

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Teutopolis, Illinois

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Submit written bulletin notices by noon Monday.

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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. J. Michael Ewert, OFM, Retired (In residence)

Maria Wargolet, Director of Music Ministry

Theresa Draper, Coordinator of Music Ministry

Anita Broom, Bookkeeper

Bernice Matteson, Part-time Secretary

Jane Miller, Part-time Secretary

Ron Ruholl, Maintenance

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Sr. A. Pierre Wilken, OSF, Director of Faith Formation: 857-6404

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Trustees:

Terry Meyer & Tina Brumleve

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Jim Apke

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Deb Niebrugge

Jodie Pruemer

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

January 15, 2012



Jesus turned and saw them following him
and said to them,
“What are you looking for?”
They said to him, “Rabbi”--
which translated means Teacher--
“where are you staying?”
He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”
Jn 1:38-39a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Meditation

*Behold, the Lamb of God.
(John 1:36)*



Most of us became Catholics as infants, when our parents presented us to the church for baptism. That makes us “cradle Catholics,” a term that has positive and negative connotations. On the positive side, our hearts were opened to the gospel at a very early age. But on the negative side, being brought up in a Catholic environment, we may assume that we are doing just fine without questioning our faith or deciding for ourselves whether we really do believe in Jesus.

The truth is, we all need to choose for Jesus at some point in our lives. We all need to proclaim in our hearts: “I have found the Messiah” (John 1:41). This is what happened to Andrew and Peter in today’s Gospel, and this is what ought to happen to every one of us.

What motivated these two men and all the other disciples to follow Jesus so radically? Simply put, they came to realize who he was. They came to see him as Lord and Savior, Messiah and Redeemer, and that realization changed their lives forever.

Those of us who are cradle Catholics can use today’s Gospel as a catalyst to ask ourselves: “Who do I think Jesus is?”

Because they took up Jesus’ invitation to come and see, Andrew and Peter’s hearts were changed (John 1:39). And that change of *heart* initiated a process of change in their *minds* as well. They began to think and act differently.

Jesus wants to have the same impact on our lives. He wants to change the way we think and act. This renewal of our minds may take a lifetime, as it did for these apostles. But just as it happened for them, so must it happen for us: Every “mind-change” process begins with a “heart change.” We have to meet Jesus.

As Catholics, it is not enough to be “born into” the Church because of our parents’ wishes. Each of us has to be able to say on our own: “I have found the Messiah!”

“Lord, open my eyes. I want to come and see you.

The Word Among Us

Please Take One

Copies of The Franciscan Reporter are at the entrances of church. Note the articles written by Fr. Austin on Page 4 and Fr. Bob Sieg on Page 18. Br. Pauli can be seen helping out on Pages 8 & 9. Please take one home to read.

Baptisms

We congratulate and welcome to our faith family:

Ava Nichole Hecht
Daughter of Timothy and Jennifer (Miller) Hecht

Ridge Louis Koester
Son of Andrew and Amanda (Fritch) Koester

Welcome! Newly Registered

Matthew and Tasha (Thoele) Heurman
And daughter, Mia Grace

Derrek and Brooke (Lewis) Hoene

Respect Life

Every human being, at every stage and condition, is willed and loved by God. For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God. Because we are created in the image of God, who is Love, our identity and our vocation is to love. Pope Benedict has called this “the key to [our] entire existence.

~Flyer, Respect Life Program 2010

Prayer Vigil for Life

Sacred Heart Church, Effingham, will host the January 16th Prayer Vigil for Life. Praying the Holy Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm and the Holy Mass for the safety of the Marchers will begin at 6:30 pm. Business meeting will be conducted in the Parish Center. A short segment of the January Lifetalk News Video will be viewed prior to the meeting. Refreshments will be served and everyone is urged to join us to pray for an end to abortion.

March for Life

Please pray for our parishioners who will be attending the March for Life in Washington, DC next weekend. They will peacefully and prayerfully protest abortion at the Capital. Thanks to all who are participating!

