

# St. Francis *of* Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

**St. Francis Area Youth  
are sponsoring a**

## *SOUP SUPPER*

featuring homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts!

**At the Teutopolis Grade School  
Today, January 13th  
3:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

**All proceeds go toward St. Francis Area Youth CHWC**



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## From the Pastor

**Baptism.** As we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord today, let us recall our own baptisms and the call we received to be disciples of Christ. One author I read in the past encouraged us to “Live Wet,” that is, to live in constant awareness that we are baptized and chosen by God.

**Catholic Times.** Today we take up a second collection in support of the *Catholic Times*, our local diocesan newspaper. Even in the digital age, diocesan newspapers continue to be an important source of information and direction for Catholics. Please support this effort.

**Visitors Coming.** Our four postulants, along with their director, **Fr. Jerry Bleem**, will be visiting with us on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. I hope that some of you will take the opportunity to visit with these young men and to share a little bit of the history of the area with them.

**Provincial Council Meeting.** I’ll be heading to St. Louis on Thursday afternoon in order to attend the Council meeting which begins on Friday morning. I hope to get some time to do some visiting while I am in that area. I am scheduled to be back in T-Town on Sunday evening.

**Christian Unity Octave.** January 18 marks the annual beginning of the Church Unity Octave—eight days during which we pray especially for the unity of Christians. St. John tells us that Jesus, at the Last Supper, prayed for the unity of his disciples. The division—and even conflict—that exists among Christians inhibits the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the Kingdom. “O Lord, make us one!” The octave ends on January 25, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul.

**Day of Prayer.** Every year, the US Catholic bishops urge us to mark January 22 as a day of prayer in atonement for lives lost through abortion. This year, January 22 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in the United States. May the Holy Spirit guide us and all the world into a deeper reverence for human life and for all of creation.

**ACSA.** At the end of 2012, 325 households (27.8%) of the parish had pledged a total of \$44,915 to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. We are now at 71% of our assigned goal. During the Christmas season, you should have received a pledge envelope along with the parish newsletter. If you have not already done so, please fill out and return the pledge card. We have less than \$20K in order to reach our goal.

**Intro to Luke.** I am continuing to prepare my presentation on the Gospel of Luke. I will offer two sessions—January 28 and 29, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in St. Clare Hall. All are invited. If you are going to participate, it would be helpful if you read the entire gospel before coming.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 14

6:30 am: Theresa Kremer

12:10 pm: Norma Gardewine

### Tuesday, January 15

6:30 am: Norma Gardewine

8:05 am: Bernie Bierman

### Wednesday, January 16

6:30 am: Norma Gardewine

8:05 am: Norma Gardewine

### Thursday, January 17

6:30 am: Paul Niebrugge

8:05 am: Norma Gardewine

### Friday, January 18

6:30 am: Henry Funneman

8:05 am: AID

### Saturday, January 19

8:00 am: George Brumleve

5:30 am: Jerry Hotze

### Sunday, January 20

7:00 am: George Brumleve

8:45 am: Rose Hawickhorst

10:30 am: Pro Populo

## Note from the Provincial Minister of the Franciscans, Fr. Bill Spencer

...I have prayed my gratitude to God for you and your generosity to my Franciscan brothers and me. You’ve actually given me at least 2,385 reasons to be grateful. That \$2,385.00 is what you contributed to the 2012 Franciscan Appreciation Day collection. Thank You! I can assure you that the funds which you have shared with us will be put to good use. There’s no better way to express my and our appreciation than that. Well, actually God has a better way; but I’ll let God speak for himself....

## Parish Office

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*Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.*

Diocesan website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

Ember Beddingfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator.....

(217) 321-1155

## Liturgy Schedule 1st Week in Ordinary Time January 14-20

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Anthony 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,	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

### Confession Schedule

Saturday, January 19 - 3:30-4:30 pm

### Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

**Bible Study** will begin with the Bible Timeline series by Jeff Cavins. We will meet each Thursday beginning January 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Clare Hall from 10:00-11:30. Come join us as we gather to discover the God in our midst.



### Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Mack Kitten, Jim Koester, Tom Vonderheide, Jack Hardiek, Toby McMahon, Henry R. Ruholl, Dorothy Gardewine

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 1/6/2013	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
308 Adult envelopes	\$7,215.00	\$245,428.00
Other	\$567.28	\$15,390.27
TOTAL	\$7,782.28	\$260,818.27
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$277,200.00

Solemnity of Mary \$4,047.43



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, January 14

- Protecting God's Children, 6:00-9:00 pm, St. Clare
- Liturgy mtg. 7:00 pm, Museum Dining Room

### Tuesday, January 15

- RCIA, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

### Wednesday, January 16

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Teen Choir, 6:00 pm
- Jr. High and High School Religion, 7:20 pm

### Thursday, January 17

- Bible Study, 10:00 am, St. Clare
- Monastery Museum mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Dining Room

### Friday, January 18

- Rosary, 9:30 am, Church and St. Clare

### Saturday, January 19

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Sunday, January 20

- Right to Life Breakfast, 7:00 am—12:30 pm, Grade School Auditorium

**Attention Holy Name** The January 14th meeting for the Holy Name has been canceled.

**Pre-Cana** Our Pre-Cana will be held on Sunday, January 27th. We have 5 spots left. Please call 857-6404 for your reservation.

**Sympathy** We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Herman Runde. May he be enjoying eternal peace and happiness in heaven.

### Healing the Grieving Heart

Have you experienced loss through the death of a loved one or friend? An adult grief support program will be held on five consecutive Monday evenings, Jan. 21 through Feb. 18, 6:30 pm, at the hospital auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Please call St. Anthony's Community Relations at 347-1529 or visit their website at [www.stanthonyshospital.org](http://www.stanthonyshospital.org).



## Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 20th are Lenora Drees 857-3583 and Deb Runde 857-6281

**RCIA** continues its New Year on Sunday mornings after the 8:45 Mass and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Both sessions meet in the museum meeting room. Invite someone you know who is questioning their faith to attend these informative sessions.

**B&B Sundays** resume this week in St. Clare Hall at 8:00 p.m. We continue our Bible journey with the period of the Judges. Come join us as we listen and discuss our role as judge in the Christian community.

**A huge thank you** is extended to those who anonymously donated to the parish's new sign. We are still in need of about \$8,000 to totally complete the project. Please consider giving toward this endeavor.

**Protecting God's Children** will be offered this Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m. We especially invite the Nursing Home Singers and Homebound Ministers to attend. Everyone is welcome. Please call the parish office to register insuring we have enough materials. 857-6404.

**TASTE OF TEUTOPOLIS!** Come enjoy great food, amazing local entertainment, and visit with your friends and parishioners on February 9 at the T-Town KCs. Last year, folks called the Taste of Teutopolis a "Winter Church Picnic"! There will be a huge variety of foods to try from 5 – 8 pm. Local entertainers will perform from 5 – 10 pm. Tickets are on sale now with any Catholic Heart Work camper or at the parish office. Tickets will also be available at the CHWC Soup Supper this weekend at the TGS gym! Don't miss the fun!

**Scrip Cards** are on sale this week for all of your shopping and dining needs! Stop in at Niebrugge Financial on Main St. Monday afternoons through Thursday afternoons or at the parish office on Saturday mornings to pick up your cards! The proceeds from the cards help benefit our youth programs!

**Youth Notes:** Let's go ICE SKATING! All junior high and high school students are invited to join us for ice skating at the U of I in Champaign on January 26. The cost of the trip is \$15 and includes, skate rental and skate fee, and pizza. We'll also be going to Mass at the U of I Newman Center & meeting up with some of our students who are active in the Catholic college community! It's a great trip. Permission slips are available online at the parish website and also at the front entrance of church.

## Religious Education News

Update on Sister Ann—Sr. Ann is doing very well, was sitting up the day after surgery and walking the hall two days after surgery. She's phenomenal. Your prayers have certainly been appreciated. She will probably be out of the hospital by the time of this printing and would love cards. Her address is:

Attention Sr. Ann Siemer (Infirmary)  
320 E Ripa Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63125

**GRADE SCHOOL—Parents of Grade 2 children,** please mark your calendar for these dates—First Reconciliation-Saturday, February 23, 9:00-10:00 (A-M); 10:30-11:30 (N-Z). First Communion Parent meetings—Monday, March 18 and Thursday, March 21. A packet of materials regarding information and preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion will be sent home this week.

**Grade 4—**Winter Mission Bake Sale for the missions takes place on Thursday, January 17. Notes have been sent home asking for Grade 4 to sign up to bake a "winter" decorated cake. (We will be needing 8. Please have responses in by January 14.) All others are asked to bake double batches of brownies, butterscotches, fudge, puppy chow, popcorn balls, etc. More information will be forthcoming. Thanks to all for supporting the Mission sales for the poor children throughout the world!

