

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.

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr. John Eaton, OFM, Pastor

Fr. Ken Rosswog, OFM, Associate Pastor

Fr. Thinh Tran, OFM, Associate Pastor

Br. Marc Sheckells, OFM

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Jim Apke

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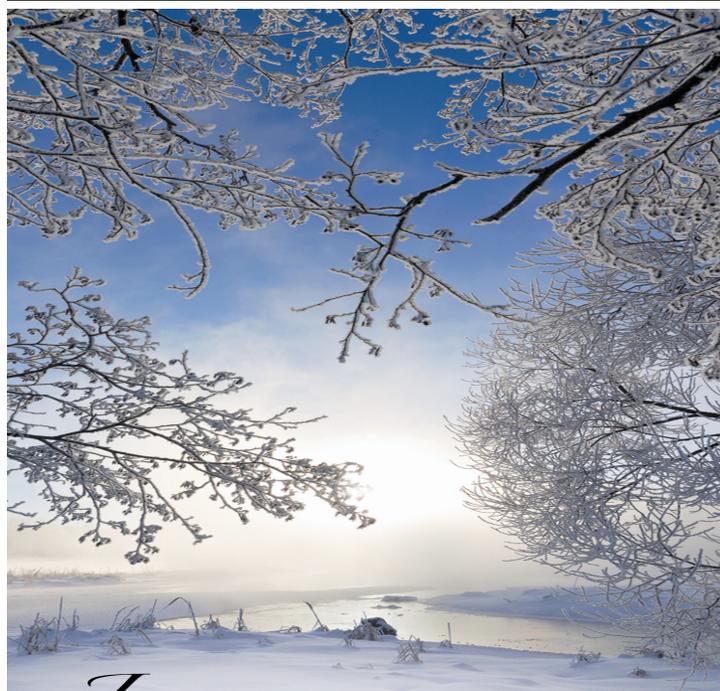
Kay McMahon

Deb Niebrugge

Mike Tipton

Denise Will

January 19, 2014



*J*ohn testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." — Jn 1:32-34

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:00, 8:45, & 10:30 am

Weekday Liturgy:

See inside schedule

Holy Day Liturgy :

Eve 7:00 pm; Day 6:00 am, 8:05 am,
12:10 pm & 5:30 pm

From the Pastor

40th Annual Fundraising Breakfast. The fight against the spread of abortion in the US can sometimes seem like a losing battle. It's not. **Mrs. Loretta Koester** offers this information as a sign of hopeful progress:

In the past two years, 30 states have passed 135 new laws protecting the unborn child in the womb.

In 1992 there were 2,200—abortion mills in the US; today there are 619.

The Guttmacher Institute says the drop in the number of people willing to do abortions has been “incredibly dramatic.”

You can support this progress toward greater respect for human life by participating in the 40th annual Fundraising Breakfast sponsored by the Effingham County Right to Life. The breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 19, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Teutopolis Grade School auditorium.

As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, the principal focus of her interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are not negotiable. Among these the following emerge clearly today:

protection of life in all its stages, from the first moment of conception until natural death;
recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family - as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage - and its defense from attempts to make it juridically equivalent to radically different forms of union which in reality harm it and contribute to its destabilization, obscuring its particular character and its irreplaceable social role;
the protection of the right of parents to educate their children.

These principles are not truths of faith, even though they receive further light and confirmation from faith; they are inscribed in human nature itself and therefore they are common to all humanity. (Pope Benedict XVI, Address to members of the European People's Party, March 30, 2006)

Mass Intentions. While I was up in WI a couple of weeks ago, my desktop computer crashed. That made it impossible for me to access some important documents, including the file for the Mass intentions. That's why we have been unable to list the intentions in the past several bulletins. This past week **Dustin and Addison** over at Jansen's Computers were able to pull my document files off the hard drive, so we're again able to provide that information.

Travels. **Br. Marc** will be in Chicago this week as he attends meetings with the formation directors and the other friars who are on their STiP year.

PPC. The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, 1/23, at 7:00 p.m.

Prayers Needed. One of our friars, **Fr. Jesús Aguirre**, is currently serving in the Franciscan mission project in Sudan. If you have been seeing the news, that area seems to be spiraling toward civil war. Fr. Jesús writes in a recent e-mail:

After two weeks of apparent calmness in the city, although one could feel the tension in the air since there were going on some armed confrontations in some other cities between the national army and the rebels, last Saturday night we had again a series of confrontations in the area where we live. An army barrack was attacked and provoked three hours of unceasing shootings that obliged us to remain on the floor for fear of stray bullets like the one that came to our chapel window on the 16th of December while we were praying. Nevertheless, life continues and we keep our hope alive.

