

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

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March 2, 2014

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap,
they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds
them. Are not you more important than they?” – Mt 6:26



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

PPC Elections. Thanks to all who cast their votes in last Sunday's election for three new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Our newest members are **Tony Pals**, **Dan Beckman**, and **Sandy Gillespie**. At the PPC's March meeting, the new members will be seated and new officers will be elected.

We are grateful for the work of the three members who are completing their term of office: **Deb Niebrugge** (current chairperson), **Kay McMahon** (current secretary), and **Jim Apke** (current vice-chairperson). Thank you for your service to the parish.

Parish Mission. Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, one of our friars, is a highly-regarded preacher for parish missions and a good friend of **Br. Marc**. When a cancellation opened up Fr. Johnpaul's schedule, we were given an opportunity to hire him for our parish mission. After a quick e-mail survey of the staff and PPC, I signed a contract with Jp.

Our parish mission will begin on the weekend of March 22. Fr. Johnpaul will preach at the weekend Masses as a lead-in to the mission which will take place during the evenings of March 23 – 25.

If you Google "Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM," you can read about Jp's interesting background and his current work. In the meantime, please start getting the word around to others about the parish mission beginning on March 23.

Survey of Active Catholics. Are you an active Catholic from a parish in the Diocese of Springfield? Researchers from Benedictine University would like you to participate in a brief online survey. Once the data is collected and analyzed, the diocese will make the findings public. To participate in this study, please visit www.ben.edu/catholicsurvey. Information cards are available at the church entrances.

Lenten Reflections. You will recall that during Advent the parish staff offered daily reflections on the Mass readings. We received very positive responses from the congregation. We will do the same thing during Lent, but this time we will be inviting a number of parish members to offer their reflections as well. For those who have been asked, please have your reflections submitted by March 1 so they can be formatted, compiled, and published. The best way is to send them by e-mail to my address: eaton-ofm@aol.com.

Lent. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Now is the time to start giving prayerful consideration regarding your Lenten resolutions. We remember that the traditional Lenten disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Next Sunday. There are a few things happening next Sunday, March 9. First of all, it is **Br. Marc's** birthday. I don't know that he will be at home to celebrate—right now he's scheduled to be in Joliet for meetings. Next Sunday is also the start of **Daylight Saving Time**. Please remember to "spring forward" with your various timepieces.

Also on March 9, Bishop Paprocki will be celebrating the annual **Rite of Election** for the elect and candidates who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year.



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 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, March 5th** 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 thru Friday starting **Thursday, March 6th**.

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

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. The March 7th stations will be led by the Friars.

Liturgy Schedule 8th Week in Ordinary Time March 3—9

Monday,	St. Katharine Drexel Mass at 6:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday,	St. Casimir 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,	St. Perpetua and St. Felicity Mass at 6:15 & 8:05 am
Saturday,	St. John of God Mass at 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday,	First Sunday of Lent Mass at 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am

Confession Schedule

Thursday, March 6 - 3:30-4:30 pm
Saturday, March 8 - 3:30-4:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours with Friars

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

Palms. If you haven't already done so, please bring your old palms to church by Tuesday, March 4th. Place them in the basket in front of Mary's altar. They will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Eddie Siemer, Cheryl Ann Huber, Chris Utz, Anna Habing, Jim Koester, Jack Hardiek, Paula Spencer, Lucille Worman, Mack Kitten, Agnes Kremer, Pauline Gobczynski, Devin Mette, David Pruemer, Harold Hardiek, Sr. Alice Borries, Josh Bierman, Ray Lohman

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Sunday</u> 2/23/2014	<u>Total Fiscal</u> Year
301 Adult envelopes	\$8,039.00	\$302,380.74
Other	\$790.01	\$20,656.94
TOTAL	\$8,826.01	\$323,037.68



Parish Calendar

Tuesday, March 4

- Secular Franciscans meet, 6:00 pm, St. Clare
- Social Concerns Committee meet, 7:00 pm, Museum Meeting Room

Thursday, March 6

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Baptism Prep, 7:00 pm, St. Clare

Friday, March 7

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

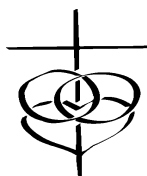
Saturday, March 8

- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, March 9

- Pre-K Class
- RCIA after 8:45 Mass, Museum Meeting Room
- Youth Councils meet, 6:30 & 7:30 pm

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, March 5th.** Please come to the sacristy before Mass and see where you are needed. Thank you for your help!



Planning Marriage

Brett Miller and Andrea Schackmann
Saturday, March 8, 2014
1:00 pm

Special Collections. On Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please use the envelope included in your set. Thank you.



Attention Homebound

Holy Communion will be brought to you on First Friday, March 7th. No Communion to you on Sunday, March 9th.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 3, 6:30 am: Larry and Mert McMahon
 Monday, March 3, 12:10 pm: Albin Worman
 Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 am: Pat Niemeyer
 Thursday, March 6, 6:15 am: Pat Niemeyer
 Thursday, March 6, 12:10 pm: Ambrose Deters
 Friday, March 7, 6:15 am: Pat Niemeyer
 Friday, March 7, 8:05 am: Fred J. Waldhoff
 Saturday, March 8, 5:30 pm: George Habing
 Sunday, March 9, 7:00 am: Pro Populo
 Sunday, March 9, 10:30 am: Pat Niemeyer

We Welcome Those Recently Baptized.