**Grade 3S—**Personal Safety Training video will be presented on Monday, Jan. 14, in St. Clare hall.

**Pre/Kdgn—**Thanks to all the pre/kdgn teachers, aides and the children who put on such a beautiful Epiphany program this past Sunday. You did an awesome job! Classes take place during the 10:30 Mass in the museum dining room. There will be no classes on January 27 due to the Pre-Cana classes being held here.

**Junior High—**Grade 7 will continue with Lesson 2 and the Bible timeline; Grade 8 will continue Lesson 2 of the Sexuality Program.

## HS Religious Ed

Classes start back THIS week, Wednesday, January 16, for high school religion! Classes run from 7:20 – 8:30 pm in TGS. If a student didn't attend the first semester but would like to join in on the second semester, please call Lisa Siemer at the HS Religious Ed office at 857-1500. All students are welcome (and expected!) back for the second semester!

## Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent Christmas cards, gifts, and prayers. I deeply appreciated your care, concern, and generosity. I really miss you and would love to still be with you to serve you and your spiritual needs. However, I know this is physically impossible as I need to use my walker everywhere I go. I hope you will continue to pray for me and my health. I am scheduled for hip replacement on January 28<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Then, there will be a long period of rehabilitation.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and kindness during my enjoyable tenure as your pastor. Those were happy years for me personally. I appreciated all you did for me then and for the continued support now. May the Lord bless you and your families with His choicest blessings and grace.

Peace – Love – Joy  
Fr. Austin Albers, ofm

## CCW News—Installation of New Officers

The January CCW meeting will be held Monday, January 21st in St. Clare Hall at 7:00 pm. We will be having installation of officers.

Cindy Esker—Vice President  
Sue Borries—2nd Vice President  
Brenda Henry—Treasurer

Our guest speaker will be Cheryl and Brittany Rauch. They will be demonstrating Norwex cleaning products. Norwex uses antibacterial microfibers Enviro cloths to clean surfaces around your home without the use of harsh cleaners and chemicals. Com join us for fellowship and friendship.

**Restore the Shore.** The student councils in the Teutopolis Junior High and in the Teutopolis High School are sponsoring a fundraiser to replace books in the school libraries that were destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Usborne Books and More (UBAM) will match every dollar raised. This will guarantee that all of your donations will go to a great cause, and that those students from the battered schools will receive twice the benefit. The student councils in each building have agreed to manage the collections in their respective buildings. Teutopolis Grade School students will turn in their donations to the TGS office. The deadline for collecting will be January 28. At that time, interested students may help decide which books/sets to order based on the recommended listings.

Mrs. Yallaly, Unit 50 Media Specialist, and Sandy Fisher, Independent Consultant for Usborne Books and More, will be supervising the book selection process. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sandy Fisher, 857-3767 or email Mrs. Yallaly at [yallalys@ttown.k12.il.us](mailto:yallalys@ttown.k12.il.us) or contact your student council sponsor. We will let you know the results. Thanks so very much.

**Right to Life Breakfast** Effingham County Right to Life will sponsor their 39th Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Egg Breakfast on Sunday, January 20, 2013, 7:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. Home baked breads and rolls will be featured and carry outs will be available. A free will offering—all you can eat.

Volunteers are needed to set up on Saturday (beginning at 8:30 am) or anytime on Sunday, including clean up. Please call Mrs. Jack Koester at 217-857-3060. Your donations of baked goods may be brought on Saturday up to 3:00 pm or on Sunday.

Please join us in our crusade to save all lives—the unborn, the elderly and the disabled. All proceeds are used for educational purposes.

**Prayer Vigil for Life** will be held on January 21st in the St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Chapel beginning at 6:00 pm with praying the Rosary and at 6:30 pm the Mass will begin. The evening is being dedicated for the safety of all the Marchers going to Washington. All denominations are welcome to join us in prayer. No business meeting, just prayers for their safety.

**Novena for Life** - The U.S. Catholic bishops have launched a major pastoral initiative calling for prayer and penance to help build a culture that is favorable to life, marriage and religious liberty. During this call to prayer and the Year of Faith, our nation faces the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Since that tragic decision, more than 55 million children's lives have been lost to abortion and the lives of millions of their parents have been shattered.

