes Kremer, Pauline Gobczynski, Devin Mette, David Pruemer, Harold Hardiek, Margaret Pruemer, Will Niccum, Joe Ruholl, Kay Schwartz, Tom Rhodes, Rosie Myers, Vince Huelsing, Anne Nelson

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/8/2015	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
300 Adult envelopes	\$8,096.50	\$274,731.50
Other	<u>\$671.06</u>	<u>\$21,749.33</u>
TOTAL	\$8,767.56	\$296,480.83
Cemetery	\$3,700.50	



Parish Calendar

Monday, February 16

- Bible Study, 7:00-8:30pm, St. Clare

Tuesday, February 17

- RCIA, 7:00pm, Museum Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 18

- First Day of Lent, Day of Fast & Abstinence

Thursday, February 19

- Bible Study, 10:00-11:00am, St. Clare
- Parish Council mtg., 7:00pm, St. Clare
- Adult Choir, 7:00pm

Friday, February 20

- Rosary, 9:30am, Church and St. Clare
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm
- Teen Center open

Saturday, February 21

- Grade 2 First Reconciliation 9:00am—noon
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30pm
- Catholic Charity speaker at Mass
- “Nunsense”

Sunday, February 22

- Catholic Charity speaker at Masses
- “Nunsense”
- Financial Peace class, 4:30pm, St. Clare

Please Note. The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of President’s Day.



Planning Marriage

Daniel Orsborn and Betsy Koebele
Saturday, February 21, 2015
1:00 pm

Special Collection. Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week.



Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Sunday, February 22nd are Theresa Funneman 821-4867 and Mary Jane Koester 857-3697.

ALL CATECHISTS are encouraged to attend adult classes held at St. Francis—Monday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:30 in St. Clare Hall—topic: “The 1st Letter to the Corinthians” or on Thursday morning in St. Clare Hall 10:00-11:00—“Extraordinary Women in the Bible.” These programs should help you in teaching at any level in the religion program as well as in your personal spiritual life. The diocese is asking that all catechists acquire at least ten credits of adult learning or personal spiritual growth each year. St. Francis is offering this opportunity. Will you give yourself this gift during the season of Lent? No charge!

We’re starting a 55+ group here at St. Francis!

Over age 55? Come join the fun! Our hope is to have 1 or 2 planned, group events a month! We are hosting our first event Monday, February 23. We’ll start with the 12:10 pm Mass, followed by soup and sandwiches in St. Clare Hall, and we’ll play cards or bunco until 3 pm in St. Clare. Interested in coming to the first event? Please call the parish office to let us know so we have an idea of how many to plan for! Watch for more information and a list of upcoming activities soon!

NUNSENSE! The Teutopolis State Bank presents NUNSENSE – a dinner theater experience, on February 21 & 22, at the Fr. Vitus Theater (a.k.a TGS gym) Times for the event: Saturday: February 21st: Doors open at 6:15, meal at 6:45, and show begins at 7:45. Sunday: February 22nd: Doors open at 5:00, meal at 5:30, and show begins at 6:30. Proceeds from this fundraising event will benefit the Catholic Heart Work Camp. Tickets can be purchased at Teutopolis State Bank, Hank Niebrugge Country Financial, Wessel’s Grocery, or at St. Francis Parish office. Cost per ticket is \$25. Caution: Nunsense is Habit Forming!

PJ Anderson. We are excited to announce that PJ Anderson, a national Catholic musician and speaker will be coming to T-Town! We will be hosting a retreat with PJ on Saturday, March 21, and a concert for the parish on March 22. PJ was our musician at Catholic Heart Work Camp on 2 different years. He has played at youth days and conferences as well as at multiple parishes around the country. He is entertaining and also pushes you to think about your call to faith. More information is coming soon.

Holy Humor...On Ash Wednesday, congregants at the church were coming forward for the imposition of ashes on their foreheads. Two-year-old Brenna, upset that her mother was not taking her to the altar, was overheard exclaiming: “But I want to get a tattoo just like Daddy’s!”
—George Goldtrap

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL. Monday—Presidents’ Day—no classes.

Grade 6. Congratulations to the parents, children, teachers, catechists, Mass supervisors, all helpers at the Grade 6 Valentine Mission Bake Sale. All results will be in next Sunday’s bulletin. Thanks to all!

Grade 2 children of St. Francis will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 21, 9:00-10:00 A-M); 10:30-11:30 (N-Z). They will be viewing the confessionals and practicing in church on Thursday morning. Instead of Church on Thursday, **Grade 5** will meet in the Museum Dining Room for a video on St. Valentine’s life. **Grade 6** will be meeting in the 6W classroom (or cafeteria) for a video on the Book of Maccabees.