Liturgy Schedule 2nd Week in Ordinary Time January 16-22

Monday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Tuesday,	St. Anthony Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	Mass at 6:30 am
Friday,	St. Fabian & St. Sebastian Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	St. Agnes Mass at 5:30 pm
Sunday,	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

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

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



Parish Calendar

Monday, January 16

- CCW mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare

Wednesday, January 18

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

Thursday, January 19

- Grade 4 Bake Sale
- Bible Study, 10:00 am, St. Clare
- Monastery Museum mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room
- Adult Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday, January 20

- Rosary, 9:30 am, Church & St. Clare
- DeColores Commissioning Mass, 7:30 pm
- March For Life Participants leave

Saturday, January 21

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, January 22

- RCIA meets after 8:45 Mass, Museum Meeting Room
- B & B, 8:00-9:30 pm, St. Clare

Stewardship of Treasure

<u>Year End Donations</u> 12/27/2011—12/31/2011		<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
Adult envelopes	\$15,852.50	\$236,987.75
Other	0	\$14,881.06
TOTAL	\$15,852.50	\$251,868.81

Christmas \$570.00
Catholic Children's Home \$1,050.00

	<u>Sunday</u> 1/1/2012	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
241 Adult envelopes	\$5,927.00	\$242,914.75
Other	\$618.10	\$15,499.16
TOTAL	\$6,545.10	\$258,413.91
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$267,300.00

Solemnity of Mary \$2,614.00

	<u>Sunday</u> 1/8/2012	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
328 Adult envelopes	\$8,337.00	\$251,252.75
Other	\$491.94	\$15,991.10
TOTAL	\$8,829.94	\$267,243.85
GOAL	\$9,900.00	\$277,200.00

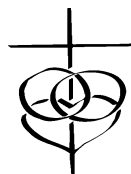
Catholic Times \$2,554.00

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Cathy Green, Renae Roepke, Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Kay Schwartz, Dorothy Herboth, George Habing



Planning Marriage

Benny Mayfield and Kelsey Thoele
Saturday, January 21, 2012
1:00 pm



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 22nd are: Theresa Funneman 821-4867 and Carlene Rauch 857-6296.

B & B Sunday continues this Sunday in St. Clare Hall beginning at 8:00 until 9:30 pm. The video series, *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* is a painlessly inspiring way to delve into God's written word. Come with your bible and favorite beverage and join us. Don't let the fact you don't have a favorite beverage keep you away.

We're on the road again.

RCIA will go back to meeting in the museum meeting room on Sunday mornings following the 8:45 Mass. Next week's topic is *Holy Orders*. Please consider bringing a friend or family member for an up-date. Personal invitation works best.

BIBLE STUDY will resume on Thursday, January 19th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clare Hall. Our sessions will be based on the book, *A Father Who Keeps His Promises* by Scott Hahn. Come join us as we come to a deeper understanding of God's covenant love. All are welcome.

Special Collection

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many unique challenges face the Church in that region. A lack of priests and trained lay ministers, high emigration rates, and the alarming pace at which parishioners are leaving the faith make it difficult for the region's Church to provide for the faithful. It is more important than ever that we **keep faith** with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please use the envelope included with your set.

Contribution Statements

will be mailed out by Friday, January 20th.



Youth Notes:

Teen Center is open January 20 from 7 – 10 pm for junior high night. Chaperons are Jill & Maurus Schumacher, Lisa & Kevin Mette, and Tim & Kay McMahon.

SKI TRIP FORMS – High School & Young Adult Ski Trip to Paoli Peaks, IN on Feb 4 is rolling! We have chartered a bus & seats are given on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$75 and that includes bus fare, ski pass, ski rental, and lessons.

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL-No school Monday- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.

Grade 4 Mission Bake Sale is Thursday, January 19. Please bring goods securely wrapped, if coming by bus. Bring decorated cakes directly to the cafeteria. In addition to the cake raffles, other items to be raffled are: large and small white stuffed bears, 2 basketballs, Winter Barbie doll, candy baskets, \$5.00 bill.

All the proceeds go to the poor children in the Honduran missions. Thanks, and God bless all who help with the Mission bake sales!