The following morning we began our Sunday Mass with a church half full; however we ended up with people standing outside. We were not able to go to the chapels since we were warned that the road was not safe.

What I have been experiencing during these last 3 weeks is what these people experienced during many years of war and perhaps in rather more difficult situations. I can say now that I feel closer to them by understanding their stories and struggles but also sharing their hopes and dreams for a peaceful life.

Please pray for the people of the Sudan and for the safety of our friar missionaries.

Dominic Vahling, one of our parish members, is a seminarian for the Diocese of Springfield. He and his fellow seminarians are scheduled to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May with their rector, Fr. Bob Robeson. The trip is expensive—\$3,500 per person. This is a tremendous opportunity for Dominic, and I would like to see the parish support him in this venture. Support envelopes have been printed up and are available at all church entrances. At some point after he gets back, I will ask Dominic to offer a public presentation on what he has seen and learned in the Holy Land.

Blessings. The severe weather in early January had some lingering effects over this past weekend. Because of the PK/K Epiphany program, our planned blessings for newborns was preempted. That program was originally scheduled for the first Sunday of January. Parents, we are willing to bless your children at any time—whether they are newborns or not.

The time around Epiphany is one of the traditional times for home blessings. During the harsh weather on January 5, for instance, **Br. Marc** and I blessed the home of **Jake and Kate Pruemmer**. If you would like to have your home blessed, please give us a call.

Friar Update. I got a chance to see Br. Pauli while I was in St. Louis for meetings. I would say that this is the healthiest I've seen him in several years. He seemed very much like his old self.

The news on Br. Claver is not as good. His health has taken a dramatic turn for the worse; in fact, he is so infirm now that he will not be returning to St. Clare's in Alton. It is feared he would not be able to make the trip to Manitowoc, WI, where many of our other retired friars reside. Instead, the province will be looking for another care facility somewhere in Alton—St. Louis area. Your prayers are needed.

Liturgy Schedule 2nd Week in Ordinary Time January 20 -26

Monday,	St. Fabian, St. Sebastian, Martin Luther King Jr. Day Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	St. Agnes Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Wednesday,	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Thursday,	St. Vincent Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Friday,	St. Francis de Sales Mass at 6:30 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	Conversion of Paul the Apostle Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday, January 25 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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



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, Lucas Heurman, Harold Hardiek

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 1/12/2014	<u>Total Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
300 Adult envelopes	\$8,153.50	\$258,122.53
Other	<u>\$693.42</u>	<u>\$16,627.95</u>
TOTAL	\$8,846.92	\$274,750.48
Catholic Times	\$2,633.00	



Parish Calendar

Monday, January 20

- Parish office closed
- CCW mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- DeColores Board mtg., 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Wednesday, January 22

- Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Teen Choir, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Jr. High & H.S. Religion, 7:20 pm
- Pro-Life Mass, 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 23

- Parish Council mtg., 7:00 pm, St. Clare
- Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 25

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, January 26

- Pre-Cana Conference, all day
- RCIA, 8:00 am, St. Isidore

Special collection—Church in Latin America

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges, including violence and a lack of both clergy and lay leadership to witness to the gospel message. Your support shares the faith with those in need, including the youth of Holy Family Parish in San Miguel, El Salvador. These young people, at high risk for violence, often lack an education in values and critical-thinking skills. To address this need, the parish designed a youth enrichment program. Funded by the Collection, this program gives the youth an opportunity to share their faith and break the cycle of violence in their neighborhoods. Please give generously to next week's collection.



Planning Marriage

Robert Lane and Sara Hotze
Saturday, January 25, 2014
1:00 pm

Sing Along. St. Francis Singers and Friends will be singing at Lakeland Nursing Center on Thursday, January 23rd at 10:00 am.



Homebound Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for Sunday, January 26 are Theresa Funne- man 821-4867 and Carlene Rauch 857-6296.

Thank you! Thank you! The Taste of Teutopolis was a huge success and it doesn't happen without lots of people contributing to the effort. The food was fabulous and the booths were great works of art! Thank you to the First National Bank of Dieterich who sponsored the event, to all the cooks/chefs, to the planning committee, those who donated and to all of you who attended! It was a great fundraiser for CHWC, but more importantly, it was a fantastic community event

Thanks! Many thanks to the crew who showed up this past Wednesday evening to return the church to its "Ordinary Time" look. Thanks to the young people who helped with the lifting and toting. By comparison to the past few weeks, the church looks rather empty now.