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, **Grades 3 through 6** will meet in church for Mass and ashes; **Grades 1 and 2** will meet in the East basement for an Ashes Service.

PRE/KDGN. Sunday morning classes meet in the museum dining room during the 10:30 Mass. They will be learning about what the word and season of Lent means and how Jesus prepared for his Mission—to call people to repent and believe in His Good News.

JUNIOR HIGH. Junior High students are strongly encouraged to attend a Mass with their family on Ash Wednesday, to receive ashes, and to think about how they can practice the call to pray, fast, give alms, and practice works of justice and charity.

Catechists, please pick up the report sheets from the round table at the parish office entrance this weekend, so that these can be completed by class night, Wednesday February 25. Thanks.

Year of Consecrated Life. “Religious life ought to promote growth in the Church by way of attraction. The Church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!...It is this witness that I expect of you. Religious should be men and women who are able to wake the world up.”

—Pope Francis, meeting with the Union of Superiors General, Nov. 29, 2013

Pre-Cana will be held at St. Mary’s in Ste. Marie on Saturday, March 21st. Please contact the St. Thomas (618-783-8741) or St. Mary’s (618-455-3155) parish office to register or for details. The cost is \$50 per couple. All engaged couples are welcome to register and take this opportunity to talk with other married couples that can help answer questions and share their experiences.

40 Days For Life. Please offer extra prayer and sacrifices for an end to abortion as part of your Lenten devotions during the spring 40 Days for Life campaign, beginning Wednesday, February 18. A Eucharistic Day of Prayer will be held Tuesday, February 24th, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, with the intention of respect for all human life and the end of abortion. Please commit to prayer at church for an end to the evil disregard for human life in our world. Sign-up sheets will be at church entrances.

Prayer: “Heavenly Father, eternal, changeless, and faithful Lord, we recognize that we are in need of forgiveness as a nation, for turning our hearts away from you. Hear our prayer of repentance Lord and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We praise you for your tender mercies and your compassion that never fails. Lord, it is only by Your grace that we can live lives that are just and merciful. May Your Holy Spirit enable us to walk humbly in Your presence, and may You be pleased to restore America, so that a generation not yet born may praise you. In the name of Christ Jesus, who has done great things for us. Amen.” (40daysforlife.com)

Eucharistic Day of Prayer will be held at St. Aloysius Church on Sunday, Feb. 22, beginning after the 8:00am Mass and continuing throughout the day with a closing Benediction at 6:30pm. Prayer services for a variety of intentions will be held. Please plan to come and spend time with our Lord asking for the grace to carry our daily cross, which has been given to us, our neighbors, friends, relatives and community.

Rosary Vigil every Tuesday from 12 pm to 4 pm, at Effingham Planned Parenthood. In the past 2 years, Operation Rescue has documented the closure of 155 abortion facilities. Today, there are 549 surgical abortion clinics in the U.S., compared to 2,176 in 1991. When abortion clinics close, lives are saved! Please come and pray for the closing of Effingham’s PP facility. Questions, call Peg Muhlbachler 217-844-2172.

Financial Peace University will be available at St. Francis! This life-changing class taught by Dave Ramsey and the FPU teaching team on video, and coordinated by Scott and Carrie Cople, will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever. This 9 week course begins on February 22, and will meet each Sunday in St. Clare Hall at 4:30 pm. Each class lasts approximately 90 minutes. To register, go to Dave Ramsey.com, or contact Scott and Carrie at copple6@frontiernet.net. Fee for this class will be \$99.

Cram the Corolla with Can Goods for Catholic Charities. February is National Canned Food month. In recognition, HSHS St. Anthony’s Home Care & Hospice and Dan Hecht Chevrolet Toyota are teaming up to Cram the Corolla with non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities food pantry. Help us Cram the Corolla and drop off your non-perishable food items at HSHS St. Anthony’s Home Care & Hospice office at 701 West Temple or at Dan Hecht Chevrolet Toyota at 2400 South Banker. Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Items will be accepted the entire month of February. Dan Hecht Chevrolet Toyota will be offering a \$3 off service coupon for your donation.

Hungering for the Journey. Join our parish community—and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s rice bowl from a church entrance and don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

Announcement for a Catholic School Principal. Holy Family Catholic School, a PK3 to 8th Grade School in Decatur, Ill. is currently accepting applications for the position of Principal for the 2015-16 school year. The successful candidate will be a spiritually motivated practicing Roman Catholic, with excellent communication skills, a strategic academic vision, knowledge of current educational methods and best practices, proven leadership and administrative skills, and the positive energy to manage a dynamic elementary and middle school environment. Must have a Master’s Degree in school administration and have state certification in both teaching and administration. Applications must be received no later than March 6, 2015. Send resume to: Search Committee, 2400 South Franklin Street, Decatur, IL, 62521 or to holyfamilychurch1@comcast.net.