Grade 2 – Children received their packet of information regarding preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. If you have not received the packet, please call 857-6477.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, February 18, for First Reconciliation.

PRE-KDGN-Sunday morning religion classes in the Grade School cafeteria continue during the 10:30 Mass. Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed and participated in the Epiphany program. It was a most enjoyable event! Let's continue to inform and pass on the joy of our faith to our children.

JUNIOR HIGH- Classes take place on Wednesday nights from 7:20 to 8:30. Please call 857-6477, if your child is sick and cannot be present for the religion class on Wednesday night.

Grade 7 continues Lesson 3 in the Bible Timeline Series. Grade 8 continues their study of the Catholic understanding of sexuality and sexual abstinence.

HS Religious Ed

High School Students: You were issued a LIFE CHALLENGE in class this last week – what will I do for 5 DAYS so that others can see I value life? How will each person you see have their life be different because they encountered you? Being positive, ACKNOWLEDGING each other, and being people God created you to be... suggestions to ponder.

Juniors: Next week, juniors will be taking the Diocesan Evaluation. PLEASE be on time for class and be ready to WOW us!

We will be having pizza with class the following week for all who take the evaluation!

CCW News

The next meeting of St. Francis CCW will be Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm in St. Clare Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited.

We will be installing our new officers—Diana Althoff, Lois Meinhart and Joan Buehnerkemper.

Speaker will be Christie Hakman with an update on the Effingham Cross Foundation.

Reminder—We will again be canvassing our neighborhoods collecting annual dues. We appreciate speedy resolution to this task. Thanks to those ladies who have already paid their dues and those who have turned in their packets!

Dues may be turned in to any officer or dropped off at the Church office. Thank you!

National Migration Week was January 8-14. Please pray for those 11 million men, women and children in our nation who live in the shadows and are fearful of family separation by deportation. Let's seek to support them in their hopes for themselves and their families.

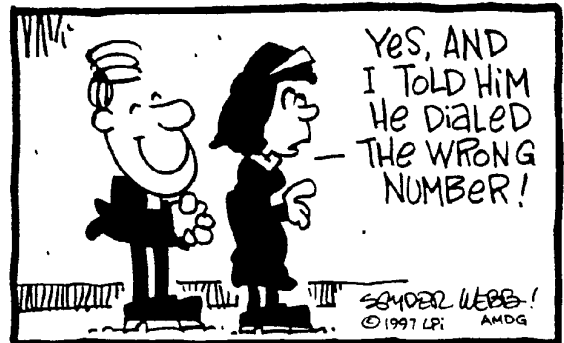


Every season has its own safety challenges, but winter presents some that can have life-changing consequences.

Here are some timely reminders:

- 1) Inspect space heater cords before using and keep children and pets away from any units in use.
- 2) Make sure that furnaces, fireplaces, and wood stoves are venting properly and install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- 3) Keep a winter emergency kit (blanket, flashlight, water, snack bars, road salt, emergency flares, bright colored flag, shovel) in your car.
- 4) Shovel safely: don't overexert; do a little at a time; when using power equipment keep scarves, coats, and winter clothing away from machinery.
- 5) If confined to home, do some simple indoor exercise each day to maintain mobility.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

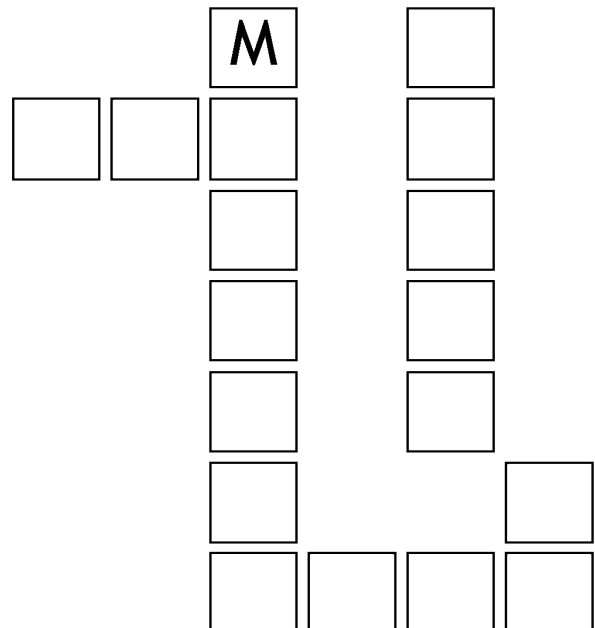


Children's Corner

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

We have found the Messiah.