Father Daughter Dance. Mark your calendars! The annual Father Daughter Dance is set for February 15 from 7 – 9 pm in the TGS Gym! We'll be having dancing, games, crafts, and get a photo for dads and their daughters. It's a special night for dads and daughters of all ages! Tickets are available at the parish office and are just \$20 for a dad/daughter combo or \$25 at the door. Have more than one daughter? No problem! Additional daughter tickets are available for just \$5 each.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20, 6:30: Pat Niemeyer
 Monday, January 20, 12:10: Ambrose Worman
 Tuesday, January 21, 6:30: John C. Althoff
 Wednesday, January 22, 6:30: Pat Niemeyer
 Friday, January 24, 6:30: Pat Niemeyer
 Friday, January 24, 8:05: John Worman
 Saturday, January 25, 5:30: Pro Populo
 Sunday, January 26, 7:00: George Brumleve
 Sunday, January 26, 8:45: Barb and Wayne Hutchinson
 Sunday, January 26, 10:30: Pat Niemeyer



The Blessing of Babies will take place on Sunday, January 26th, after 10:30 Mass.

Holy Humor... Best Selling Book Titles for School-age children

- Walking to School the First Day Back by Misty Bus
- The Day the Car Pool Forgot Me by I. Rhoda Bike
- Can't See the Chalkboard by Sidney Backrow
- Made It Through the First Week of School by Gladys Saturday

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL- Grade 2 children began studying the first lesson on Reconciliation. Every child should have received a packet of information on preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. The last page of the packet regarding their baptismal information needs to be returned as soon as possible. If any child was baptized in any parish other than St. Francis, the other parish needs to be contacted to send the baptismal record to the parents and forwarded to the Rel. Ed. office. 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15 and First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 4. If you have any questions, please call 857-6477. Thanks.

Grade 4—The Winter Mission Bake Sale will take place on Thursday, January 23. Children received a letter this Wednesday regarding donating a winter-scene decorated cake. Please respond by Monday, if possible.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20---Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday...no school

KDGN./PRE-K—Sunday morning classes—Thanks to all the Pre-K children, parents, catechists, student aides for presenting the Epiphany skit and providing refreshments. Your efforts were greatly rewarded by the enjoyment shown and pleasing comments of those who attended. There will be **NO Pre/K classes next Sunday, January 26**, due to Pre-Cana needing this space.

JUNIOR HIGH CLASSES The second part of the Grade 8 diocesan religious knowledge test takes place Wed., January 22. If any student is missing for this test, they are expected to come to the museum meeting room in the Museum Monastery Hallway—9:45-10:30 glass door entrance to the museum will be unlocked. Grade 7 begins their study of the Bible Timeline. Grade 8 begins their study of the Catholic understanding of sexuality.

High school religious ed. Religion classes begin again for high school on January 22. *Please be in your classroom by 7:15 pm because we'll be heading over for Mass by 7:25 pm. Mass begins at 7:30 pm.*

March for Life – Please pray for our youth and chaperons who are attending the March for Life in Washington DC this week.



CCW News—Installation of New Officers

The January CCW meeting will be held Monday, January 20th at St. Clare Hall at 7:00 pm. We will be having installation of officers.

Vicki Brumleve: Vice-President

Joan Brumleve: Secretary

Mary Deters: Assistant Secretary

Our guest speaker for the January meeting will be Brooke Zerrusen. She will be talking about her new boutique, Ten Brooke LeAnne, which features women's clothing, handbags, jewelry and accessories. Come join us for fellowship and friendship.

CCW Officer Thanks. The 2012-2013 CCW officers wish to extend a huge thank you to all members of our organization who helped to make our 2013 activities so successful! We appreciate everyone—from the cookie bakers to each and every picnic helper! We can only host these events with the help and cooperation from our members.

Thanks, too, for the efforts of the 2013-2014 officers, Cindy Esker, Sue Borries, and Brenda Henry and their husbands. We value their commitment to St. Francis as they continue the missions of St. Francis CCW.

A special thanks to the Friars of St. Francis for their continued support of our CCW.

We would be remiss if we did not thank our husbands, Jim Meinhart, Mike Buehnerkemper, and Del Althoff. They spent many days and evenings this past year helping make our path much easier. Thanks again.

Lois Meinhart, Joan Buehnerkemper,
Diana Althoff

9 Days For Life: Prayer-Penance-Pilgrimage

Pray with the bishops to end abortion! On January 22, 2014 our nation will remember the 41st 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.