Springfield’s God Sisters. Explore the lives of Sisters in four religious communities during this weekend event hosted in Springfield! Women ages 18 – 34 are invited to explore life in a religious community the weekend of February 21-22. For more information, contact Sr. Teresa Marron, OP, at 708-207-1874 or email srteresa@spdom.org.

Teutopolis Park District Events.

Zumba: Feb. 23 through Apr. 3; sign up by Feb. 15
 Boot Camp: March 16 through May 8; sign up by March 1
 Baseball and Softball: Sign up by March 15.

Christmas isn't over.....It's time once again to plan for a mission trip. This year we are off to LaPaz, Bolivia, to provide medical care and to visit and assess the needs of the people of Camata.

Camata is in a mountainous area about 8 hours outside of LaPaz. It is a very poor area with a lot of malnutrition. The team will be spending at least 3 days there working with Sr. Ann Fearday and the people in that region to help them move toward feeding themselves. We will also be working with Sacred Heart parish mission team in LaPaz doing medical assessments, construction, soup kitchen and other needs they have that we can provide.

Again I ask for your prayers and support as you so graciously provided on our trip to Haiti. In order to provide the services, medicine and equipment we will take to make their lives a bit easier, I am asking for your support. God has certainly blessed me and this is just one small way I can show His love to others. Will you help?

“Some give to the missions by going,
Some give to the missions by giving,
Without both, there would be no missions.”

Tax deductible donations (large and small) payable to “Sacred Heart Mission Team” may be sent to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, PO Box 870, Effingham, IL 62401.

—Paul Rhodes

Seeking Freedom from Addiction through prayer and meditation will be held Sat., Feb. 28, 9:30 am to noon, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. A spiritual foundation cannot alone bring total healing to those who suffer with addictions, but, as it is embraced and nurtured, the resulting peace and healthy connection to others encourages a successful recovery. Fr. Walter Butor, OMI will talk about how prayer and other spiritual practices can be used as a way of finding freedom from addictions. 618-397-6700 or snows.org

Covenant Network. Are you looking for a simple way to make this your best Lent ever? Try setting your radio on our local Catholic station in the car, at work and at home. Tune in to 91.3 FM WGMR. It's life changing!

Donation. The Paper Depot, in conjunction with the Monastery Museum, has donated \$1,265.46 to St. Francis Church for the missions. This money will be sent to the Franciscan Missionary Union. The group also donated \$1,000 to the parish's general fund. Thank you Paper Depot Team!

Family Life Center Announces ... Broadway for Life

“Make a Joyful Noise!” at the Family Life Center's *Broadway for Life, 2015*. This annual fundraising event will be held, March 7, at the Carriage House Event Center, 4 N. Frontage Rd., Altamont, IL.

This year's event again offers the opportunity for a dinner-theatre experience. Tickets will be available beginning February 2 for the 6:00 pm dinner (seating to begin at 5:30), catered by Deb's Catering. Dinner tickets are \$25.00.

Should anyone be interested in the show only, please, contact the Family Life Center for information. The show will begin at 7:00 pm (seating at 6:45).

All seating for the evening is reserved seating. Tickets are available from the Family Life Center, 605 Eden Avenue, Effingham, (217)342-5433.

Opportunity to contribute to the work of the Family Life Center will be made available during the evening, as we “make a Joyful Noise!” in celebration of the Center's 20 years of ministry.

Here and There

KC Friday night fish buffet now through April 10 at the Teutopolis K of C Hall meeting room.

Card Party today at St. Michael school gym, Sigel, 2:pm.

Sigel, St. Michael Swine and Dine Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 22, at St. Michael School gym. Serving from 7:00am—12:00. Prices are \$6 for a large plate and \$4 for a small plate. Menu includes whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, homemade rolls, breads, orange juice, coffee and milk. All proceeds benefit the school. There will be a Country Store with baked and craft items, raffle items and mystery boxes for the children. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Cross CYM Spaghetti Luncheon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 22, 11 am to 1 pm. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks and dessert. Donations only. Also a basket raffle. Proceeds from Basket Raffle go to the 2015 Mission Trip.

St. Isidore Youth Ministry will be hosting its annual Soup Supper in conjunction with the Day of Prayer at St. Aloysius Church on Sunday, Feb. 22. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served from 4:00-7:00pm in St. Aloysius Hall. There will also be a basket raffle.