Halle Elizabeth Hoene,
 Daughter of Scott and Michele (Kremer) Hoene

Emma Kate Meyer,
 Daughter of Alan and Michelle (Repking) Meyer

Coye Louis Pruemmer,
 Son of Jay and Kimberly (Runde) Pruemmer

Carson Anthony Runde,
 Son of Anthony and Kristen (Reed) Runde

Ella Jane Schabbing,
 Daughter of Bradly and Sarah (Kreke) Schabbing

Youth Notes. Junior High Teen Center will be open March 7. Because of Stations of the Cross, the Teen Center will be open from 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Chaperons: Teri Jansen (please pick up the key), Toby McMahon, Jeff & Deb Magee, Dan & Meg Beckman, and Brett & Kelly Schmidt.

Youth Councils will be held on **MARCH 9** in the Teen Center! Jr. High meets from 6:30 – 7:30 and High School meets from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. See you there!

CHWC registration forms are ready to be handed out to participants! We will have a meeting on March 10 at 7 pm in the Museum Dining Room – Parents, we will have notaries at the meeting so you can complete them on the spot if you'd like.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle Probst and Ben Zuber who have accepted positions with the Catholic Heart Work Camp summer staff! They will be part of teams that will lead each CHWC camp throughout the country! Way to let the light of Christ shine!

Religious Education News

GRADE SCHOOL- All Grades—Ash Wednesday services take place on Wednesday, March 5. Grades 3-6 will be present in Church for the ashes; Grades 1-2 will be present in the East wing basement for the Ashes Service. Children will be bringing home a letter which explains all that they will be doing during the Lenten season in and outside the classrooms.

All children will be receiving a small flyer advertising the upcoming Parish Mission here at St. Francis which takes place on Sun., Mon., Tues., March 23-25.

Parents of Grade 2 children –Grade 2 First Communion Parent Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17, and Thursday, March 20 in the Museum Dining Room starting at 7:15. Children will be bringing home a note giving further information and asking for an RSVP as to the day you will be attending the meeting. We are expecting responses in as soon as possible. Thank you.

PRE-KDGN Sunday morning classes take place in the Museum Dining Room during the 10:30 Mass. Thanks to Mrs. Karen Roley for being Catechist during January and February and welcome to Mrs. Lynn Huber for volunteering for the 3rd Session. Thanks to the February student aides and welcome to the March aides. Your spirit of service and joy is greatly appreciated.

JUNIOR HIGH-- There is no class on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Students are expected to attend one of the Masses on that day. The Grade 7 silhouette Stations of the Cross participation has been changed to **March 28** because on March 21 there is a benefit volleyball game at the Junior High building. New forms have been passed out this past Wednesday night.

HS Religious Ed. We will not have class next week on Ash Wednesday so you can attend Mass with your families – please be sure and do so!

Seniors: You should've received your retreat information in the mail! Please fill it out & get it back to us! Invite your friends too! It is going to be a fantastic weekend!

Choir Concert! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm. The St. Francis Children's Choir, Teen Choir, and Adult Choir will be putting on a beautiful concert. You'll be so impressed by the talent in these groups. We will also have a number of instrumentalists involved. This is a fund-raiser for a few much-needed items for the music program, such as a full size portable keyboard for choir practices not in church, keyboard accompaniment books for our Sunday liturgies, choir music, etc. A free will offering will be taken. We hope you have a wonderful time.

40 Days for Life. The spring 40 Days for Life campaign asks that we offer extra prayer and sacrifices for an end to abortion as part of our Lenten devotions beginning March 5th. We pray because we believe unborn babies are created in the image of God. We fast because Christ told us that some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. Examples might be: fasting weekly as a family from 30 or 60 minutes of TV and spending that time reading a children's bible or life of the saints, praying the family rosary weekly, eating less (in whatever way you like) one day a week—and letting hunger remind you to pray, spending 30—60 minutes in Eucharistic adoration weekly—perhaps on your lunch hour at the nearest church or hospital chapel. We also need to pray for the end of businesses such as Planned Parenthood in Effingham—so that their dispensing of abortifacient contraceptives, the morning after pill (which can cause early abortions), and their referrals for abortions will end. We need to pray that mothers will receive help in a crisis pregnancy, and that our culture will embrace chastity. Please consider how you and your family will participate.

Prayer at Planned Parenthood in Effingham. Join these prayer times if able: Sigel, St. Michael and friends pray most Thursdays at 1:00 pm (for info call Peg at 844-2172). Life Runners pray at noon on Wednesday, March 5th. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. All are welcome.

Lenten Rosary Opportunities. St. Clare Rosary group will be meeting at 9:30 am in Church every Friday during Lent for the Rosary, followed by fellowship time in St. Clare Hall.