In prayerful recognition, "Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage" will take place January 18-26, 2014. Go to www.usccb.org/9days to sign up for daily emails, or join by text message—text 9DAYS to 99000, or use the app by texting 9DaysApp to 99000, or pick up copies in the back of church. Please keep those attending the March for Life pilgrimage from our parish and area in prayer.

"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man."
~Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Pro-life Physician

Parish Council Nominations. It is time again to accept nominations of parishioners to serve a three-year term on the Parish Council. Jim Apke, Deb Niebrugge, and Kay McMahon have served the parish for three years and now their terms have expired.

All parishioners 18 years or older are invited to nominate parishioners who they feel are most qualified to share in the pastoral care and leadership of our parish. You may nominate yourself! You can nominate people by sending names to Fr. John, dropping them off at the parish office or placing them in the collection basket. Simply write the name/s on a slip of paper along with their spouse's name or their phone number. (Sometimes there are two people with the same name nominated.)

Deadline to turn in nominations is February 2nd. Election will be held the third weekend in February.

To the Ends of the Earth

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

I rightly have concern for my own relationship with God, and from time to time, I face squarely the question of where I will spend eternity. But it's not all about me—or you either. Yes, God wants to transform us by infusing us with the light of Christ, but not just so that we can revel in our own salvation. The ends of the earth, too, need salvation, and God uses us to bring his light where it was not before.

We may usually think of missionary work in geographical terms: taking the gospel to foreign lands. Pope Francis has recently urged us to consider taking the light of Christ to the far reaches of the human spirit: to the lonely, the desperate, the rejected, the hopeless as well as the materially poor.

Lord, I hope for the eternal joy of your salvation. May your grace make me a light for the ends of the earth, wherever I may find them.

LIVING FAITH
Mark Neilsen

RCIA meets at St. Isidore's Parish at Bishop Creek following the 8:00 Mass through the month of January. We continue to prayerfully remember: Aaron Stortzum, Chester Belleville, Kayla Henry, Ken Lucy, Sydney Stolz, and Tiffany Hanrathy,

A Letter from ARC Community Support Systems

Dear St. Francis Church Family,

We wanted to thank you for all the Christmas presents you gave to the residents of our group homes. It was such a pleasure to watch the smiles and twinkling eyes of each person as they opened the gifts you unselfishly gave. Because of your kindness and generosity through the Giving Tree project, 43 people who would have not had gifts to open, enjoyed a sweet Christmas experience.

Because of contributors such as yourself we are able to annually serve over 3,000 individuals here at ARC Community Support Systems. We work very hard to provide quality, person-centered programs for those in our care and your donation helps make that possible. If you are ever in the area and would like to stop by we would welcome the opportunity to show you around.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you in any way. I can be reached by e-mail at mope@arc-css.org or by phone at 217-858-3186, ext. 108. And again, thank you very much for being a part of our effort to serve persons with intellectual disabilities.

Sincerely,
Mike Poe
Executive Director



Donations Needed. Donations of crafts, bakery goods, and mystery boxes are needed for the Newman Breakfast to be held at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday, February 2, from 7 am to noon. Donations can be brought to the K C Hall on Saturday or after 6:00 am on Sunday (the morning of the breakfast), or you can call Kathy Hartke at 857-6282 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your generosity.

Around the Area.

Chicken and Toast, fries and coleslaw will served on Friday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus and continue every Friday night in January.

Cash Bingo will be held today, January 19th, at Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin. Doors open at 11:00 am, games begin at 12:00 pm and continue until 3:00 pm. 4 games for \$1.00. The parish CYM will have sandwiches/ desserts and other refreshments available. Public is welcome to attend. Being sponsored by Family Life Committee.

Winter Ballroom Dance Class, featuring the Salsa and the Jitterbug will be held at Holy Cross Parish Hall, Wendelin on Mondays beginning January 20 till February 24, 6:30-8:00 pm. Cost is \$30 each. Contact Jeannie Nix 752-6591 or jeannix1@gmail.com.

Card Party at the Dieterich Civic Center on January 26th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Pinochle, Pitch, Solo, and Dominoes will be played. Sandwiches and desserts will also be served. Proceeds from this event will go towards maintenance and ongoing remodeling projects at the Civic Center. We hope to see you.

Catholic Charities Game Day All-Stars

The Catholic Charities annual benefit dinner dance will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus.

- 6 pm Cocktail Social
- 7 pm Dinner
- 8 pm Program, Vineyard Award Presentation , and raffle
- 9-11:30 pm Dance

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

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