Karli Hope Goeckner Benefit

A benefit for Karli Hope Goeckner will be held on January 21, 2012 at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Hall, 1:00 pm to ????

Karli is the daughter of Luke & Brittany (Gillum) Goeckner, born November 8, 2011, weighing 1 lb, 5 oz and 11.4 in. long. She is currently in Neonatal Intensive Care unit at Carle Hospital, where she will be for several months.

The benefit will include baked goods for purchase, silent and live auction, 50/50 drawings on the hour and a DJ. Chili Supper for donation starting at 3:00 pm.

Grandparents are Kurt & Deanna (Obert) Goeckner and Darren & Jody (Esker) Gillum. Great Grandparents are Ray & RoseAnn Goeckner, Ken & Mary Jane Esker, Bev Obert and Paul & Fern Gillum.

All proceeds will go toward medical bills. For those not able to attend, an account has been set up at Teutopolis State Bank. Any donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. Call 217-739-2516 or 217-821-9805.

Holy Humor...*A Child's View of Grandma*

Many years ago a four-year-old girl named Sandra Louis Doty described what she thought a grandmother was like. She said, "A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys, and they talk about fishing and tractors and thinks like that. Grandmas don't have to do anything except be there. They're old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is and have lots of dimes ready. Or if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves or caterpillars. They should never, ever say, 'Hurry up.'

"Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie kids' shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take off their teeth and gums. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like why dogs hate cats and how come God isn't married. They don't talk baby talk like visitors do, because it is hard to understand. When they read to us, they don't skip or mind if it is the same story again."

Then she finished, "Everybody should try to have [a grandmother], especially if you don't have television, because grandmas are the only grown-ups who have got time.

Taken from a May 1998 Dr. James Dobson Bulletin

Right to Life Breakfast

The annual Right to Life Breakfast is being held **today**, January 15th at the Grade School Auditorium. Serving 7:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Cash Bingo

Cash bingo will be held on Sunday, January 15th at Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin, Illinois, from 1:00-4:00 pm. Concessions will be available. Public is welcome to attend. Being sponsored by Family Life Committee.

Card Party

St. Michael's, Sigel will be hosting a card party on Sunday, January 15th at 6:00 pm, in the parish gym. Admission is \$5.00. Cash prizes will be awarded and light snack during intermission. Please come and enjoy a fun night of playing cards with your family, friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

Wine Tasting

You're invited to the St. Thomas Annual Wine tasting to be held on Saturday, January 28th at 6:30 pm at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. Your \$10.00 minimum per adult donation will go towards the new church capital campaign. Sparkling grape juice will be available for children.

Bingo

St. Michael's, Sigel is hosting a bingo in the parish gym on Sunday, January 29th at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per card for the night. Plan to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Card Party

The Dieterich Civic Center will be hosting a card party on Sunday, January 29th, 6:00 pm. Pinochle, Solo, Pitch and Dominos will be played. Lunch will be served and prizes awarded all for only \$6.00. Come join the fun.

Catholic Charities Hoedown

This Catholic Charities annual benefit dinner dance will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Effingham K of C Corral.

- 6pm Buckaroo Social
- 7pm Chuckwagon Supper with bootscootin' fixins'
- 8pm Program, presentation of the Infamous Outlaw Award
- 9-11:30pm Swing Y'er Partner Dancin'

\$40.00 per person. Contact advisory board members Lisa Mette, Greg Oseland, Annette Schnabel, Nicole Trupiano or call Catholic Charities (217-857-1458) for tickets.