The Rosary is also prayed regularly every Tuesday morning following 8:05 am Mass and every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm in Church.

Let's gather together and ask Mother Mary to prepare us for the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday!!! ALL ARE WELCOME!

What are you doing for Lent? Lent is the time to get away from the busyness of life and take care of yourself by attending a DeColores weekend. Slow down, learn more about faith, make new friends, and receive the sacraments. Held at Camp Walter Scott, the men's weekend is March 27-31, and the leader is Ed Niemerg. The women's weekend is April 3-6 and the leader is Sharon Brummer. For information and registration call Ed at 217-925-5493, or Sharon at 217-857-6092 or Mary Sur at 217-342-2003.

Parish Picnic is July 13, 2014. St. Francis Parish Picnic plans have already started!! The officers of CCW and Holy Name are in the process of updating the picnic workers list. If you currently do not have a job, need a job change or adjustment, please contact Cory Wermert at 857-3966 or Cindy Esker at 857-6201. We want to complete these changes as soon as possible before the picnic list goes to print. Thank you!

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" The anti-anxiety message Jesus gives us today is not just ancient pop psychology. The point of this passage isn't to give us a "strategy" for coping with our fears. Jesus is proposing something much more profound. He is teaching us how to eliminate our fears altogether. To put it simply, he tells us to get our priorities straight. This whole reflection on worrying culminates in the instruction to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." That's where our freedom lies. When we concern ourselves with being in right relationship with God, our other concerns melt away.

Deep down, we know that this life isn't about bodily health or comfort. Those things don't last anyway. But freedom from fretting is more than simply thinking about how it'll all work out--eventually--in heaven. No. Jesus offers us more. He insists that our heavenly Father will provide for us, here and now. We only need to take him at his word. That means sticking to our part of the bargain by putting God first.

What does this look like, this seeking God and not worrying about the rest? It looks like Mother Teresa giving up every material possession, living amongst the poor without any dependable income, and watching truckloads of food appear at her doorstep unannounced. It looks like a check showing up in the mailbox of two struggling parents to cover the medical bills for their sick baby. It looks like the couple that tithes to its parish month after month, and still finds it has plenty to cover its expenses. In a word, it looks like trust. Trust in the divine providence of a Father who loves his children.

Heroes Needed! Young adults are invited to spend the summer, May 29 to July 26, serving youth of the diocese as teachers of an exciting catechetical program called Totus Tuus. Latin for Totally Yours. Team members help young people come closer to Christ through personal witness, Christian presence and catechetical instruction. Training is provided as well as a stipend. Teams of four travel throughout the diocese staying with host families. For more info, go to www.dio.org/youthministry/staff-information.html, or call Kyle Holtgrave at 217-698-8500, ext.154.

The Annual Right to Life Rummage Sale

will be Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14 in the Effingham KC building. Please bring your useable items on Wednesday, March 12 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. **Please note—no TV's, Computers, and Printers will be accepted.** Sale hours are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday. Volunteers needed on Wednesday and to pack leftovers on Friday at 3:00 pm. Men would be greatly appreciated to move heavy cartons. \$3.00 bag sale all day on Friday. For more information call 217-857-3060.

Q
A

Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like the Protestants do? Where did it come from?

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, in either Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11: 2-4, but it is very ancient. It was first found in *The Didache*, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (§ 2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

Here and There

Fish Buffet on Friday nights during Lent from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Teutopolis K of C meeting room.

Knight of Columbus Initiation will be held today, March 2nd, 11:00 am at the Teutopolis KC Hall.

PTA Pig-Out Breakfast will be held at Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham on Sunday March 2. Serving sausage, biscuits & gravy, eggs, pancakes, rolls, bread & drinks 7:00 am to noon in the Parish Center.

St. Thomas Annual Soup Supper to be held on Sunday, March 2, serving 10:00 am—6:00 pm in the Parish Center, Newton, IL.

St. Mary's, Ste. Marie, will hold a Brunch on Sunday, March 9th, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon in St. Mary's Parish Center.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, 1:30—6:30 pm at the Teutopolis KC Hall. One donation can save 3 lives.

Teutopolis Park District Baseball & Softball. Registration for the TPD programs is now available online ("Online Registration" menu option) or the registration form can be downloaded ("Download Forms" menu option) from Teutopolis Park District's website (www.teutopolisparkdistrict.com). The sign-up deadline is March 15th.

You can help!!! If anyone has old dresser scarves, table runners and doilies that you will let us use for the Terquasquicentennial Dinner Dance, please call Karen Brumleve at 821-3973 or email me at brumleveb@mchsi.com. We will put your name on and return. We also are in need of 1/2 gallon Mason jars and old quilt fabric at least 24 inches wide. If you can help out with any of this, we will arrange pick-up. Thanks!!

"Spring into Health" Health Fest, sponsored by St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 3:30—7:00 pm at the Keller Convention Center. Break-out sessions every half hour starting at 4:30 pm. If you need a ride to this event call Effingham County Public Transportation at 1-855-755-2478 at least 24 hours in advance for fare information and to schedule.

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