During the 9-day period between January 19 and 27, a simple novena will be available electronically with daily prayer intentions for the healing and conversion of our nation, for elected officials who support abortion, and for all people whose lives have forever been changed by an abortion. This youth-friendly novena will assist actual pilgrims, as well as those participating from their parishes and homes via social media/text messages/emails, with a web-link to the day's prayers and activities. Each day will include: an intercession; simple prayers; a very brief reflection on the saint of the day or a lesson from the daily readings; suggestions for concrete acts of prayer, penance and charity; and a powerful myth/reality comment related to abortion. To find out more about the Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage, go to [www.usccb.org/9days](http://www.usccb.org/9days).

**Holy Humor...**Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.

## The Religious Freedom and Marriage

**Fairness Act** Following is a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of our State Officials. Please let them know how you feel about the act.

### STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICIALS

#### STATE SENATOR, 54<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Honorable Kyle McCarter  
112 Executive Dr.  
Highland, IL 62249  
(217) 428-4068

105B Capital Building  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-5755

#### STATE SENATOR, 55<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Honorable Dale A. Righter  
[drighter@consolidated.net](mailto:drighter@consolidated.net)  
88 Broadway Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 235-6033

309D Capital Building  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-6674

#### GEN. ASSEMBLY, 107<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Honorable John Caveletto  
1370 W. Main St., Suite A  
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(618) 548-9080

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#### GEN. ASSEMBLY, 109<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Honorable David Reis  
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P.O. Box 189  
Olney, IL 62450  
(618) 392-0108

200-2N Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-2087

**Flowers for the Altar.** Donations for Christmas flowers and flowers for special feasts in 2012 were made in memory of the following:

Ed & Gary Buenker	Leo Schmidt
Louis & Opal Bussman	Roger Worman
Catherine Bussman	John Worman
Joseph & Mary Bussman	Ferd & Amelia Weis
William & Catherine Coen	Doug Hinkle
Jamie Leigh Hardiek	Alfred & Josephine Weber
August & Frances Deters	Leo Buenker
Elizabeth Frances Deters	Clint Purcell
Joseph & Catherine Deters	Harold Sudkamp
Frank & Clara Pals	Herman J. & Mary B. Runde
Eugene Gebben	Ed & Julie Jansen
Louise Deters	Joe & Margaret Gier
Mary Lou Vahling	Ted Gier
Steve Jahn	Adolph & Florence Will
Ferd & Anna Vahling	Rosemary Krone
Richard & Leona Brumleve	Albert & Florence Borries
Clarence & Dorothy Probst	Otto Dilger
Harold Sudkamp	Martha & Ray Hauser
Bernard Koeberlein	Cindy Zimay
Helen Schottman	Laura Henry
Melvin Uthell	Willy Kramer
Donald & Rosella Swingler	Ray Will
Joe Hoedebeck	Albert & Dorothy Deters
Rich Goldstein	Louis Buscher
Bob & Esther Kemme	Dale Niemeyer Family
Robert & Gertrude Pruemer	Albert & Catherine Will
Clarence Rieman	Eleanor Fuesting
Kathy Hartke	Alan Fuesting
Louis & Clara Kroeger	Gerard Fuesting
Henry L. Hoene	John H. Schaufler
Clete Deters	Leo & Lillian Wernsing
Don Weber	Richard Hardiek
Henry & Emma Kralman	Esther Hardiek
Edward & Julia Jansen	Mark Hardiek
Andrew Grunloh	Joe Griesbaum
Virgil Lueken	Geneva Hardiek
Dennis Lueken	William "Bill" Sheehan
Katlyn Nelson	Albert & Christine Habing
Clarence Deters	Josephine & Edward Hatke
Juanita Vonderheide	Anna & Henry Funneman
Leroy Niebrugge	Robert & Wilma Funneman
Mert & Larry McMahan	Gary Funneman

## Socials

Chicken & toast Friday evenings, 5:30-7:30 in the K C bar room. All are welcome.

Card party at St. Michael's, Sigel, parish gym, today, Jan. 13, at 6:00 pm. Admission \$5.00.

Cash bingo at Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin, Sun., Jan. 20., 12 to 3 pm. Refreshments available at 11 am.

Catholic Charities benefit Saturday, Jan. 26, at Effingham KC Hall. Contact Lisa Mette, Greg Oseland or Nicole Trupiano or call Catholic Charities for tickets.